



Regional workshop on promoting international collaboration to facilitate preparation, submission and implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions in Africa

Maseru, Lesotho

16 to 19 April 2013

INFORMATION SHEET

MEETING VENUE

The workshop will be held from 16 to 19 April 2013 (09:00 -18:00) at:

Conference Venue: Lehakoe Club

Address: PO BOX 1130

Moshoeshoe Rd
Maseru 100
Lesotho

Tel: +266 22 222 310

The hotel is located around the city center Maseru.

REGISTRATION

Registration of participants will start on Tuesday 16 April at 8:00 AM. Directions for the workshop room will be availed at the reception of the Lehakoe Club.

CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact in Maseru

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VISAS AND AIRPORT FEES

Foreign citizens who do not need tourist or visitor's visa will enter the country in compliance with the normal procedures of the Lesotho Immigration Services. Please see **Annex I** for the list of countries that require visa to enter Lesotho.

Note: Visitors travelling via South Africa will need to comply with South African passport/visa regulations.

Visa upon arrival shall be facilitated. Passport details of participants requiring visa should be sent to UNFCCC. Immigration letter will be sent to participants so that they will be allowed entry at the airport, and be given 72 hours to process visa once in Lesotho. A passport photo will be required for visa processing.

IMPORTANT: The Lesotho Government is not responsible for the procedures and validity of transit visas required by the event's participants to move to and from Lesotho.

For any further information on visas please contact: **Maqhanolle Tsekoa** (relebohile@gmail.com).

DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

Funded participants are eligible for DSA in accordance with UNFCCC rules. The DSA for Maseru, Lesotho is currently US\$ 100 per day, calculated from the official arrival day for the workshop depending on the flight schedule, through the conclusion of the workshop with the expected departure the next day, in addition to one day DSA deemed to cover miscellaneous travel expenses including visa and airport taxes. The DSA described above represents the total entitlement to be provided at the meeting.

DSA will be available for collection at the meeting venue. Please make sure to present your passport, flight ticket and boarding passes on the first day of the meeting when claiming DSA.

Note on travel for funded participants

Any changes made to the date of departure and/or arrival may incur a fee. Changes for private reasons are to be paid by the participant. The UNFCCC secretariat will not be responsible for costs associated with any changes you may wish to make to your ticket, for example upgrading, re-routing or stop-over.

TRANSPORTATION

Moshoeshoe airport is located 18km from Maseru. South African Airways operates a couple of flights daily from Johannesburg to Maseru which takes approximately 1 hour 15 minutes

You should arrange taxi pick-up in advance as there are few taxis at the airport.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants should make their own hotel bookings.

In order to facilitate your reservation other hotels are listed below. Participants who wish to make a reservation at one of the below mentioned hotels are kindly requested to contact the hotel directly.

Accommodation price list below is given in Maloti – Lesotho currency (approximate rate US\$1 = M8.75).

Black Swan B&B Tel: (+266) 22 317 700 Fax: (+266) 22 325 204	standard	single	470
	without		
	kitchenette	double	800
	standard with	single	600

Email: boeti@blackswan.co.ls blackswan@tmail.co.ls www.blackswan.co.ls	kitchenette rondavel with kitchenette rondavel without kitchenette	double single double single double	900 700 1300 470 800
Ifo B&B Tel: (+266) 22 327 630 Fax: (+266) Email:		single double family luxury	300 400 450 450
Khali Hotel Tel: (+266) 22 326 362 Fax: (+266) 22 313 660 Email: khalihotel@hotmail.com		single double executive double	410 550 650
Boikhutsong B&B Tel: (+266) 22 315 037 Fax: (+266) 22 315 038		big double small double sharing room single	500 400 500 300
Tribute Guesthouse Cnr. Kingsway & Kofi Annan Florida, Maseru Tel: (+266) 22 325 356 Fax: (+266) 22 325 355 Email: info@tribulelesotho.com tributeguesthouse@yahoo.com www.tributelesotho.com		single double	450 600
Mohokare Guesthouse Tel: (+266) 22 314 442 Fax: (+266) 22 314 445 Email: reception@mohokare.co.ls www.mohokare.co.ls		single double/sharing luxury chalets (single/double)	515 685 800 855
Victoria Hotel Tel: (+266) 22 313 687 Fax: (+266) 22 312 439 Email:		single double	570 685
Lancers Inn Tel: (+266)		single	785

Fax: (+266)		double	885
Email:		rondavel	985

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

With respect to health requirements and precautions to be taken by participants travelling to Lesotho, participants should consult and seek medical advice from their physicians/doctors and take medical precautions as advised.

Please make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad, including evacuation by air and repatriation.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 22312501 and ask for an ambulance. You should contact your insurance/medical assistance company promptly if you are referred to a medical facility for treatment.

