



GENERAL INFORMATION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. Site and dates of the meeting

The working sessions of the 30th Eastern Caribbean Working Group Meeting will take place at the Bay Gardens Hotel, Castries, Saint Lucia, from August 7-11, 2006.

2. Address and contact numbers

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3. Participants Registration

The delegates' registration will take place on Monday, August 7, 2006, from 08:00 to 09:00 hours.

4. Opening of the Workshop

The opening session of the 30th Eastern Caribbean Working Group Meeting will take place on Monday, August 7, 2006, at 09:00 hours at the conference room of the Bay Gardens Hotel.

5. Temperature

During the month of August, the temperature in Saint Lucia ranges from 30°C (86°F) to 26.7°C (80°F). The average humidity is 66.94%.

6. Money exchange

The East Caribbean Dollar is the national currency (\$1.00 USD = \$2.67 [approximately]). Preferably, after your arrival you may exchange some monies at local banks at the airport or in the city.

7. Credit cards

The international credit cards usually accepted in shopping centers, hotels and restaurants are: American Express (AMEX), Diners, MasterCard and Visa.

8. Lodging:

The suggested hotels, applying special fees to all participants of the Meeting, are the following:

HOTEL	NEGOTIATED SINGLE/DOUBLE ROOM
BAY GARDENS HOTEL (PLACE OF MEETING) Rodney Bay Gros Islet Box 1892 Castries Reservation Contact – Alta King Tel.: (758) 452-8060 Fax: (758) 452-8059 E-mail: baygardens@candw.lc Web: www.baygardenshotel.com	USD\$ 105.00 Single/Double <i>Includes full breakfast, service charge and government tax</i>
BAY GARDEN INN Rodney Bay Gros Islet Reservation Contact – Ms. Waltrude Patrick Tel.: (758) 452-8200 Fax: (758) 452-8002 E-mail: baygardensinn@candw.lc Web: http://www.baygardensinn.com	USD\$ 100.00 / 110.00 Single/Double <i>Includes full breakfast, service charge and government tax</i>
MJI HOTEL Rodney Heights, Rodney Bay, Gros Islet Reservation Contact – Judy Modeste Tel.: (758) 452-8090 Fax: (758) 458-0964 E-mail: mji@candw.lc , jud_modeste@yahoo.com Web: http://www.mji-hotel.com	Standard Room \$USD 65.00 Studio Room \$USD 75.00 Two bedroom Villa \$USD 115.00 USD\$ 65.00/70.00 Single/Double <i>Includes service charge and government tax</i> <i>Breakfast is USD\$12.00 but could vary base on what you have.</i>

Participants MUST make their reservations directly with the hotel and MUST indicate that they are attending the 30th ICAO E/CAR WG Meeting in order to enjoy the special rate. Bookings are to be confirmed by latest 26th July 2005. Bookings after that date will be subject to availability due to high occupancy at the time.

09. Local transportation

The recommended methods of transportation are taxis.

10. Hospitals

If necessary, emergency services are available, for more information inquiry at 758-452-2373.

11. Commercial working hours

In the City from 0800 to 0430 hours approximately.

Banks, Monday to Friday from 0800 to 0200.

In malls/shopping centers from 0900 to 0900 hours approximately

12. Electricity

240 Volts is the hotel standard. If 110 Volts are required, please request information at hotel registration.

13. Visa

To be verified at embassies and consulates missions in respective States.

14. Others

Tax charged to purchases is 0% and indicated as “inclusive” if already included in consumer prices except for telephone credits or hotel services. Tips in restaurants and related places are normally included in the bills. If not, then they are at your discretion. However, Service charge 10% is the norm. Room tax at hotels is usually 8%.

The Airport departure tax is EC\$54.00 for international passengers and EC\$35 for St Lucian and CARICOM nationals.