



20th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

St. Denis, La Réunion, France, 16-27 May 2016

1. MEETING DATES AND VENUE

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| • 13 th Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC13) | 16 - 18 May 2016 |
| • 13 th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF13) | 19 - 20 May 2016 |
| • 3 rd Management Procedures Dialogue (MPD03) | 21 May 2016 |
| • Heads of Delegation Meeting | 22 May 2016 (2-5 pm) |
| • 20 th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (S20) | 23 - 27 May 2016 |

The meetings will run from 9 am to 5 pm daily, or otherwise as indicated.

The venue of the meetings will be:

**Exposition and Congress Centre
"Auguste Legros" managed by SEML NORDEV
1, rue du Karting
B.P. 287 - le Chaudron - 97494 Sainte-Clotilde Cedex.**

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

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The contacts for these meetings in St. Denis are:

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2. REGISTRATION

Registration:

Please register online at your earliest convenience, but NO LATER than 15 days prior to the opening of each Session.

CoC13: <http://iotc.org/meetings/13th-session-compliance-committee-coc13>

SCAF13: <http://iotc.org/meetings/13th-session-standing-committee-administration-and-finance-scaf13>

S20: <http://iotc.org/meetings/20th-session-indian-ocean-tuna-commission-s20>

Registration closes 15 days prior to each of the Sessions to allow our hosts to make the necessary meeting arrangements, as follows:

- 13th Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC13): **1 May 2016**
- 13th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF13): **4 May 2016**
- 3rd Management Procedures Dialogue (MPD03): **7 May 2015**
- 20th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (S20): **8 May 2016**



NOTE: Kindly note that the IOTC invitation letter is **not** sufficient for individual VISA requirements for entry in La Reunion, France.

An IOTC invitation letter for the Commission meetings to be held in La Réunion from 16-27 May 2016 can be requested. Please contact the IOTC Secretariat (mirose.govinden@iotc.org and hava.yakub@iotc.org) to receive an official invitation letter.

The French government will address a note to its diplomatic network in order to facilitate the visa procedure to the participants who have to ask visa for coming in La Reunion attend these meetings should use this letter. You will find below an annex with the list of countries (and conditions) which are dispensed of visa for coming in La Reunion.

Meeting Participation Fund (developing Members only):

The participation of **one representative of developing Members of the IOTC** to these meetings may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014)). As per the Rules of Procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications should be received **no later than the 1 April 2016** for the CoC13 and SCAF13, and the **8 April 2016** for the S20, at secretariat@iotc.org and must include the following four elements if the application is to be considered:

- i) an official nomination letter;
- ii) a letter of credentials;
- iii) the contact details of the nominee (with a copy of his passport); and
- iv) the CPC implementation report for the IOTC Compliance Committee.

See the Rules of Procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund for more information, contained within the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014): <http://iotc.org/documents/indian-ocean-tuna-commission-rules-procedure-2014>

Kindly note that the IOTC Secretariat will make all travel and accommodation arrangements for one MPF candidate per eligible Member up to the limit of the funds established.

3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT AND ACCOMMODATION

Participants not supported by IOTC are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements and fund the expenses incurred.

Getting to La Réunion

3.1 :

1) World ⇔ La Réunion (Roland Garros International Airport – Gillot Airport)

(1) TAXI

It costs approximately 25 Euros (approximately 27 USD) from Roland Garros International Airport to St. Denis.

(2) BUS

Airport Shuttle bus operates every hour (From 6:30 am to 6:00 pm) to Saint-Denis town-centre. Bus fare is 4Euros (approximately 4.3 USD).

See details at : <http://www.citalis.re/sites/all/themes/citalis/images/ligneM.pdf>

Free Shuttle minibus to Creolia Hotel (8 seats), only for guests. Booking with Flight number and time of arrival. It is also possible to book the minibus for transportation from Hotel to town-centre

2) Flights to La Reunion



If there is no direct flight from your country, it would be convenient to transfer at major international airports in France, UAE, RSA or Mauritius.

Air France has nine non-stop flights between Paris, France and St-Denis with most flights arriving during the morning hours. Air Austral and Corsair are other valid options for flights from France.

