

Logistical Information
The Forests Dialogue
REDD Readiness Field Dialogue
Tena and Papallacta, Ecuador 15-18th, June, 2010
Co-host: IUCN Regional Office for South America and
Ministry of Environment, Ecuador

Arrival in Quito

Please make sure that you send your flight information to Aurélie so that we can arrange **transportation for you from the airport to the Hotel Quito**.

You may contact Aurélie for any information related to logistics in Quito. She can be reached at aurelie.lhumeau@iucn.org or +593-2 2261-075 ext.50

We will be leaving Quito on Tuesday 15th, at 7am, for our flight to El Coca. The first two days will be spent at the Ecuadorian Amazon Forest in the provinces of Orellana and Napo. The second two days we will engage in a multi-stakeholder dialogue process at Hotel Termas de Papallacta, a resort located in the Andean highlands in the town of Papallacta.

Field Dialogue Location (15-16 June): Orellana and Napo

We will begin the dialogue on the morning of June 15th with a field visit to indigenous communities near to El Coca town in the Orellana province. The second day will be spent visiting Campococha, an indigenous community close to the town of Tena in the Napo province.

Dialogue Location (17-18 June): Papallacta

On the afternoon of June 16th, we will travel from Tena to the Hotel Termas de Papallacta, a resort located in the Andean highlands around 80km from the city of Quito, where the main dialogue meeting will take place.

Accommodation:

Please make sure you coordinate your arrival in Quito with Aurélie. She will make a reservation for you at the Hotel Quito for the night of June 14th, or earlier if you are arriving before the 14th.

The following night, June 15th, we will stay in the Hotels Hakuna Matata and Huasquila in Tena province, one group on each hotel. On June 16 and 17th we will stay at Hotel Termas de Papallacta.

Draft Program:

Tuesday, 15th June

7.00 am Flight from Quito to El Coca

8.00 am Arrival at El Coca airport and transport to the two field sites: Juan Pio Montufar and Estrella Yaku communities (REDD private project)

7.00 pm Dinner at Hotel Hakuna Matata/Huasquilla

Wednesday, 16th June

8.30 am Departure for field visit to the community of Campococha (Socio Bosque state programme)

3.00 pm Travel to Hotel Termas de Papallacta

8.00 pm Dinner at Hotel Termas de Papallacta

Thursday, 17th June

9:00 am Opening of the dialogue in the Hotel Termas de Papallacta. Lunch will be provided and afternoon session will adjourn at 5.00 pm.

8.00 pm Group dinner in the Hotel Termas de Papallacta

Friday, 18th June

8:00 am Resume dialogue in the Hotel Termas de Papallacta, Papallacta. Lunch will be provided and dialogue will conclude at 4.00 pm.

5.00 pm Departure from Papallacta to Quito, arriving at approximately at 7.00 pm

A detailed itinerary and agenda for the dialogue will be provided to you in Quito.

Language:

The dialogue will be held in English and Spanish and we will have translators accompanying us throughout the dialogue.

Visa issues:

While we do not anticipate any difficulty for participants entering Ecuador, we suggest that you bring a hard copy of any invitation you have received from TFD just in case.

Vaccination:

Please check with the consulate of your country if you need any vaccination to enter Ecuador – particularly the yellow fever.

Currency:

The local currency is the US dollar (USD). The exchange rate is currently about 0.80 USD to one Euro. Please make sure to bring \$20 notes (or less) as \$50 or \$100 notes are often not accepted.

There is an ATM in the airport in Quito and in Tena (11 km from the Hotel Hakuna Matata) but the **not** in the Hotel Las Termas de Papallacta.

Dietary Restrictions:

Please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary preferences or restrictions that should be catered for.

Accommodation:

Please note that rooms will be shared and Internet will **not** be available in the Hotel Hakuna Matata and Huasquila in Tena. In the hotel Las Termas de Papallacta, Internet will only be available in the meeting venue.

Altitude:

Please be aware that Quito is located at 2 850m and Papallacta at 3 300m above sea level. Therefore you may feel unwell (dizziness, sleeplessness, headache or tiredness) but these symptoms will disappear quickly in most cases. Be aware for severe altitude sickness though, which some people could develop at that sort of height. People should be urged to tell staff if they have persistent headache, trouble sleeping, etc. to provide you with medical assistance.

Dress:

For Tena, make sure to bring walking shoes, lightweight long pants and long sleeved shirts for walks, shorts and short sleeves for around the hotel, sun protection and insect repellent. At times it can be hot and sunny, but a cool rainstorm may appear at a moment's notice during any time of the year. **Please let us know your shoe size in order for us to provide you with boots if necessary.**

For Papallacta, make sure you to bring your bathing suits (to enjoy the thermal pools) and warm clothes. Temperatures during the day average 19 degrees and could be up to 25 degrees, but nights are cold with a 10 degree average but a drop to just above zero possible in June.

Dress for the dialogue meeting (June 17-18) is business casual.

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