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**Regional training workshop on national adaptation plans
for Lusophone and African island States**

**7-11 September 2015
Hotel Carlton Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar**

Twenty-eighth meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

**12-16 September 2015
Hotel Carlton Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. VENUE OF THE EVENTS

The two events will be held from 7 to 11 and from 12 to 16 September 2015 at Hotel Carlton Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar. The hotel is located on the banks of Anosy Lake, a 10-minute walk from the historical centre of Antananarivo, and a 25-minutes drive from Ivato International Airport.

The full contact details of Hotel Carlton Anosy are as follows:

Address: Rue Pierre Stibbe Anosy
P.O. Box: 959
Antananarivo 101
Madagascar
Telephone: + 261 20 22 260 60
Fax: + 261 20 22 260 51
<http://www.carlton-madagascar.com/en>

2. NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Registration

Participants are requested to be at the venue on Monday 7 September 2015 at 8.30 a.m. (at the latest) for registration. The secretariat staff will be available at the venue starting on Sunday 6 September 2015, from 10.00 a.m.

Information for funded participants

Funded participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes with them on the first day of the workshop in order to facilitate DSA payment. Travel for eligible funded participants to and from Antananarivo will be arranged at 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.

Insurance

Participants are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period of their departure for the event 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 workshop.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO MADAGASCAR

Passport

Participants are required to hold an original, signed passport that is valid for six months beyond their stay in Madagascar, with at least three blank passport pages available for a Madagascar visa stamp. Amendment pages in the back of the passport are not suitable for Madagascar visas.

Visa

All foreign nationals must obtain a visa to enter Madagascar. Non Immigrant visas (Maximum stay: 90 days) can be obtained at all Malagasy international airports or harbors upon arrival.

These visas with 1 to 3 entries maximum are delivered as below:

- By Malagasy diplomatic or Consular representations
- By the Police Commissioner in charge of Immigration-Emigration at the airport or harbour of disembarkation upon payment of the applicable fee (free for less than 30 days stay).

Required Documents:

- A completed application form. Delays may occur if all questions are not answered
- Two (02) recent passport photos
- Return air ticket
- Passport valid for at least six (6) months from intended return date, with at least three (3) blank pages
- Yellow fever vaccination certificate for visitors who stayed the last six (06) days in infected countries

4. TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTELS

From the airport to downtown Antananarivo

- Airport shuttles are available from Ivato to Soarano central train station via downtown hotels (if the hotel is located near the city center). Price: 10,000 Ar. (About 3.00 Dollars);
- Approved taxis can also take you to your hotel. Rates vary between 50,000 and 60,000 Ar. (About 15.00 to 18.00 Dollars)
- You can also negotiate with your hotel for the airport transfer.
- Information about possible airport transfer by the Government will be communicated later.

5. ACCOMMODATION

Our host in Madagascar has provided a list of hotels for accommodation. Participants are requested to make their bookings directly with the hotels. Please check the attached list below.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION

Health considerations

It is recommend that you consult the appropriate health authorities in your country in connection with possible vaccinations and health precautions for Madagascar. The following vaccines are recommended by <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/madagascar> for most travellers to Madagascar:

Hepatitis A: It is recommended that travellers get this vaccine as hepatitis A can be contracted in Madagascar through contaminated food or water, regardless of where you eat or stay.

Typhoid: typhoid can be contracted through contaminated food or water in Madagascar. Therefore, this vaccine is recommended to most travellers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.

There is no risk of yellow fever in Madagascar. The government of Madagascar *requires* proof of yellow fever vaccination **only** if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever. Check this

link to see if you may be required to get the yellow fever vaccine.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2016/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever#4728>

Additionally, there is risk of Malaria in all areas of Madagascar, except rare cases in the city of Antananarivo. Remember that the best precaution is not to be bitten by mosquitoes. If traveling to area with a malaria risk, wear long trousers and long sleeved shirts in the early mornings and evenings and wear insect repellent For more information please refer to the World Health Organization web site <http://www.who.int/countries/en/>.

Language

The Malagasy is the official language in Madagascar that makes the country unique compared to other Francophone countries. French, as well as English, is spoken by many .

Geography

Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean off the eastern coast of southern Africa, east of Mozambique. It is the fourth largest island in the world. The capital Antananarivo is in the Hauts Plateaux near the centre of the island. It has a total area of 587,040 square kilometres (226,660 sq mi) with 581,540 square kilometres (224,530 sq mi) of land and 5,500 square kilometres (2,100 sq mi) of water.



Climate

- April to October: Dry season
- June to August: Austral winter period, cold evenings and nights
- Mid-November to March: Rainy season, rains are heavy but short

Electricity voltage

The 220 Volt is generalized in Madagascar, with type E / F sockets:



Schuko socket

Banking

Bank branches are present in the main cities of the country. They are open from 8:00 to 16:00, and the majority of them are equipped with ATM machines accepting international cards like VISA and MASTERCARD. Money transfers are also possible through Western Union.