Air Mauritius has numerous connecting flights between Paris, France and St-Denis



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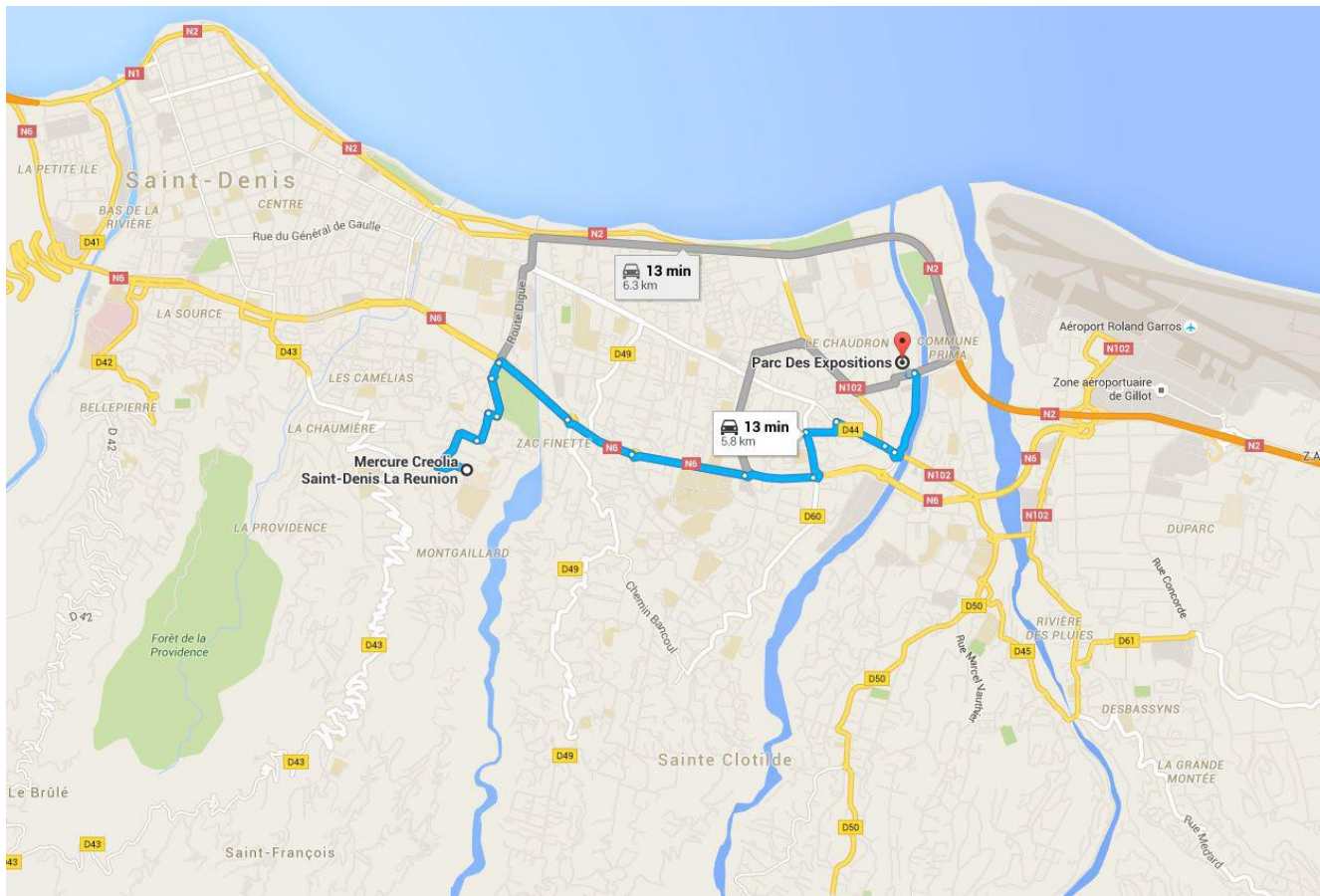
3.2 Accommodation

Participants are requested to make their hotel bookings well in advance of the meetings due to limited availability of hotel rooms in the St. Denis area during the high touristic season in May.

