

## Logistics Note

### Regional Workshop on Free, Prior, and Informed Consent and Recourse Mechanisms with Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean and the UN-REDD Programme 4-7 October 2010 Gamboa, Panama

#### VENUE

The workshop will be held in the "Grand Ballroom" of the Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Panama City, Panama which is located in the suburb of Gamboa, 50 minutes drive north west of the city centre of Panama City.

#### ACCOMMODATION

The Gamboa Rainforest Resort  
Gamboa  
Panama City  
Tel: (507) 314-9000; Fax: (507) 314-9001  
<http://www.gamboaresort.com>

The UN-REDD Programme will cover accommodation for sponsored participants.

For those paying for their accommodation and who have chosen to stay at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort, please confirm again your reservation by sending an e-mail to [dina.haji@undp.org](mailto:dina.haji@undp.org) including your full itinerary arrival/departure dates. Please note that the room rates are \$95 for single room and \$105 for double room subject to 10% taxes.

Check in time is 3 pm and check out time is 1 pm.

The hotel requests all guests, at the time of registration, to provide a credit card guarantee to cover other services, such as calls, laundry, room service, etc. which are not included in this package.

#### VISA

Several nationalities do need visas to enter Panama. Please confirm with the Panamanian Consulate in your country whether you need a visa.

#### TRAVEL

Air tickets will be sent out electronically to eligible participants. Participants not sponsored by the UN-REDD Programme will make their own travel arrangement.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Participants should make their own arrangements from the airport to the hotel. Participants can easily catch taxis from the airport. The ride from Tocumen International Airport to Gamboa Rainforest Resort is about 50 minutes and the cost is approximately US\$40 per person; taxis are easily available after you pass through customs.



### **DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)**

DSA will be paid to eligible participants upon arrival in Panama on 4 October 2010.

Please bring your **boarding pass, copy of passport photo page and immigration stamp** in order to receive your DSA payment.

### **RECEPTION**

You are cordially invited to a reception hosted by the UN-REDD Programme on Monday 4 October 2010. The reception is from 6:00 to 7:30pm and it will be held in the Gamboa Rainforest Resort.

### **LOCAL CURRENCY**

The US Dollar is the currency for all transactions. Most Credit Cards (Visa, Master Card, and American Express) are well accepted in all hotels, restaurants and major stores. ATMs (Cirrus and Plus) are easily available.

### **INTERNATIONAL CALLS AND INTERNET CONNECTION**

Direct international dialling is available in hotel rooms. Free wireless internet is available in the rooms. Also, the Hotel has a Business Centre with wireless connection.

### **TEMPERATURE**

Panama has a tropical climate with the same average temperature of 27°C year-round with 85% humidity. Air conditioning may be cool in the meeting room, so we suggest you bring a jacket/sweater.

### **SECURITY**

United Nations' Security Clearance is not needed to travel to Panama.

Although Panama City is a safe city, please always bear in mind the following recommendations:

- Do not wear jewellery when you are planning to go outside the hotel, especially when you are going to crowded, dark and/or lonely places.
- Leave your passport, air ticket and other valuables in your hotel room safe-deposit box. Carry only the necessary cash, credit card and ID card.
- Please take care of your carry-on luggage, especially your personal laptop at all times.

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