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**European Regional workshop on Article 6 of the Convention** (Education, Training and Public Awareness)

# Santa Clara Conference Centre, Stockholm, Sweden 18–20 May 2009

## **INFORMATION SHEET**



**MEETING VENUE** 

**European Regional workshop on Article 6 of the Convention** (Education, Training and Public Awareness) at:

SANTA CLARA CONFERENCE CENTRE Klarabergsviadukten 90, SE-111 64 Stockholm. SWEDEN

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ACCOMMODATION

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http://www.rica-hotels.com/Templates/pages/Hotel.aspx?id=6446&epslanguage=en

*Here is the link where you reserve a room* <u>http://svalan.naturvardsverket.se/fest/gks\_anmalan.asp?pubCode=MKCQJDMTIH01IY8</u> <u>G5F70</u>

The price is 136,50 Euro and it includes breakfast and VAT.





### NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Participants are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period of their departure for the UNFCCC meeting until the time of their return to their home country.

The United Nations and the UNFCCC secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical accident and travel insurance, for compensation, death or disability, loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation at the UNFCCC meeting.

Travel for eligible funded participants to and from Stockholm, is the lowest cost and most direct economy fare. The UNFCCC secretariat will not be responsible for costs associated with any changes that the funded participants may wish to make to their tickets, for example upgrading, re-routing or stopovers.

### MEALS



During the workshop, lunch will be provided for all participants.

#### » **RECEPTION:**

A reception hosted by the Swedish Ministry of Environment is planned for Monday 18 May from 19:30 - 21:30.



## DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

### **DSA for Stockholm = Euro 225**

Daily Subsistence Allowance will be disbursed in Euros. Eligible funded participants will be able to collect their DSA at the meeting venue. Passport, plane/train ticket and boarding pass(es) are required to allow payment to be made.



### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO SWEDEN**

All foreign participants entering Sweden must hold a confirmed return or onward airline ticket, a passport valid at least six months from the date of entry, sufficient funds for subsistence while in the country, and the documents required for their next destination must be in order. Please also carry the original invitation and registration form throughout your journey.

Participants requiring a transit visa are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities as soon as they have received their flight itinerary.

#### ASSISTANCE



Should you need assistance in hotel/ visa/ travel-related matters, please contact:

Ms. Priscilla Sakupwanya (psakupwanya@unfccc.int)







# TRANSPORT TO THE HOTEL

Once arriving to Arlanda airport you have two choices of transportation (except for taxi). You can go by Arlanda Express train - takes about 20 minutes to the Central Station or you can go by Airport Coaches - takes about 40 minutes to the Central Station. Here follows the links to their websites; <u>http://www.flygbussarna.se/Default.aspx?lang=EN</u> - Airport Coaches <u>https://www.arlandaexpress.com/default.aspx?page=3&</u> - Train

From the Central station you can easily walk to the hotel (see map) and to the Conference Center. To get to the Conference Center you walk across the street from the Stockholm Central Station and walk left along Klarabergsgatan and the Conference Center Lundqvist & Lindqvist will be on you right hand side. If you pass World Trade Center you are walking the wrong way (then you are on your way to the hotel, that you can see marked on the map below)).

The Conference Center; http://www.lundqvist-lindqvist.se/ - sorry, they only have a Swedish website.

Map Direction Link

http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?sourceid=navclient&ie=UTF-8&q=rica+hotel+stockholm&fb=1&split=1&gl=uk&dtab=2&ei=bIIKStqCGYTx\_AaQ4bC MCw&cid=11809500607658099776&li=lmd



# LANGUAGE

The country has no official language but Swedish is the language used by the majority of its inhabitants. Swedish has similarities to Danish and Norwegian languages. A majority of Swedes are also fluent in English thanks to links to Europe and the popularity of overseas travel. English is also a compulsory subject in most Swedish schools.



# TIME ZONE: UTC/GMT +3 hours

Sweden is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).



# **CLIMATE:**

Sweden's climate is milder than expected (considering its location), as like most of Scandinavia it's warmed by the Gulf Stream and North Atlantic Drift.

Conditions are quite pleasant from May through July, with average daily high temps in the mid-70's, while mid-60's are common in the north. Late fall days are crisp and cool, and easy to enjoy.



# ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE:

The supply voltage in Sweden is 230 volts/50 Hz. Most hotels provide 110-volt outlets for shavers.





### CURRENCY AND BANKING:

The currency of Sweden is called krona (crown). The currency code is: SEK. There are 100 öre in one krona. (1 krona but 2 kronor.) Sweden is not yet connected to the Euro (1999).

Exchange Rate on May 13 = 1 Euro  $\Rightarrow 10, 5990$  SEK

http://www.xe.com/ucc/convert.cgi

## **SECURITY**

Sweden is largely free of violence and terrorist incidence. The country has a low crime rate and most crimes usually involve theft or damage to personal property like cars or residences and public areas. Tourists are encouraged to keep valuables with them at all times, especially when in crowded public areas since pickpockets and snatchers are increasingly becoming a common problem.



## **BUSINESS HOURS**

Offices and business are generally open from 8:00 hours to 16:00 hours, Monday to Friday.



### **SHOPPING HOURS**

Shops in Sweden are generally open from 9am to 6pm on the weekdays. Keep in mind that shops close from 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays. Larger department stores in Sweden may remain open as late as 10pm in the larger cities of Sweden, and many places are open on Sunday from 12 noon to 4pm.

### Tipping

Tip and service charges are included in all prices at hotels and restaurants and for taxis. If you want to show your appreciation for good service you can naturally leave a small tip (7-10%).

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the workshop, please contact:

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