HOTELS IN SAINT-DENIS DE LA REUNION					
Booking Code for Hotels is: "IOTC 2016"					
n°	Location	Name	Address	Contact	Rates for IOTC 2016 and other information
1	Near airport (free shuttle), meeting premises, sea view	Le Créolia Mercure	14 rue du Stade – Montgaillard 97400 SAINT-DENIS	Phone : +262262942626 Mail : H1674@accor.com http://www.mercure.com/fr/hotel-1674-hotel-mercure-creolia-saint-denis-la-reunion/index.shtml	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 rooms (« classique » and « privilege ») pre-booked from 12th to 27th May until 29th February • <u>Negotiated rates</u>, single with breakfast (+ 15 € if 2 persons et 1€/pers for city tax) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - « classique » 157 €, sea view, balcony, tea and coffee's facilities », paying mini-bar (except water), safe-deposit box - « privilège » 192 €, the same but bigger, free mini bar à volonté (sodas et local beer), Nespresso machine and caps, peignoir and slippers. • Standard room rate (parking view), if available (not included in the 30 pre-booked rooms) : 127 € • Booking with code « IOTC 2016 » by email H1674@accor.com for first contact or by phone +262 262 94 26 26 • Outdoor swimming-pool with sea-view • Transfer from/to airport or town-centre on demand (minibus)
2	On the heights of Saint-Denis, sea view	Hôtel Bellepierre	91 bis allée des Topazes – Bellepierre 97400 SAINT-DENIS	Phone : +262 2 62 51 51 51 Mail : relationclient@hotel-bellepierre.com (Mme Isabelle TWIAW YIE-PAYET) http://www.hotel-bellepierre.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 rooms (« classique » and « exécutive ») pre-booked from 12th to 27th May until 29th February • <u>Negotiated rates</u>, breakfast included (1€ for city tax), : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - single room 127 €, sea view - double room 140 €, sea view and balcony • Booking with code « IOTC 2016 » by mail info@hotel-bellepierre.com or phone. +262 262 51 51 51 • Outdoor swimming-pool with sea-view • Transfer from/to airport 25€ on demand



3	Town Centre	Le Saint-Denis Best Western	2 rue Doret 97400 SAINT-DENIS	Phone : +262 2 62 21 80 20 Mail : reception@hotel-le-saint-denis.com http://www.bestwestern.fr/fr/hotel-Saint-Denis-Ile-De-La-Reunion,Best-Western-Le-Saint-Denis,93423	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Option for 30 rooms (standard and upper level) from 12th to 27th May, until 29th February ● <u>Current rates</u> (to be negotiated after with the new director),+ breakfast 12€ et 0,80€ of city-tax : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - double room « standard » 90 €, - double room « upper level » 105 €, sea view ● Booking with code « IOTC 2016 » by mail reception@hotel-le-saint-denis.com or phone +262 262 21 80 20 ● Outdoor swimming-pool
4	Town Centre	Le Juliette Dodu	31 rue Juliette Dodu 97400 SAINT-DENIS	Phone : +262 2 62 20 91 20 Mail : juliettedodu@orange.fr http://www.hotel-juliette-dodu.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 15 rooms pre-booked from 12th to 21th May and 30 rooms pre-booked from 22nd to 27th May, dead line to be confirmed ● «<u>Business</u>» rates for upper level rooms, breakfast and city-tax included : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 107€ single and 131€ double ● Booking with code « IOTC 2016 » by mail juliettedodu@orange.fr or phone. +262 262 20 91 20 ● Creole style hotel, with swimming-pool and indoor garden
5	Town Centre	Central Hôtel	37 rue de la Compagnie 97400 SAINT-DENIS	Phone : +262 2 62 94 18 08 Mail : central.hotel@wanadoo.fr www.centralhotel.re	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 15 rooms (7 « standard » and 8 « classique ») pre-booked from 14th to 27 May, until 4th April ● <u>Negotiated rates</u>, breakfast included (+0,60€ of city-tax) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - « standard » single room 63,90€ (double 72,90€) - « classique » single room 79,20€ (double 90,90€) ● Booking with code « IOTC 2016 » by mail central.hotel@wanadoo.fr or phone +262 262 21 64 33



4. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

There is no specific health precaution in La Réunion. Further information can be found within the following sites:
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/reunion>
<http://www.wordtravels.com/Travelguide/Countries/Reunion/Basics>

5. ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES (VISA)

Whereas France is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area, the overseas departments and territories of France are not part of the Schengen area and apply their own visa restrictions. Those policies are generally similar to those adopted according to the Schengen acquis.

