



Information on 14th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics

Seychelles, 29 November – 1 December 2018

1. Meeting dates and venue

The Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics will be held from the 29 November – 1 December 2018, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily



2. Contacts

The contacts at the IOTC Secretariat are: **Administration**: Howard Whalley: <u>Howard.Whalley@fao.org</u> Mirose Govinden: <u>Mirose.Govinden@fao.org</u>

3. Registration

Registration for the meeting is essential so as to allow the IOTC Secretariat sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements. Please register for the meetings on the IOTC website no later than 15 days before the Session to ensure the necessary administrative arrangements can be made with the meeting venue:

WPDCS14 registration – Click here

4. Transportation

Participants should make their own airport transfer. Transportation will be provided daily to and from the meeting venue.

5. Funding

IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

Financial support for participants from developing CPCs is also available through the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF), established through IOTC Resolution 10/05, and now contained in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014).

The IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications should be received at iotc-secretariat@fao.org no later than 14 September

and should include:

- i) an official nomination letter with request of support signed by the director of fisheries or any other relevant authority;
- ii) the full contact details, mobile phone numbers of the nominee with a copy of his/her passport.

Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found in Appendix VIII of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014):

IOTC rules of procedure - click here.

Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF: IOTC rules of procedure - click here.

6. Accommodation

Participants are advised to make their reservations in the hotel of their choice as early as possible.

Information on possible accommodation on Mahé Island is provided below, however there are numerous hotels, B&Bs and guest house accommodation options on Mahe (see tripadvisor.com). All rates are on a bed and breakfast basis in single occupancy.

HOTEL NAMES	ROOM RATES, ROOM TYPES & CONTACTS				
CORAL STRAND HOTEL (Beau Vallon) <u>www.coralstrand.com</u>	Single Standard Mountain view €155 BB Single Standard Ocean View €175 BB	Mrs Mica Savy Tel: +248 4291072 Email: <u>mail@coralstrand.sc</u>			
SAVOY HOTEL (Beau Vallon) <u>www.savoy.sc</u>	Single Standard Room €260 BB	Lisette Bastienne Tel: +248 4392000 Email: <u>bastienne@savoy.sc</u>			
COCO D'OR HOTEL (Beau vallon) www.cocodor.sc	Single Standard room €113 Double room €167	Cynthia Sinon Tel: +248 4247331 Email: reservations@cocodor.sc			
BERJAYA BEAU VALLON BAY www.berjayahotel.com Free Wi-Fi usage	Single Standard room \$135	Ms Erica Tirant Tel: +248 4287287 Email: <u>reservation@berjayaseychelles.com</u> <u>beauvallon.rsvn@berjayahotel.com</u>			
SUN RESORT (Beau Vallon) <u>www.sunresort.sc</u>	Single Standard room €115	Ms Flora Furneau Tel: +248 4285555 Email: <u>sun@seychelles.net</u>			
BEAU SEJOUR HOTEL (Curio Road, Bel Air) www.seychelles.net/beausejour	Single room €80	Ms Francoise Shroff Tel: +248 719964 Email: <u>beausejourhotel sey@yahoo.com</u>			

GEORGINA'S COTTAGE BEACH GUEST HOUSE (Beau vallon) www.georginascottage.sc	Double Room ground floor €80 BB Double Room upper floor €93 BB	Ms Georgina Laporte Tel: +248 4247016 Email: <u>georgina@seychelles.net</u>
BEL AIR HOTEL (Bel Air)	Single Standard Room €126.50	Ms Natasha Rasool Tel: +248 4224416 Email: <u>belair@seychelles.net</u>

7. Arrival and entry formalities

All foreign delegates are required to possess a valid passport (validity for at least 6 months) to enter the Seychelles.

No entry Visa is required for Seychelles. A *visitor's permit* is issued at the airport on the provision of the following information by travellers:

- Proof of having a valid return air ticket
- Proof and address of accommodation in Seychelles
- Sufficient funds to support the travellers stay in Seychelles

Please check the following link for more information: (http://www.virtualseychelles.sc/)

8. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

9. Electricity

Electricity in Seychelles is 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. Plugs are usually "British" type.



10. Telephone service

The International dialling code for Seychelles is +248

11. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available in the conference area. Internet service outside the conference will be at participants own expense.

12. Currency

The currency in Seychelles is the Rupee (SCR). The current exchange rates are given below (as of 06 June 2018)

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13. Tourism

Information on tourism and other information can also be found at the following website: (<u>http://www.virtualseychelles.sc/</u>).