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**WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE, FORESTS AND WILDLIFE
IN AFRICA
20-22 February 2010**

**AFRICAN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
SEVENTEENTH SESSION**

AFRICAN FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE WEEK

**BRAZZAVILLE, REPUBLIC OF CONGO
22-26 February 2010**

**African Forests and Wildlife: Response to the Challenges of
Sustainable Livelihood Systems**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

DATES AND VENUE

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Congo, the Seventeenth Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission (AFWC) will be held in Brazzaville, Congo, from 22 to 26 February 2010. The session will be held in parallel with the first African Forestry and Wildlife Week (AFWW) and will be preceded, on 20 and 21 February, by a workshop on *Climate Change, Forests and Wildlife in Africa*. An optional study tour for interested participants organized by the Congolese authorities has been scheduled for Thursday, 25 February 2010.

2. The Pre-session Workshop, the 17th Session of the AFWC and the 1st AFWW will be held at the *Palais du Parlement, Brazzaville*. The opening ceremony of the AFWC and AFWW will commence at 0930 hours on Monday, 22 February 2010.

REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT

3. Participants are requested to kindly complete the registration form at the back of this document and to return it as soon as possible to the two addressees indicated. Registration will take place from 0830 to 0930 hours at *Le Comptoir*, within the *Palais du Parlement*.

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DOCUMENTATION

4. The meeting documents for the 17th AFWC will be made available to participants in English and French. They will be sent out before the session and posted on the Commission website at: <http://www.fao.org/Forestry/site/afwc> as and when available. Delegates are kindly requested to take their own documents to the meeting since very few copies will be available during the sessions.

CLIMATE / CLOTHES

5. The Republic of Congo is located in Central Africa, situated on the equator with an area of 342 000 Km². It is bordered in the north by the Cameroon and Central African Republic; in the south by Angola; in the east by the Democratic Republic of Congo, from which it is separated by the Congo River and its tributary Oubangui; and in the west by Gabon. In the west, its Atlantic Ocean coastline is over 170kms. The Congo has a good climate which is favourable all year round. The average temperatures scarcely fall below 20c with the highest temperature reaching 30c. There are four main seasons: **the short, dry season from January to February**; the long, rainy season from March to May; the long dry season from June to September and the short rainy season from October to December.

Participants are invited to take suitable clothing for official activities, comfortable outfits for evening wear and the field trip, when walking shoes and a field hat may also be required.

6. The official spoken language in the Congo is French while the two national languages are Lingala and Kitouba. The population of Brazzaville is approximately 700 000.

FORMALITIES FOR ENTERING CONGO

Visas

7. Participants are advised to contact as soon as possible the nearest Embassy or Consular Mission of the Republic of Congo in their respective countries, to enquire about immigration regulations and visa requirements to enter Congo.

8. For delegates coming from countries where no Congolese diplomatic representation exists, the Congolese authorities, Brazzaville, could help to obtain an entry visa on arrival at Brazzaville airport (Maya Maya), provided that a scanned copy of the passport pages containing personal details and their flight itineraries are sent at least three weeks before the arrival date. It must be noted however, that a visa fee may be required, (approximately US\$ 70-85), including for holders of UN/ laissez-passer and diplomatic passports.

Health

9. Participants are kindly requested to enquire before travelling about the Government of Congo's stipulations concerning international vaccination certificates issued in accordance with World Health Organization (WHO) directives. (Yellow Fever vaccination is required for travellers from all countries).

Flight connections

10. The following are some of the airline companies with regular flights to Brazzaville (Maya Maya) airport unless otherwise indicated: Air Burkina (to Pointe-Noire only); Air France; Air Gabon (to Pointe-Noire only); Air Ivoire; Air Mali; Angola Airways (TAAG); Ethiopian Airlines; Kenya Airways; Inter-Air and Royal Air Maroc.

