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CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

INFORMATION NOTE

COLLOQUIUM FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS ON MAINSTREAMING MULTI LATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS (MEAs)

Uganda, 4 - 6 June 2012

This Information Note has objective to inform participants on the logistical and organizational arrangements made for the African Parliamentarian Colloquium. It is also meant to inform participants on the weather conditions and currency used in Uganda.

Objective of the Colloquium

The Colloquium is primarily aimed at creating greater awareness and enhancing capacity of Parliamentarians in environmental management, environmental policy and mainstreaming of MEAs in sustainable development plans and policies.

The specific objectives of the Colloquium are to increase capacity and awareness of Parliamentarians on:

- 1) the linkage between environmental conventions and sustainable development;
- 2) their role in mainstreaming MEAs in developmental plans and policies;
- 3) the role of different stakeholders in enforcement and implementation of environmental laws and agreements;
- 4) their role in compliance and enforcement
- 5) the importance of environmental governance
- 6) the importance of networking

Participants

About forty participants will be invited and the workshop will simultaneously be conducted in English and French. The participants will be drawn from the regional and national Parliaments. The composition will comprise of Parliamentarians, MEAs experts, relevant CSOs and participants having a role in decision making.

Venue

The colloquium will take place at the **Imperial Resort Beach Hotel in Entebbe**, Uganda.

Accommodation

All participants are booked at the **Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel** and accommodation fees for single room is US\$ 85 per night (bed and breakfast). Participants are also free to stay at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel where the rate is US\$ 120 per night, (bed and breakfast). Please be informed that any cancellation after confirmation will be borne by the participant.

Visa requirements

The Ugandan immigration laws require that all nationals that have a Ugandan Embassy/Consulate in their countries must obtain visa from these countries. Entry visas will only be issued for nationals who do not have an Embassy/Consulate in their countries and in this case you need to present the letter of invitation from the Commissioner of AUC or from the Speaker of the Ugandan Parliament

Ticket Issuance and DSA for Sponsored Participants

The AUC will send you an e ticket after receiving confirmation of your itinerary from the AUC Travel Office. Except in case of “force majeure” participants who do not show up after issuance of the ticket will bear the cost of the penalty fee for ticket cancellation. Your DSA will be paid during the first day of the meeting.

Airport Pick-Ups

Arrangements are being made with the Government of Uganda to pick all participants from the airport and transport them to the Hotel

Currency/Money

The currency in Uganda is Shilling.

1 Euro	=	3,300 Ugandan Shillings
1US Dollar	=	2,480 Ugandan Shillings

Weather Conditions

Uganda at this time of the year is cool and humid with occasional rain spells. The temperatures range from 16 to 26 Degrees Celsius. Please bring an umbrella with you and a light jacket for the evening.

We wish you nice stay in Uganda