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WESTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC FISHERY COMMISSION (WECAFC)

SIXTEENTH SESSION

Le Gosier, Guadeloupe, 20-24 June 2016

Information Note

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

The sixteenth session of the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) will take place at La Créole Beach Hotel, Le Gosier, Guadeloupe from Monday, 20 to Friday, 24 June 2016.

REGISTRATION, OPENING CEREMONY AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

Registration for the session will be held on Monday, 20 June 2016 from 08.30 hours onwards. The Meeting will commence on Monday, 20 June 2016 at 09.00 hours with an opening ceremony.

A welcome dinner has been offered by the host, the Government of France (Guadeloupe), on Monday evening at 19.00 hours in the meeting venue.

Coffee breaks and lunches will be provided for by the host for the duration of the workshop.

WORKING LANGUAGES

The Sessions will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. The documentation will also be issued in English, French and Spanish.

DOCUMENTATION

The meeting documents will be posted periodically on the WECAFC website, as they become available. Participants, who are not able to access the website, should inform the FAO Subregional Office and the meeting documents will be sent to them via E-mail. Please check the following dedicated site for the meeting:

<ftp://ftp.fao.org/FI/DOCUMENT/wecafc/16thsess/default.htm>

or navigate through the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department Home Page <http://www.fao.org/fishery/en> to Meetings and News. On the top of the page you can choose the language of the site.

Participants are being requested to travel with all background documents as copies of these documents will not be provided at the session.

FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO GUADELOUPE

A return ticket and a Passport (valid for at least three months after the intended stay) are required for entry into Guadeloupe.

Visas are not required by nationals of Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and the USA for touristic stays of up to three months, providing they hold a valid return ticket.

A visa may be required for stays of more than 90 days. For European Union citizens, the same requirements apply as when traveling to France. For citizens of other countries, a visa may be required in addition to a passport.

Please check carefully with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the French Embassy or Consulate in your country to ascertain whether an entry visa is required for travel to Guadeloupe. The following website may also be useful: <http://www.worldtravelguide.net/guadeloupe/passport-visa> Please ensure that you have obtained (as needed) the visa prior to initiating your travel. The WECAFC Secretariat at the FAO Subregional Office for the Caribbean may assist you with a personalized invitation for the purpose of obtaining your entry visa for Guadeloupe. The Liaison Officers in Guadeloupe (see details below) will also be available to assist with entry visas for Guadeloupe, once their assistance is requested.

For those of you whose itinerary includes a stop-over in the USA, please also ensure that you have the necessary documents/visa allowing your entry into the US.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The following hotel has agreed to host the delegates of the WECAFC session:

La Creole Beach Hotel & Spa

BP 61, 97190

Le Gosier 97190

Guadeloupe

Tel: +590 590 90-4646

Website: www.creolebeach.com

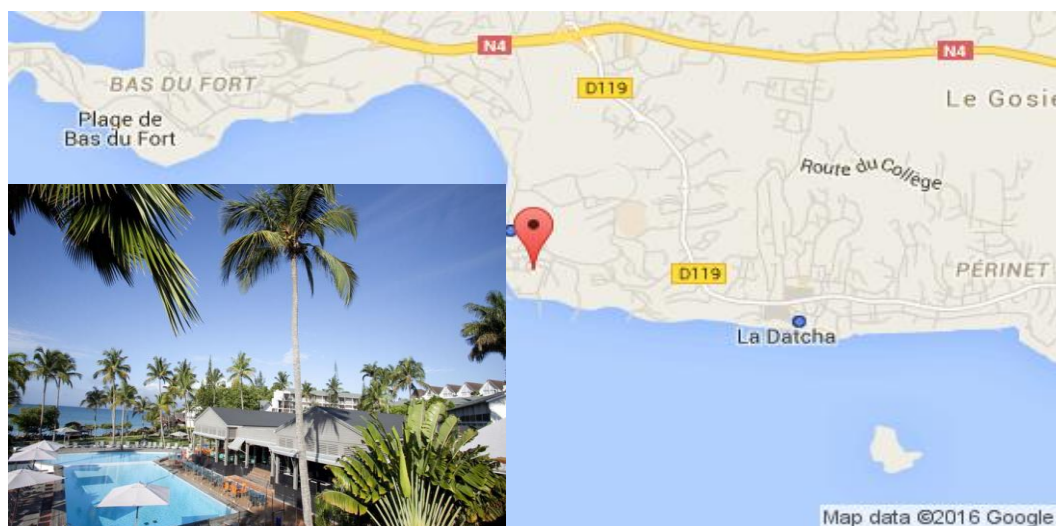
Contact person: **Mme. Nadine LASNIER – CARIB CONGRES**

Tél: +33 (0) 1 55 70 23 09

E-mail: copaco@caribcongres.com

The room rate is as follows:

- 152 euros per day - standard single bedroom



The above rate includes breakfast and VAT. Self-funded persons will be required to pay the full amount by credit card or wire transfer to secure the booking. Hotel reservations should be made through CARIB CONGRES: Ms. Nadine Lasnier copaco@caribcongres.com and as early as possible. When making reservations, you should inform Ms. Lasnier that you would be attending the 16th WECAFC session and request the special rate. For more information, please visit the hotel website at: www.creolebeach.com

For those delegates whose travel and accommodation will be supported by FAO there will be no need to make a reservation. The WECAFC Secretariat will take care of your hotel reservation.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Transportation from the airport will be arranged for participants who inform the National Liaison Officers of their arrival details at least one week in advance.

NATIONAL LIAISON OFFICERS IN GUADELOUPE FOR THIS SESSION

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND BANKING FACILITIES

The local currency of Guadeloupe is the Euro. The current rate of exchange is 1€ to US\$1.12. Major credit cards are generally accepted and ATMs (distributeurs des billets) are prevalent. Banking hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Guadeloupe is **220-volt AC (50 cycles)**, which means that U.S.-made appliances will need a transformer and an adapter.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All participants are being advised to travel with insect repellent in order to protect against the Zika virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

Guadeloupe is relatively free of serious crime. However, it is advisable not to go wandering alone at night on the streets of Pointe-à-Pitre; by nightfall they are relatively deserted and might be dangerous. Please exercise caution.

Emergency Telephones (dialled from landline phones)

Guadeloupe country code is ...+ 590

SAMU: 15

Police: 17

Fire Department: 18

Hospital : +590-(0)590 89 10 10

Pharmacy: 3237

Airport: +590- (0)8 92 68 97 55

ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATIONS

For delegates who are eligible for financial support for attending WECAFC 16, please be advised that only the following costs will be covered:

- ❖ Roundtrip airfare, according to the most economic, direct route (as arranged by FAO).
- ❖ Standard room accommodation, incl. breakfast and tax (paid directly to the hotel by FAO).
- ❖ Lunches are provided by the Host Government for the days of the session.
- ❖ Additional allowance covering terminal expenses (in home country) and partial daily subsistence allowance to cover dinners on the session days.

NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION

Please remember to notify the FAO Subregional Office for the Caribbean in Barbados of your participation and to provide us with your E-mail address so that you can be updated regularly regarding arrangements.

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