
LOGISTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

For:

Western Indian Ocean Regional Science – Policy Workshop

and

Regional Stock Taking on Oceanographic Data and Scientific Research in the WIO Region

27-29 May 2019

Sofitel Mauritius L'Impérial Resort & Spa

Flic en Flac, Mauritius

Welcome Note

The United Nations Environment Programme - Nairobi Convention Secretariat welcomes you to participate in the Western Indian Ocean Regional Science – Policy Workshop being held in Mauritius from 27-29 May 2019

Venue for the Meeting

The meetings will be held in Mauritius at Flic en Flac. Originally, the meeting was to be held at Port Louis, but due to venue availability, we have had to take the meeting to nearby Flic en Flac.

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Meeting Documents

All meeting documents and agenda for each of the segments of the Western Indian Ocean Regional Science – Policy Workshop, on 27-29 May 2019, are available for download from <https://www.unenvironment.org/nairobiconvention/events>

- [Western Indian Ocean Regional Science to Policy Workshop](#)
- [Regional Stock Taking on Oceanographic Data and Scientific Research in the WIO Region](#)
- [Session III on Validation of WIOSAP Guidelines](#)



Accommodation

Participants are encouraged to book their accommodation. Some of the possible hotels are provided in Annex 1 below.

Visa Arrangements

For nationals of countries requiring visas, application of the visa may be made ahead of your departure or upon arrival. Kindly refer to the link [visa requirements for Mauritius](#) and make the necessary arrangements. UN Environment will assist with invitation letters to allow delegates to apply for their visas. The visas must be affixed in your passport and shown to immigration officials on landing. Applications must be made through Immigration Office/Embassy or Consular of Mauritius. For the documents to be submitted for Visa application kindly click on the link [documents necessary for Visa application](#).

Flight Arrangements

The Nairobi Convention Secretariat will provide the most direct economy class flight ticket for delegates supported by UNEP- Nairobi Convention. Please note that if you decide to upgrade your flight or extend your stay in Mauritius, the Nairobi Convention Secretariat will unfortunately not meet any costs related to the change of your return date (tickets), including meals, accommodation and immigration procedures.

Airport Transfer

Participants are required to make their own transport arrangements from the airport to their hotels. For UNEP- Nairobi Convention Secretariat sponsored participants, a terminal expense will be issued.

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The Nairobi Convention secretariat sponsored participants will be paid daily subsistence allowance (DSA) in Mauritius. The DSA will be provided in the form of cash at the meeting venue. Kindly submit your **boarding pass during registration** on 27th May 2019. The applicable DSA rate for Mauritius is \$272 per night.

Please Note: It is a UN requirement that the participants produce their boarding passes for their DSA to be paid. For UNEP-Nairobi Convention sponsored participants, anyone who is unable to stay for the duration of the meetings is requested to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible, so that their daily subsistence allowance can be adjusted accordingly.

Registration

Participants are kindly requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the entrance of the meeting venue between 0800hrs and 0855hrs on 27th May 2019.

Communication

Personal phone calls will be at the participants expense; however, wireless internet access will be provided in the meeting venue. For more information, please contact the hotel reception. To call Mauritius from abroad the country code is +230. Mauritius is served by Telecom, Emtel and Bharti mobile network providers.

Languages

The Mauritian Constitution makes no mention of an official language and its one million citizens speak English, French, Mauritian Creole, French-based Creole, and ethnic languages. The meeting will be conducted in English without official interpretation.

Weather and Time Zone

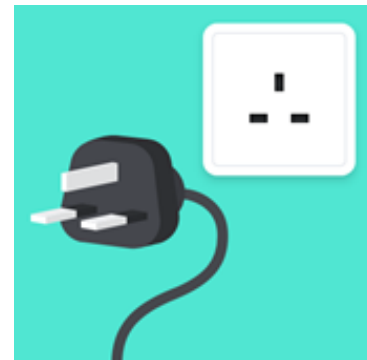
- Average temperature in Mauritius reaches a high of 26°C to 27°C, however it is not uncommon for temperatures to still exceed 30°C at this time of year
- Mauritius receives an average of 101 mm of precipitation in May.
- Mauritius is GMT+4
- You can obtain the current weather forecast for Mauritius using the link below:
<https://www.holiday-weather.com/mauritius/>

Electricity Supply

For Mauritius there are two associated plug types, C and G. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and type G is the plug which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Mauritius operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.



