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UPDATING NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES  
AND ACTION PLANS  
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 10 - 14 September 2012

**Information Note for Participants**

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## 1. Opening

Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, from Monday, 10 September to Friday, 14 September 2012.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 10 September and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the venue.

## 2. Venue

The meetings will be held at:

### **The Codru Hotel**

St. 31 August 1989 No. 127

Chisinau, MD - 2012, Moldova

Tel: +373 22 208 126, +373 22 208 104

Fax: +373 22 237948

E-mail: [codru@codru.md](mailto:codru@codru.md)

Web site: [www.codru.md](http://www.codru.md)

## 3. Working language of the meetings

The workshop will be held in Russian with English interpretation.

## 4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RWNBSAP-CEECA-01>

## 5. General information on access to Chisinau, Moldova

Chisinau is served by the Chisinau International Airport which is approximately 13 km to the city centre and the journey takes approximately 15-20 minutes. Taxis are available outside the airport, near the entrance; and are also available for hire inside the waiting area in the arrivals hall. The cost is about 100 MDL to the city centre. Public transportation (buses) are also available about 100 metres down the road from the airport. More information can be found at the following link: <http://www.airport.md/homepage-en/>

## 6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for Moldova and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Moldovan diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to

secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Some information about visa procedures and Moldovan diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found on official website of the Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration at: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/start-page-en/>

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue visa assistance letters to be attached to the visa applications.

**Foreign citizens who do not need a visa for entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova:**

The citizens of the following countries, the holders of all the types of passports, do not need visas for the entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova for a period of stay up to 90 days, during six months from the moment of the first entry:

Andorra	Finland	Kazakhstan	Romania
Armenia	France	Kyrgyzstan	Russian Federation
Austria	Georgia	Latvia	San Marino
Azerbaijan	Germany	Liechtenstein	Slovakia
Belarus	Greece	Lithuania	Slovenia
Belgium	Holy See	Luxembourg	Spain
Bulgaria	Hungary	Malta	Sweden
Canada	Iceland	Monaco	Switzerland
Cyprus	Ireland	Netherlands	Tajikistan
Czech Republic	Israel	Norway	Ukraine
Denmark	Italy	Poland	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Estonia	Japan	Portugal	United States of America
			Uzbekistan

**All other countries require a visa assistance letter / letter of invitation for entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova:**

For participants who encounter difficulties and need assistance for the visa process, please contact Ms. Lilia Eladii at [eladii@mediu.gov.md](mailto:eladii@mediu.gov.md); Tel.: (+373) 69 68 89 87.

**7. Hotel information**

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS as soon as possible**. A listing of hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue can be found below in Annexe A

Further information on hotels in Chisinau can be found on the following web site:  
[http://www.hotelsradar.com/City/Chisinau\\_1.htm](http://www.hotelsradar.com/City/Chisinau_1.htm)

## 8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the workshop.

## 9. Official language in Moldova

The official language in Moldova is Moldavian. English is understood in most of the hotels and restaurants.

## 10. Weather and time zone information

In September, temperatures in Chisinau, Moldova range between a maximum of 22°C in the daytime and a minimum of 10°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:  
<http://www.worldweather.org/108/c00208.htm>; <http://www.meteo.md/en/indexen2.htm>

The standard time zone is GMT/ UTC +3 hours.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Moldova are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz, the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



## 12. Currency

The currency in Moldova is the Moldovan Leu (MDL). The current exchange rate as on 16 July 2012 is US \$1 = 12.28 MDL and € 1 = 15.00 MDL

## 13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

## ANNEX A – HOTEL LISTING (CHISINAU)

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN MOLDOVAN LEU (MDL)  
PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE APPLICABLE TAXES

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Hotels	Room Rates	Remarks
<p><b>1. <u>BEST WESTERN PLUS Flowers Hotel</u></b> 7 Anestiade Str. MD 2001 Chisinau, Moldova Tel: +373 22 / 26-02-02 Fax: +373 22 / 27-72-44 E-mail: info@hotelflowers.md Skype: serghey_calughin Web site: <a href="http://hotelflowers.md/?lang=ro">http://hotelflowers.md/?lang=ro</a></p>	Single: approx. MDL 3600	Rate includes breakfast  Located 15 minutes from meeting venue
<p><b>2. <u>Hotel Complex CODRU</u></b> 31 August 1989, 127 Str. MD 2012 Chisinau, Moldova Tel.: +373 22 208104 Fax: +373 22 237948 E-mail: <a href="mailto:codru@codru.md">codru@codru.md</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.codru.md/index.php?lang=ro">http://www.codru.md/index.php?lang=ro</a></p>	Single: <b>negotiated rate Euro 81.00</b> (approx. MDL 1250) <u>Please mention the subject of the event when making a reservation: “NBSAP workshop” organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Subject to availability</u>	Rate includes breakfast  <b>Workshop venue</b>
<p><b>3. <u>JAZZ Hotel</u></b> 72 Vlaicu Pircalab Str., MD 2012 Chisinau, Moldova Tel: (373 22) 21 26 26 Fax: (373 22) 21 33 79 E-mail: info@jazz-hotel.md Web site: <a href="http://www.jazz-hotel.md/">http://www.jazz-hotel.md/</a></p>	Single: approx. MDL 1380	Rate includes breakfast  Located 10 minutes from meeting venue
<p><b>4. <u>PRESTIGE Apartments</u></b> 35 Pushkin Str., MD 2005 Chisinau, Moldova Mob: 373 69 74 74 74 Tel/Fax : 373 22 22 82 48 E-mail : <a href="mailto:info@lounge.md">info@lounge.md</a> Skype: lounge.md1 Web site: <a href="http://www.lounge.md">www.lounge.md</a></p>	Single: approx. MDL 880	Rate includes breakfast  Located 10 minutes from meeting venue
<p><b>5. <u>BELLA DONNA Hotel</u></b> 9 Bucuresti Str.9 MD 2001 Chisinau, Moldova Tel: +373 22 548207 Tel/Fax: +373 22 548514 Skype: <a href="https://www.skype.com/user/belladonna/ro">belladonna</a> <a href="http://hotelbelladonna.md/ro-index.php">http://hotelbelladonna.md/ro-index.php</a></p>	Single: approx. MDL 640	Rate includes breakfast  Located 10 minutes from meeting venue
<p><b>6. <u>COSMOS Hotel</u></b> 2 Negruzzi Square, MD 2001 Chisinau, Moldova Tel.: +373 22 837505 Tel./fax: +373 22 546210 (09:00-18:00) E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@hotel-cosmos.com">info@hotel-cosmos.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.hotel-cosmos.com/index.php?lang=ro">http://www.hotel-cosmos.com/index.php?lang=ro</a></p>	Single: approx. MDL 600	Rate includes breakfast  Located 15 minutes from meeting venue
<p><b>7. <u>TURIST Hotel</u></b> Grigore Vieru Street 9, MD 2005 Chisinau, Moldova Tel: +37(322)210822 Fax: +37(322)213124 E-mail: <a href="mailto:turist@hotels.md">turist@hotels.md</a> Web site:<a href="http://www.hotels.md/en/chisinau-hotel/best-eastern-turist/">http://www.hotels.md/en/chisinau-hotel/best-eastern-turist/</a></p>	Single: approx. MDL 600	Rate includes breakfast  Located 10 minutes from meeting venue

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