Overseas departments:

- French Guiana
- Guadeloupe
- Martinique
- Mayotte
- Réunion

Overseas territories:

- French Polynesia
- New Caledonia
- Saint Barthélemy
- Saint Martin
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon
- Wallis and Futuna

Foreign nationals who require a visa for a French overseas department or territory can obtain one by lodging an application at a French embassy or consulate in their country of residence (or, in the case of foreign nationals already in metropolitan France, the local prefecture) for a fee of €9 to €60 (depending on the destination and length of stay).

Note that a Schengen short stay visa ('C visa') is not valid for the French overseas departments and territories, and vice versa.



For more information, please contact the local French consulate or embassy in your country or refer to the website https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_policy_of_the_French_overseas_departments_and_territories

6. TRANSPORTATION

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and fund the expenses incurred.

7. DELEGATES KIT

Documents for the meeting (in pdf format) will be accessible through a local network during the meeting. However, it is advised for the participants to download all the documents available from the IOTC website prior to arriving, as the meeting is paperless.

8. INTERPRETATION

The meeting will be held in English and French and simultaneous interpretation in the other language will be provided.

9. DRESS CODE

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

10. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LA RÉUNION

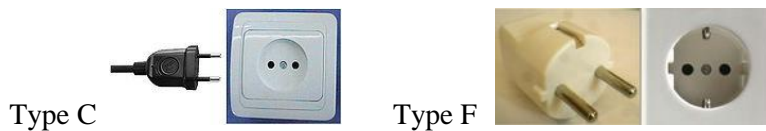
This wildly beautiful and rugged volcanic island (*with a very active volcano*), was uninhabited when discovered by the Portuguese in the early 16th century. In 1643 it was claimed by the French. They named it Bourbon and established their first colony here in 1662. In the years that followed, slaves from Africa were imported to work the sugar plantations. The island was renamed Reunion in 1793, and it remained a French colony, except for a brief British occupation from 1810 to 1815. Over time, French immigration, supplemented by influxes of Africans, Chinese, Malays, and Malabar Indians, gave the island its ethnic mix. The island's economy is dominated by the sugarcane industry, and its main exports include sugar, seafood, rum, and vanilla. Tourism, especially from Europe, is a significant economic factor.

Fast Facts

- Official Name Reunion, (*an overseas department of France*)
- Population 839,500
- Capital City Saint-Denis (147,800)
- Electricity 220V - 50Hz
- Currency Euro
- Languages French (official), Creole
- National Day 14 July; Bastille Day
- Religions Catholic, Hindu, Muslim
- Measuring System Metric
- Time Zone GMT/UTC +4



11. ELECTRICITY IN LA RÉUNION IS 220 VOLTS, 50 HERTZ. SOCKETS AND PLUGS ARE USUALLY “EUROPEAN” TYPE (TYPE C AND F)



12. TELEPHONE SERVICE

International dialling code

The International dialling code for La Reunion is +262

13. INTERNET

Wi-Fi and Internet facilities will be available in the meeting room during the meeting hours. Internet service outside the meeting will be at participant’s own expense.

14. TOURISM

Information on tourism and other information are available at <http://www.welcometoreunionisland.com/>



ANNEX

Dispenses of visa for La Reunion

- Australia: Dispense, except for stay of 3 months maximum in order to work in a gainful activity in France
- China: Dispense for holders of passport with a multiple entry visa for a period from 6 months to 5 years delivered by a French consular authority
- India: Dispense for diplomatic passport holders and for holders of passport with a multiple entry visa for a period from 6 months to 5 years delivered by a French consular authority
- Japan: Dispense, except for stay of 3 months maximum in order to work in a gainful activity in France
- Malaysia: Dispense of short-term (Schengen) visa for all passports
- Mauritius: Dispense of short-term (Schengen) visa for all passports
- Oman (Sultanate of): Dispense for holders of diplomatic, special or service passport and for holders of passport with a multiple entry visa for a period from 6 months to 5 years delivered by a French consular authority
- Senegal: Dispense only for diplomatic passport
- Seychelles: Dispense of short-term (Schengen) visa for all passports
- South Africa: Dispense of short-term (Schengen) visa for all passports
- Taiwan: Dispense only for holders of passport delivered by Taiwan with an identity card number
- Thailand: Dispense only for diplomatic passport

For more precise information:

<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000024403998&fastPos=3&fastReqId=1858201921&categorieLien=cid&oldAction=rechTexte>