Type C socket



Type G socket

You are advised to carry a power plug adapter if your appliances do not conform to the above specifications.

Local Currency and Exchange rate

The unit of currency in Mauritius is Mauritian Rupee. The most accepted foreign currency is US dollars, but Euros and GBP are easily changed. The Current Exchange rates for against MUR estimates are as below. These rates are bound to change from time to time:

1 USD = 34.9 MUR

1 EUR = 39.3 MUR

1 GBP = 45.5 MUR

Credit cards

Most major credit cards (MasterCard, VISA, Diners, American Express, AMEX) are widely accepted. In addition to credit cards, it is advisable to carry easily exchangeable currency in cash.

Banking hours

Banks are open Monday to Thursday from 09:00 - 15:15 and on Friday 09:00 - 17:00.



Health and Insurance

UNEP - Nairobi Convention assumes that as an invited participant to a Nairobi Convention meeting, you are in good health and have no illness that might prevent you from travelling to or participating in the meeting. It is your responsibility to inform the Nairobi Convention Secretariat of any such health impediment prior to accepting the invitation to participate in the above meeting.

The Nairobi Convention Secretariat accepts no responsibility for the death, illness or injury of any participant in a meeting which is not attributable to the performance of services on behalf of the Nairobi Convention.

You are advised to arrange your own travel insurance against sickness, accident and third-party risks for the period of the meeting. The Nairobi Convention will not assume responsibility for any expenditure on insurance, including the following:

- Cost incurred by the participants in respect of travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees in connection with attending the meeting
- Any loss or damage to personal property of participants while attending the meeting or losses or damages claimed by third parties as a result of any negligence on the part of the participants
- Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with attending the meeting.

Shuttle Transport on the dates of the meeting

Please be informed that we have organized bus shuttles (morning and evening) on the dates of the meetings on 27 to 29 May 2019. Some will depart from **Aanari Hotel** and others from **Villa Caroline Hotel**. Participants are requested to be punctual for pick up. Please look for buses having a sticker labelled **UNEP** on the windscreen.

The shuttles schedule is as shown below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Pick up time in the morning</i>	<i>Pick up time in the afternoon</i>
27 May 2019	7:45 am	5.45 pm
28 May 2019	7:45 am	5.45 pm
29 May 2019	7:45 am	5.45 pm

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Annex 1: List of the Possible Hotels in Flic en Flac

No.	Name	Contacts	Proximity to Meeting Venue	Rate Bed & Breakfast (USD)
1.	Sugar Beach Mauritius 5 star	Tel: +230 403-3300 Email: concierge@sunresorts.mu	800m	370
2.	Maradiva Villas Resort & Spa 5 star	Phone: +230 403 1500 Email: info@maradiva.com	350m	420
3.	Sofitel Mauritius L'Impérial Resort & Spa, Wolmar 90517 Flic en Flac, Mauritius 5 star	Tel : +230 453 8700 Email: H1144@sofitel.com	Meeting Venue	220
4.	Hilton Mauritius Resort & Spa 5 star	Phone: +230 403 1000 Email: info.mauritius@hilton.com	400m	212
5.	Sands Suites Resort & Spa 4 star	Phone: +230 403 1200 Email: info@sands.mu	700m	220
6.	Anelia Resort & Spa Mauritius 4 star	resmgr@coloradohotels.mu	4.8km	173
7.	Manisa Hotel 3 star	Phone: +230 453 8550 Tel : (230) 453 8558/59/60/6 Email : info@manisahotel.com	3.2km	90
8.	Villas Caroline - Hotel île Maurice 3 star	Phone: +230 453 8411 Email: caroline@intnet.mu	4.1km	185
9.	Aanari Hotel & Spa 3 star	Phone : +230 453 8333 Email marketing@aanari.com	4.8km	115
10.	Pearle Beach Hotel 3 star	resapearlebeach@intnet.mu	2.2km	70
11.	Gold Beach Hotel 3 star	Phone : +230 453 8235 goldbeach@goldgroupofhotels.com	2.1km	140
APARTMENTS/VILLAS				

12.	Résidence LA PLAGÉ	Phone: +230 453 9711 Email: contact@laplage-maurice.com	2.5km	From 74
13.	Sea Villa Mauritius	Phone +230 453 8880 Email: contact@seavillamauritius.com	2.9km	From 83
14.	L'Oiseau de L'Océan Tourist Residence	Phone: +230 453 9200 Mobile: +230 5759 4295 Email: info@loiseaudeocean.com	5.4km	From 55