Banks are open from Monday through Friday except holidays as they close their operations in the late morning. However, ATMs are always available for use.

- BFV: Société Générale, (+261) 20 22 20691
BMOI: Malagasy Bank Indian Ocean, (+261) 20 22 346 09
BOA: Bank of Africa, (+261) 20 22 202 51
SBM: State Bank of Mauritius, (+ 261) 20 22 266 07
BNI Madagascar: (+261) 20 22 228 00
MCB: Mauritius Commercial Bank, (+261) 20 2227262

Currency

The official currency is the Ariary (MGA). The exchange rates are not set but vary depending on economic circumstances.

1 EUR = 3637.79 MGA

1 DOLLAR USD = 3260.43 MGA

Maps

Cards of countries, regions and cities as well as maps are produced by the Geographic Institute FTM. More specific documents relating to their activities are available from the National Tourism Office of Madagascar (ONTM), Analamanga Regional Tourism Board (Ortana), and Madagascar National Parks (MNP).

Time Zone

Madagascar is GMT +3. It is therefore:

+1	to South Africa
+2 in winter, +1 in summer	to Western Europe
+1	to La Reunion and Mauritius
+4	to Thailand
+5	to Singapore and Hong Kong

Public Transportation

The capital Antananarivo and its suburbs are served by a dense network of public transport. It is still not easy for passing visitors to use them. Taxis are recognizable by their cream-colored and their lantern. The average price for a downtown trip varies from 10,000 to 20,000 Ariary (About 3.00 to 6.00 Dollars).

Telephone services

The international dialling code of Madagascar is +261.

Dress code

Participants may dress casually during the workshop.

7. MEETING CONTACTS IN MADAGASCAR

While in Antananarivo, you may call the following person in case you need assistance:

i) Mr. Michel Omer Laivao Point Focal National, Bureau National de Coordination Changement Climatique Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie, de la Mer et des Forêts Tel : +261 34 056 2045 Email: laivao2002@yahoo.fr	ii) Mr Todisoa Manankasina Chef du Service des Bases de Données et de Modélisation Climatiques, Bureau National de Coordination Changement Climatique Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie, de la Mer et des Forêts Tel : +261 34 05 623 84 Email: t.manankasina@yahoo.fr
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For further questions regarding the meeting, please contact the following persons from the UNFCCC secretariat:

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We wish you a successful workshop/meeting and a pleasant stay in Antananarivo.

Hotel List

All hotels listed below are 20-30 mn walking distance from the Carlton hotel (meeting venue), except for the Ibis hotel which is located outside the city centre.

Name	Category	Postal Address	Link	Email address	Telephone	Single room (Prices in Euro)	Twin room (Prices in Euro)	Triple room (Prices in Euro)
Hotel Carlton	Five stars	Rue Pierre Stibbe Anosy - P.O. Box: 959 Antananarivo 101 - Madagascar	http://www.carlton-madagascar.com/	contact@carlton.mg	+261 20 22 260 60	144 to 375		
Hotel Colbert	Four stars	29, Rue Prince Ratsimamanga Antananarivo	http://hotel-restaurant-colbert.com/	colbert@moov.mg	+261 20 22 202 02	130 to 230		
Palissandre	Four stars	Hôtel**** & Spa Palissandre 13, Rue Andriandahifotsy Faravohitra 101 Antananarivo	http://www.hotel-restaurant-palissandre.com/	resapalissandretana@hotel-palissandre.com	+261 20 22 605 60	80	87	
Central Hôtel	Three stars	Randriamanamihaja Raoul Tsaralalala 101 Antananarivo	www.centralhoteltana.mg	contact@centralhoteltana.mg	+261 20 22 222 44	39	49	54
La Ribaudière		Rue Paul Dussac (à côté Chambre de Commerce) Analakely Sud	www.hotel-laribaudiere.com	laribaudiere@moov.mg	+261 20 24 215 25 Mobile: +261 32 02 411 51	25	33	38 to 40
Hôtel de France		34, Avenue de l'Indépendance Antananarivo		contact@siceh-hotels.com	+261 20 22 213 04 Mobile: +261 32 05 040 71	32	32	

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Hôtel Brajas		Lot II F 5 Ambondrona - 74, rue Antananarivo 101			+261 20 22 263 35	From 32 Euro		
Hotel Ibis	Three stars	Route des Hydrocarbures Ankorondrano		h6857@accord.com	+261 20 23 555 55	90	99	
Le Grand Mellis	Three stars	3, rue Indira Gandhi, Antananarivo	http://www.hotel-mellis.com	infos@hotels-mellis.com	+261 20 22 234 25 Mobile: +261 33 15 234 25	Between 55 to 70		
Sakamanga		Lot IBK7bis rue Ratianarivo Ampasamadinika Antananarivo 101	http://sakamanga.com/resa-fr.php	contact@sakamanga.com	+261 20 22 358 09 Mobile : +261 32 02 668 34 +261 33 11 769 27	20 to 80		
Radama hotel				reservation@radama-hotel.com	+261 20 22 319 27	23		28