11. Participants having confirmed in due time the date, time and flight number will be met at Maya Maya airport, Brazzaville, upon arrival. There are no security problems for participants wishing to take a taxi to their hotel. The current cost from Maya Maya airport to the centre of Brazzaville is approximately 2000 to 3000 CFA, but this will increase for trips at night.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

12. Most convertible currencies can be taken into Congo and should be declared on arrival. The exchange rate in November of the CFA, which is the local currency, is as follows: US\$ 1= **443.427 CFA** or 1 Euro = **656 CFA**.

Credit Cards are not accepted in most places, including hotels, and travellers must settle their bills in cash (US Dollars or Euro). To exchange other convertible currencies in Brazzaville, please contact any of the following Foreign exchange bureau or Bank located in the City centre:

N°	Name of Banks	Addresses	Telephone/Fax
1	ECOBANK	Agence Rond point la Coupole Centre-ville BP 2485 Brazzaville	+ (242) 644 11 00 +(242) 600 04 04 +(242)621 09 09
2	BCI (Banque Commerciale Internationale)	Avenue Amilcar Cabral Centre Ville	+ (242) 81 58 33 / 34 Fax : + (242) 81.47.37
3	COFIPA	COFIPA POSTE Avenue Patrice Lumumba Place de la poste, Brazzaville	+ (242) 81.16.28 + (242) 81 03 73 + (242) 81.1745
4	CREDIT DU CONGO	Avenue Amilcar Cabral BP 33 Brazzaville	+ (242) 81.24.70 Fax : + (242) 81.16.69
5	LA CONGOLAISE DE BANQUE	Avenue Amilcar Cabral BP 2889 Brazzaville	+ (242) 81.09.78 Fax : + (242) 81.33.75
6	BGFIBANK CONGO	Avenue Amilcar Cabral B.P 14 579 Brazzaville	+ (242) 81.17.45 / 81.40.51 Fax : + (242) 81.50.90
7	BANQUE CONGOLAISE DE L'HABITAT (BCH)	Avenue Amilcar Cabral B.P 987 Brazzaville	+ (242) 81.25.88 Fax : + (242) 81.33.56
Western Union Agencies locations/Addresses/Phone Numbers			
1	CREDIT DU CONGO	Avenue Amilcar Cabral BP 33 Brazzaville	+(242) 81.07.15
2	LA CONGOLAISE DE BANQUE	Avenue Amilcar Cabral BP 2889 Brazzaville	+(242) 81.09.78
3	ECOBANK	Agence Rond point la Coupole Centre-ville B.P 2485 Brazzaville	+ (242) 644 11 00 +(242) 600.04.04 + (242) 621.09.09
4	BCH	Avenue Amilcar Cabral B.P 987 Brazzaville	81.25.88 Fax : + (242) 81.33.56
MoneyGram Agency location/Address/ Phone Numbers			
	En face du CHU Brazzaville	OCH Mougali III	+242 667 54 24

COMMUNICATIONS/ LIAISON AGENTS

13. Participants' personal correspondences can be addressed to the following addressees:

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With a copy to:

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STUDY TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

14. An optional study tour will be organized on Thursday, 25 February 2010, from 07h00 to 16h30. Transportation will be provided by the host government.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING

15. Different categories of hotels recommended by the UN Department of Safety and Security have been identified and rates negotiated for all participants. Reservations can be made directly with the hotels, or through Ms. Liliane Tumba, National Consultant, FAO Representation, Brazzaville **not later than four weeks in advance**.

A bus service will be provided by the government for guests staying at hotels which are not within walking distances from the venue of the meeting, the *Palais du Parlement*.

