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WORKSHOP ON MODALITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CCS UNDER THE CDM

**CROWNE PLAZA YAS ISLAND HOTEL
ABU DHABI
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

INFORMATION SHEET

MEETING VENUE

The technical workshop on carbon dioxide capture and storage in geological formations as CDM project activities will be held from 7 to 8 September 2011:

Crowne Plaza Yas Island
Tel.: +971-2-6563000 / +971-2-6563001

For the location of the Crowne Plaza Yas Island Hotel, please follow this link:
<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/abu-dhabi/auhyi/hoteldetail>

DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

Participants eligible for DSA in accordance with UNFCCC rules will receive their DSA at the venue of the Workshop.

All participants eligible for DSA must please bring their passport, plane ticket and boarding pass(es) when registering in the morning of the **first** day of the meeting to verify and receive their DSA.

Please note that the DSA is calculated as follows:

- i. Official arrival day for the meeting (or later depending upon flight schedule) through the conclusion of the official meeting with the expected departure the next day.
- ii. Plus one day DSA deemed to cover miscellaneous travel expenses including visa and airport taxes. The DSA described above represents the total entitlement to be provided at the meeting.

The current DSA rate for Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates is AED 1250 (effective 01 August 2011).

NOTE ON TRAVEL

All funded participants should make their travel arrangements in liaison with UNFCCC travel unit.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

All foreign delegates entering United Arab Emirates (UAE) must have a passport valid at least 6 months after the arrival. UAE grants visa free entrance for number of countries. For those participants who require visa for entry, a visa application form has been provided through UNFCCC. The application form needs to be filled out as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for a visa to be issued, as appropriate, upon arrival at the Airport in UAE.

Please find further information here: http://mofa.gov.ae/mofa_english/portal/79e01fed-3501-4ebb-accd-9e27950433a7.aspx

If you need assistance in facilitating your visa application, please contact as soon as possible:

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UNFCCC Secretariat
Bonn, Germany
Tel: (+49 228) 815-1382
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ACCOMMODATION

Participants shall make their own hotel and airport transfer bookings.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates has negotiated a special rate at the venue hotel **Crowne Plaza Yas Island**.

Rate: single room AED 350/ night inclusive buffet breakfast, double room AED 400/ night inclusive buffet breakfast

Booking code: CCS

Tel.: +971-2-6563000

Fax: +971-2-6563001

Website: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/abu-dhabi/auhyi/hoteldetail>

Further alternative hotels nearby the meeting venue are listed below. In order to book any of these alternative hotels, please contact Anand Swamy (aswamy@masdar.ae). Kindly advise him at least 2 days in advance in order to obtain good hotel rates.

Rotana

Rate: AED 350+16%/ night

Website:

<http://www.rotana.com/rotanahotelandresorts/unitedarabemirates/abudhabi/yasislandrotana>

Centro

Rate: AED 299+16% / night

Website: <http://www.rotana.com/centrohotels/unitedarabemirates/abudhabi/centroyasisland>

Radisson

Rate: AED 400+16%/ night

Website: <http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-abudhabi>

Park Inn

Rate: AED 300+16%/ night

Website: <http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-abudhabi>

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation from Abu Dhabi International Airport to Crown Plaza-Yas Island

1. Public Transport

To and from Abu Dhabi city

Taking the air conditioned bus to and from the airport and Abu Dhabi city is economical and comfortable.

Look out for the green and white **901** bus. Buses depart from:

- The lower curbside outside Terminals 1 and 3 and outside Terminal 2.
- The Cargo Building.
- The Police Complex.

All bus stops are clearly indicated with blue and white signs.

Route: The bus runs from the three terminals and stops at all legal bus stops going into the city. It passes by the Bus Stand at Muroor and Street 11 and terminates at the Old Fish Market on Al Nasr Street (near NYU Abu Dhabi). View an interactive map of the bus route at the [Department of Transport website](#) (click on Abu Dhabi Airport Routes).

- **Timings:** Every 40 minutes, 24 hours a day.
- **Cost:** One-way fare is AED 3.
- **Transfer time:** Travel time to the city is approximately 75 minutes, depending on traffic.

Inter-terminal shuttle: A complimentary shuttle service is available between the terminals every 15 minutes. Shuttle stops are signposted and are located outside Terminal 1 at Entrance 5 (upper curbside) and at Terminal 2 in front of Departures. View a [map of the inter-terminal route](#).

2. Taxis

There are two types of taxis available at Abu Dhabi International Airport: Metered Taxis and Limousines.

If you're departing from Terminals 1 or 3

You'll find both metered taxis and limousines at the clearly signposted taxi pick-up area at the lower curbside outside Terminal 1 (just a few minutes walk from Terminal 3). [View a map](#). Find out about the fixed limousine rates by checking the signboard at the curbside pick-up point, which lists fares according to destination. These fares are controlled by Abu Dhabi International Airport.

If you're departing from Terminal 2

Metered taxis are available outside the Terminal 2 Arrivals area. [View a map](#). If you would prefer a limousine, just ask at any of the Customer Service desks and one will be arranged for you.

Please note that the meeting venue is just several minutes away from the Airport!

CURRENCY

The Dirham is pegged to the US Dollar at the official exchange rate of AED 3.6725 to every US Dollar. Money exchanges (bureaux de changes) are all over Abu Dhabi and offer rates that are often better than the banks. You will find them in all major malls and some popular shopping districts (such as Karamah or the Gold Souk). Exchange centres are usually open Saturday to Thursday, from 8am – 1pm and 4.30pm – 8.30pm and on Friday evenings. Many hotels will also exchange money and travellers' cheques at standard (non-competitive) rates.

OTHER INFORMATION

Communications: The international dialling code for United Arab Emirates is +971.

Time Zone: GMT +4 hour.

Clothing: Abu Dhabi is generally conservative but tolerant when it comes to dress code. The attitude to dress is relaxed, but visitors (both men and women) are advised not to wear excessively revealing clothing in public places, as a sign of respect for local culture and customs.

Restaurants: Dining options at Crown Plaza-Yas Island include restaurants and a bar/lounge. Please also visit <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/abu-dhabi/auhyi/hoteldetail/dining>

For restaurants around town check out this site.
<http://www.visitabudhabi.ae/en/portal/where.to.eat.aspx>

Emergency Telephone Numbers:

However, for emergencies you may call the following toll-free numbers:

998 - Ambulance services
999 - Police (also +971 2 4461461)
997 - Fire
999 - Helicopter Service

Tourist Information:

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For more information, visit <http://www.visitabudhabi.ae/en/plan.your.visit/important.info.aspx>