Yellow fever: Yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travelers arriving from infected areas.

Vaccinations

	Special Precautions	Certificate Required?
Yellow Fever	Yes	1
Cholera	No	No
Typhoid and Polio	2	N/A
Malaria	No	N/A

GENERAL INFORMATION ON MASERU

Languages: Sesotho and English (official).

The meeting will be held in English with **simultaneous interpretations into French**.

Currency: The official currency is Loti (plural: Maloti), it is in part with South African Rand and can be used interchangeably with it.

A few **ATMs** accept international cards (First National Bank and Standard Bank). Credit cards are not widely accepted. You should take traveler's cheques or South African Rand in cash.

The Maloti (1M = 100 lisente) is fixed to the rand and is accepted everywhere. Loti (LSL) = 100 lisente. Notes are in denominations of M200, M100, M50, M20 and M10. Coins are in denominations of M5, M2, M1, 50s, 20s, 10s and 5s. The singular of 'lisente' is 'sente'.

1 LSL = 0.1143 USD

1 USD = 8.75 LSL

Travelers Cheque Advice

These are accepted at the banks. To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travelers are advised to take traveler's cheques in US Dollars or Pounds Sterling.

Banking Hours

Banks are open: Mon- Fri 0830-1530, Sat 0830-1100. There is no foreign exchange at the airport.

Food & drink

Tap water is considered safe to drink. Milk is pasteurized and dairy products are safe for consumption. Local meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables are safe to eat.

Security

Safety in Lesotho is not generally a serious issue but there has been an increase in crime due to a high unemployment rate in the cities. Most incidents occur in Maseru, but visitors should also be alert elsewhere to theft, car hijackings and muggings. Avoid walking around with valuables or else keep them out of sight, and do not walk alone in isolated areas or in Maseru after dark. Driving through rural areas after dark is also not recommended.

Electricity: The electricity is 220-240 Volts. Three –pin, round blade plugs.

Telephone country code: The international dialing code for Lesotho is (+266). The outgoing code is 00 followed by the relevant country code (e.g. 0027 for South Africa).

Temperature/Weather

Weather in April is generally tending towards winter, so it may get cool/cold in the mornings and evenings, so warm clothing may be required. Minimum and maximum average temperatures for April range between 8 - 9°C and 21.7 - 22.5°C respectively. Average rainfall amounts range between 50.6 and 57.5mm.

Time: GMT+2:00 (standard time).

Tipping: Service charges are not included in hotel and restaurant bills, and tipping is at the client's discretion.

Business hours

Business hours are usually from 8.00am to 13.00pm and 2pm to 5.00pm Mondays to Fridays, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

INTERESTING PLACES TO VISIT IN LESOTHO

The tourist information will be provided on the workshop venue.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that all participants are responsible for medical, accident and travel insurance, for death or disability compensation, for loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may incur during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that appropriate insurance be obtained for the period of participation in the workshop.

ANNEX I

LESOTHO VISA REQUIREMENTS:

If your country does not appear on the list below, you require only a valid passport to cross into Lesotho. If your country does appear on this list, you require a visa which will be issued on arrival for a fee.

For the official Lesotho Government list of which nationalities require visas to enter Lesotho, go to <http://www.foreign.gov.ls/services/default.php>

Afghanistan	Guinea-Bissau
Albania	Korea Republic (North)
Algeria	Kuwait
American Samoa	Laos
Angola	Lebanon
Antigua	Liberia
Argentina	Libya
Bahrain	Luxembourg
Bahamas	Macao
Bangladesh	Mali
Bolivia	Mauritania
Brazil	Mexico
Benin	Mongolia
Belize	Morocco
Bulgaria	Mozambique
Burkina Faso	Nepal
Burundi	Niger
Cameroon	Nigeria
Cape Verde	Oman
Central African Republic	Pakistan
Chad	Panama
Chile	Peru
China	Philippines
Colombia	Poland
Congo	Puerto Rico
Cook Islands	Romania
Cote D'Ivoire	Russia
Costa Rica	Rwanda
Cuba	Sao Tome and Principe
Czech Republic	Slovak Republic
Djibouti	Slovenia
Ecuador	Saudi Arabia
Egypt	Senegal
El Salvador	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Somalia
Estonia	Sudan
Ethiopia	Suriname
Gabon	Syria
Ghana	Togo
Gilbert Islands	Turkey

Guadeloupe	Tunisia
Guam	Ukraine
Guatemala	United Arab Emirates
Honduras	Uruguay
Hungary	Venezuela
India	Vietnam
Indonesia	Yemen
Iran	Korea Republic (North)
Iraq	