Name of the Hotels	Address/Fax/ Telephone No.	e-mail addresses & website	Room rates in CFA
Olympic Palace	15, Avenue de l'amitié, Tel: + 242 81 34 36 Fax: + 242 81 12 49	Olympic.reception@hotmail.com reception@hotel-olympic-palace.com www.hotel-olympic-palace.com	150, 000
Villa Lys Hotel	93, Avenue Dr. Jamot Tel : +242 595 00 02 Fax : +242 281 46 81	villalyshotel@live.com Hotel lys-hotel-congo-brazzaville.com	112, 000 to 162, 000 and 201, 600
Hôtel Marina	(face aux immeubles fédéraux) Tel : +242 655 85 55 Fax : + 242 281 02 07	hôtelmarina2001@yahoo.fr www.hotelresidencemarina.com	82, 500 to 100, 000 and 200, 000
Hôtel du Boulevard	J491-492 +242 558 17 17	hotelduboulevard2004@yahoo.fr www.hotelduboulevard-cg.net	50, 000 to 85, 000 and 125, 000
Hôtel Saphir	Rue Alfassa à +242 281 01 25	hotelsaphirbzbv@yahoo.fr	60, 000 to

	Fax : + 242 811 535		65, 000 and 200, 000
Hôtel Léon	Avenue Col Bisset + 242 281 23 11	hotel_leon@yahoo.fr	85,000
Hôtel Ambassadeur	161, Av de l'amitié Tel : +242 83 33 71 Fax : +242 548 00 00		55, 000 to 65, 000 and 85, 000
Hôtel Exaunel	Av. du Général de Gaulle Tel : +242 81 54 86	exaunelhotel@yahoo.fr	45, 000 to 95, 000 and 105, 000
Hôtel Mercure	9, Ave Marechal Lyautey Tel : +242 661 44 44		35, 000 to 40, 000
Hôtel Les Bougainvillées	163, Avenue de l' Amitié Tel +242 281 11 56		30, 000

16. The *Palais du Parlement* is located on the big boulevard. It is situated at 5 minutes away from the airport and 10 minutes from the city center. There are no restaurants in the vicinity. Luncheon can be provided within the *Palais*, **reservations should be made in advance.**

TRANSPORTATION

17. Each morning a bus will pick up participants from the listed hotels at 08.00 hours to the *Palais du Parlement* and back. Transportation will not be provided during lunch breaks. Most hotels have reliable taxis, which guests can hire for short distances or hourly periods.

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1st African Forestry and Wildlife Week
Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, 22-26 February 2010

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Pre-session Workshop on forests and climate change in Africa¹ : 20-21 February 2010

Registration Form

Please complete this form and send a copy as soon as possible but not later than **15 January 2010** to both of the following addressees:

<p>Mr Foday BOJANG Senior Forestry Officer Secretary of the AFWC FAO Regional Office for Africa P.O. Box GP 1628 Accra, Ghana Tel.: +233-21-675000 ext. 3202 Fax: +233-21-668427 or 7010943 Email: foday.bojang@fao.org et afwc@fao.org</p>	<p>M. Joachim KONDI Inspecteur des Forets Ministère de l'Economie Forestière B.P. 98 Brazzaville République du Congo Tel : (+242) 978 44 45 / 559 50 49 Email : joachimkondi@yahoo.fr</p>
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Profile of delegate

The undersigned (in Capital letters)

Surname (Mr./Mrs./Ms)

Name

Title/Function.....

Organization/Country.....

Address.....

Telephone.....Fax.....

Email.....

Passport No.....

Place of issuance.....

Date of issuance.....Expiry date.....

Accompanied by.....

Participation

Will participate in:

- The Pre-session Workshop on Forests and Climate Change, 20-21 February (only/and)*
- The Seventeenth Session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission, 22 to 26 February
- Study Tour - 25 February from 0700 to 1600 hours

Flight details

Scheduled to arrive in Brazzaville on..... February 2010 at hours..... flight No.....

Scheduled to leave Brazzaville on..... February 2010 athours..... flight No.....

Hotel Room(s) reservation

Please book: a single/Double Room* From..... February 2010 to February 2010 at the:

- Hotel (1st choice)
- Hotel (2nd choice)
- Hotel (3rd choice)

Date.....

Signature.....

*Mark as appropriate.

1- Participation in the pre-session workshop by invitation only