



**Regional Workshop on the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention
(Education, training and public awareness)
in Latin America and the Caribbean
Bavaro, Dominican Republic
27 – 30 April 2010**

INFORMATION SHEET



REGISTRATION

Nominations and Registration Forms should be filled out and submitted to the Ms. Priscilla Sakupwanya, UNFCCC Bonn no later than 16 April 2010 (Fax: (+49-228) 815-1999 / Email: psakupwanya@unfccc.int) Attachments: Agenda, Registration Form, Good Practices, CCI Net Survey and Article 6 Questionnaire.



NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Participants are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period from 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 Bávaro 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.



WORKSHOP VENUE & ACCOMODATION

Ocean Blue and Sand, all-inclusive Resort

Arena Gorda - Bávaro

República Dominicana

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GPS Codes

Longitude - West (W) 251545485465

#Latitude - West (W) 251545485465

<http://www.oceanhotels.net/en/hotels/ocean-blue-sand/contact-hotel-punta-cana.php>

The hotel is located 20 Km from Punta Cana Airport and 200 Km from Santo Domingo (capital of the Dominican Republic).

Right on the sea front at the wonderful beaches of Bávaro and close to the White Sands golf course, the Ocean Blue & Sand hotel offers you the comfort of its complete suites. All Inclusive Service and an extensive activity programme to make your stay a unique experience.

All participants are encouraged to stay at this hotel

We have secured a limited block of rooms at the special rate of: Single room **US\$ 135** all inclusive (breakfast, lunch, dinner and national drinks)

For those participants staying elsewhere, a **mandatory Day Pass of US\$50.00 C/DIA** will be charged for lunch, dinner, national drinks and all the services provided by the hotel.

RESERVATIONS

Please use the reservation form available on the workshop website:

Contact person: Kenneth A. Martinez. E-mail: kmartinez@oceanhotels.net.

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E-mail: resdr@oceanhotels.net

Group Code: **CNCCMDL**

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE DURING WORKSHOP

During the workshop, coffee breaks will be provided each day for all the workshops participants. The hotel is an 'all-inclusive' hotel, thus all the meals, i.e. breakfast, lunch, dinner, national drinks and all services are included only for those participants staying at the Ocean Blue Hotel.



DINNER RECEPTION

A reception dinner will be hosted by the Government of the Dominican Republic on Tuesday, 27 April from 19:30 to 21:00 hrs.

COCKTAIL PARTY

A cocktail party will be hosted by the Government of the Dominican Republic on Thursday, 29 April from 19:30 to 21:00 hrs.



DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

DSA for Bavaro = US\$ 181.00

Daily Subsistence Allowance will be disbursed in US\$ based on UN rate to cover accommodation, meals, etc. 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 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

PASSPORT

Participants should ensure that their passport is valid.

VISA

Most participants will only be required to buy a tourist card when they arrive at the airport. Some participants do not require either a visa or a tourist card. Please make sure to check what you will need to enter the Dominican Republic.



ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORT TO THE HOTEL

The hotel is located ~20 km from the Punta Cana Airport. Taxis are available at the airport for a charge of ~US\$35.00-40.00.

BENVENUTO LANGUAGE

The Workshop official language will be Spanish with simultaneous translation to English in the Plenary only. There will be three working groups during the workshop to be conducted in: South America - Spanish, Central America - Spanish and the Caribbean - English. Simultaneous translation will be available once again in the plenary during the report back of these working groups.



CLIMATE

Bavaro's climate is essentially tropical with hot and humid weather throughout the year. Temperatures vary little across the year; monthly temperature averages vary from 24C to 28C. The year is split into two distinct seasons: wet and dry.

The dry season runs from December to April and is the most popular time to visit. The start of this season sees the best weather, as it's not only dry but also the coolest time of year. Average temperatures are at their lowest of 24C in January and February, with highs of 27C and lows of 22C. It is rare for temperatures to drop below 20C even at nighttime. The temperature and humidity gradually increase towards the wet season.



ELECTRICITY VOLTAGE

The electricity voltage in Dominican Republic is 110 volts and power plugs are type A (same used in most of North America and the east coast of South America).



CURRENCY AND BANKING

The official currency of the Dominican Republic is the Dominican peso. The exchange rates vis-à-vis the US dollar fluctuates and currently stands at approximately 36.3 Dominican pesos per US dollar. You can change money in the hotel or in the bank. The main banks of the country (Banco Popular, Banco de reservas, Scotiabank, Banco Hipotecario Dominicana, Banco Leon, Banco Progreso, entre otros) have offices in Bávaro.

ATM-debit and credit cards, Travelers Checks

ATMs for cash withdrawals are located throughout Bavaro and are open 24 hours a day. However, it is advisable to go to the ATMs that are located in the malls, banks, or the hotel. Participants can use debit and credit cards in many places, such as restaurants, supermarkets, and other shops. Travelers' checks can be exchanged in any of the banks.



SECURITY

In general, the area is safe. It is recommended not to display valuables and to avoid dark or deserted areas. It is convenient to use the rooms' safe to store money and personal documents (passports, etc). Tourist police –POLITUR- presence can be found in the area and their main role is to assist and protect the foreign nationals that are visiting the Dominican Republic.



BUSINESS HOURS & SHOPPING HOURS

Banks operate from 9:00 to 4:30 pm weekdays and 9:00 to 1:00 pm on Saturday. Most shopping stores are open from 8:30 to 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday, while supermarkets remain open until 10:00 pm. Banks will not open on Sundays but supermarkets and stores will be open from 9:00 to 8:00 pm.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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