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Logistical Information:

Multi Country Support Programme to Strengthen Climate Information systems in Africa (CIRDA)

Workshop for a Systems Approach to Designing, Implementing, and Utilizing Observing Networks

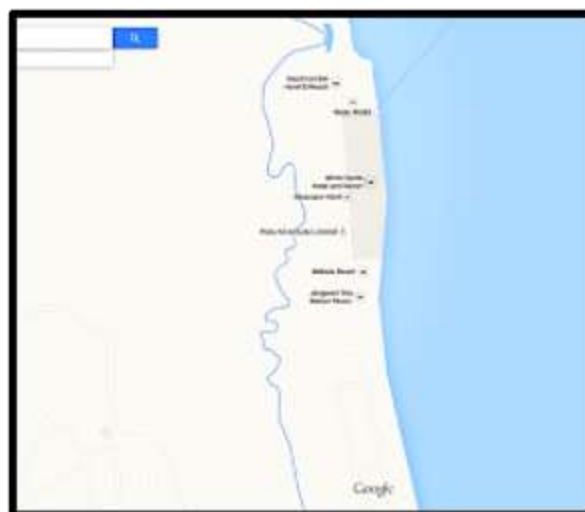
DATES: 14-16 October, 2014

VENUE: Hotel White Sands in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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The Hotel White Sands will serve as a main venue for the workshop. The hotel is a 40-minute drive from Julius Nyerere International Airport. Transport from the airport to the hotel is available and must be arranged personally by each workshop participant when reserving their hotel room.

Wireless internet will be available throughout the hotel. The workshop sessions will be held at the



Meeting dates and time

The meeting will run from 14 to 16 October, and will start at 8:00AM and continue through to approximately 5:30PM each day, with regular breaks for coffee / tea and lunch provided for all workshop participants at the hotel.

Reception

A welcome reception will be hosted by UNDP on Monday, 13 October, at 6:30 pm in the hotel.

Financial support

Travel arrangements to Dar es Salaam have been organized through each sponsored participant's UNDP Country Office. Please note that it is important to hold on to air ticket stubs (boarding passes) as they must be presented to UNDP as proof of travel.

Since lunch is provided by the organizers, the DSA will be at a reduced rate of \$190.08/night upon your arrival to Dar es Salaam and up to 17 October 2014. Please note that a signed F-10 Expense Claim will be required by all UNDP funded participants. The form should include supporting documentation: proof for ticket purchase (if applicable), all boarding passes for all legs of travel, visa receipts, if any.



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VISAS

With the exception of nationals from Namibia, Romania, Rwanda, Hong Kong, Commonwealth states (not including UK, Canada, Nigeria, India, and South Africa), visas are required for all visitors to Tanzania. For a full list of country's that require visas and the corresponding visa fee please click on the following link: <http://www.immigration.go.tz/module1.php?id=24>.

It is possible to get a tourist or business visa for a single entry on arrival at main ports of entry to Tanzania (including from Julius Nyerere International Airport) however this is subject to the fulfilment of all immigration requirements. A visa fee of USD 50 is charged at entry for most nationals, however it should be noted that United States nationals are subject to a USD 100 fee.

Please note that nationals from the following countries require a referral visa prior entry to Tanzania: Afghanistan; Abkhazia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Chad; Djibouti; Ethiopia; Eritrea; Equatorial Guinea; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Lebanon; Mali; Morocco; Mauritania; Niger; Palestine State; Senegal; Somalia; Sri Lanka; Somali Land; Sierra Leone; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Uzbekistan.

Participants are required to arrange their own visas.

For further information about visas visit the Tanzanian Ministry of Home Affairs website (<http://www.immigration.go.tz/module1.php?id=14>).

ACCOMODATIONS:

HOTEL OPTIONS, RATES & RESERVATIONS

As Tanzania is known for its heavy traffic, the organizers highly recommend all participants to arrange their bookings at the Hotel White Sands. UNDP has established a reduced rate with the Hotel White Sands of USD 120 a night (plus VAT) for all workshop participants. When making a reservation, please cite the he booking code: UNDP.

All participants are responsible for making their own reservations and for making room payments directly to the hotel. Hotel reservations can be made at the following email fom@hotelwhitesands.com or directly to Betty Muia at sales1@hotelwhitesands.com.

TRANSPORTATION:

Julius Nyerere International Airport - (IATA:DAR) is 10 km from the city center and 25 km from the Hotel White Sands. Most large hotels offer a pick-up and drop-off service upon request, as is the case of the Hotel White Sands. The shuttle service for the Hotel White Sands has a cost of USD 35 and should be made upon booking. Please coordinate your airport pick-up with the hotel you are staying at.

Taxis: A taxi from the airport to the city centre should cost between 10,000TSh and 20,000TSh, but many will ask for as much as US\$40. Prices will be higher at night. If you can't get a decent price, walk to the main road and flag a taxi, it may be cheaper. Do not do this at night.

WARNING: Getting back to the airport often entails facing extreme traffic, particularly around evening rush hour (which can last beyond 8PM). There is one particular intersection between downtown and the airport that is impossible to avoid and is often backed up for over an hour. Leave yourself a lot more time than you think reasonable for the trip.



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DAR ES SALAAM

Dar es Salaam is Tanzania's largest and richest city, a regionally important economic centre. It has a population of 4,364,541. It is located on the coast of the Indian Ocean and consists of three local government areas or administrative districts: northern Kinondoni, central Ilala, and southern Temeke. Though Dar es Salaam lost its status as capital city to Dodoma in 1974 (not completed until 1996), it remains the locus of the permanent central government bureaucracy, and as the capital of the region.

The city contains high concentrations of trade and other services and manufacturing. Downtown includes many small businesses, many of which are run by traders and proprietors whose families originated from the Middle East and Indian sub-continent—areas of the world with which the settlements of the Tanzanian coast have had long-standing trading relations. The city is famous for its diverse population, which still contains a large South Asian community who, after centuries of trade with cities on the same coastline, moved here during the colonial period.

CLIMATE

Dar es Salaam has a very humid climate and relatively stable temperatures, both in terms of night-to-day, and summer-to-winter. The driest and coolest season is June through early October. Short rains occur November through February (especially December), and long rains occur March through May, with monsoon season peaking in April. Temperatures are high November through May, highest in January.

Between December and February, in the dry season, temperatures can rise to the mid-30s (°C); due to the high humidity. Shelter from the sun during the midday heat as well as copious amounts of sunblock are highly recommended.

TIME

Dar es Salaam falls under the East Africa Time Zone (EAT) which is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (+3 hours GMT).

LANGUAGE

English and Swahili are the official languages of Tanzania.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity supply in Tanzania is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp. It uses the UK non-grounded power plug.



CURRENCY BANKING

The Tanzanian Shilling is the official currency of Tanzania (TSh), but USD are also widely accepted. One USD is equal to TSh1673.47. One can exchange money at many authorised dealers, banks and bureaux de change however make sure to obtain a receipt after each transaction.

Most banks in major cities have ATMs, but they are not always reliable and sometimes break down or run out of money. To minimise the risk of card cloning, only use ATMs located within the bank. Travellers cheques are not widely accepted.



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WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The metric system is used throughout Tanzania. Numerals on vehicle speed ohmmeters, highway markers and speed limits all indicate kilometres.

TELEPHONE COUNTRY/CITY CODES

Country code: 255 The area code for Dar es Salaam is: 22