

RA IV HURRICANE COMMITTEE

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

Original: ENGLISH

GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS

8 TO 12 MARCH 2011

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Place and dates of the session

The thirty-third session of the RA IV Hurricane Committee will be held in The Ritz Carlton Hotel in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, from 8 to 12 March 2011. The details of the meeting venue can be found in Appendix A.

2. Working languages

The working languages of the session will be English and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the meeting.

3. Documentation

There will be no facilities for translation of documents submitted during the session. The pre-session documents processed by the Secretariat will be in English and Spanish. The provisional reports will also be produced in both languages.

4. Local Secretariat

Any additional information concerning the arrangements for the session may be requested from:

Local Coordinator for HC-XXXIII

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5. Immigration Requirements

All participants requiring a visa for entry into Cayman should notify the local Secretariat, who will facilitate the provision of visas by the Government of Cayman Islands Department of Immigration. A list of Visa Controlled Nationals is provided in Appendix B. All other participants will require Business Visitor Letters to be provided by the local Secretariat.

6. Hotel accommodation

Special rates for participants have been negotiated with the Comfort Suites, the Marriott, and the Ritz Carlton which is also the venue of the session (see Appendix A).

Participants are advised to make their hotel bookings well in advance **through the Local Secretariat** or directly with the hotel. They are invited to fax or e-mail the Hotel Reservation Form (Appendix C) to the Local Secretariat as soon as possible. The Local Secretariat will then arrange the booking directly with the hotel.

Please note that:

- Participants must provide details of their credit card to guarantee their booking (type and No., name, expiry date)
- Participants will be responsible for additional charges such as room service, laundry, etc.
- Participants will also be responsible for costs incurred for early arrival or extended stay on private grounds.

For information on alternative hotel accommodation, please contact the Local Secretariat. A view of the area in the vicinity of the meeting venue is available in Appendix D.

7. Currency

All banks in the Cayman Islands will accommodate currency exchange from US to CI and CI to US (opening hours are 9 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday - Friday). The local currency is the C.I. Dollar (USD \$1 = \$0.80 C.I.). Major credit cards are generally accepted island-wide. US Dollars are interchangeable with local currency everywhere.

8. Transportation from and to the airport

Transport will be arranged from the airport to the hotel and vice versa, if participants have sent their arrival dates and flight numbers on the hotel reservation form to the Local Secretariat.

9. Climate data in March in Cayman are listed below:

Mean temperature:	+26° C
Mean maximum temperature:	+27° C
Mean minimum temperature:	+24°C
Mean precipitation	34 mm
Typical duration of sunshine	11 h/day

10. Electricity

The electricity operates on 120/240V, 60Hz.

11. Other

The meeting room will be equipped with Wi-Fi access. Additional information regarding alternative accommodations, meals and activities will be issued by end January 2010, as an addendum to this Information Note.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Accommodation	Address, e-mail and fax number of local secretariat for reservation	Room rate per person per night USD	Total rate including taxes USD
<p><u>Comfort Suites Hotel</u> West Bay Road Grand Cayman Cayman Islands</p> <p>http://www.caymancomfort.com/</p> <p>Guests are to contact our hotel directly by 21 January 2011 Tel. 1-345-945-7300 rescomfort@candw.ky</p>		\$ 189.00	\$ 231.60
<p><u>Ritz Carlton</u> P.O. Box 32348 SMB Grand Cayman, KY1-1209 Cayman Islands Direct Dial 504-520-9579 Fax 345-815-6855 http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Default.htm</p>	<p>Ms Shakira Gregory Ministry of District Admin., Works, Lands & Agriculture. Box 10098 George Town Cayman Islands KY1- 1001</p> <p>Telephone: +1 345 945 5773 Fax: +1 345 945 5773 E-mail: shakira.gregory@gov.ky</p>	\$ 439.00	\$ 526.80
<p>The Grand Cayman Marriott 389 West Bay Road Grand Cayman Cayman Islands</p> <p>http://www.marriott.com/default.mi</p>		\$ 259.00	\$ 310.80

Visa Required (HC-Member Countries)

Visitors from any of the countries listed in Part A will require a visa to enter the Cayman Islands unless they fall within one of the exempted categories contained in Part B.

Part A

- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Nicaragua

Part B - Exemptions

Even if you are a national of one of the countries listed above in Part A, you will NOT require a visa to enter the Cayman Islands if:

- a. You are not a prohibited immigrant* and you can satisfy an Immigration Officer on arrival in the Cayman Islands that you are:
 1. Authorised by a work permit to work in the Cayman Islands; or
 2. Named in a work permit as a dependant of the licensee; or
 3. Exempted from the requirement to possess a work permit or a dependant of such a person under section 40 of the Immigration Law (2009 Revision); or
 4. A person who has permission to reside permanently in the Cayman Islands; or
 5. The holder of a valid re-entry permit.

OR

- b. You are resident in the United States of America; and you arrive directly from that country; and you produce on arrival a valid United States Alien Registration Card; and you produce on arrival a return or round trip ticket to the United States.

OR

- c. You are resident in Canada; and you arrive directly from Canada or the USA; and you produce on arrival proof that you are a permanent resident or landed immigrant of Canada; and you produce on arrival a return or round trip ticket to Canada or the United States.

OR

- d. You are resident in the United Kingdom; and you arrive directly from the United Kingdom; and you provide proof on arrival that you are a permanent resident or landed immigrant of the United Kingdom; and you produce on arrival a return or round trip ticket to the United Kingdom.

Note:

Please note that persons taking advantage of the waiver of the visa requirement under (b) to (d) above may only be permitted to enter and remain in the Islands for a period not exceeding thirty days.

*** Prohibited immigrants are defined in full in the Immigration Law (2009 Revision) but include the destitute, the mentally disordered, persons creating health hazards to the community, anyone reasonably believed to be a prostitute or living on prostitution, anyone previously deported, anyone convicted in any country of an offence for which a prison sentence of twelve months or more was imposed, and others declared to be undesirable immigrants for economic or moral reasons.**

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Visa Exempted (HC-Member Countries)

Visitors from any of the countries listed below do NOT require a visa to enter the Cayman Islands:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada
- Dominica
- France (including overseas departments and territories)
- Mexico
- Netherlands (including Associated Territories)
- Panama
- Saint Lucia
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories)
- United States of America (including Associated Territories)
- Venezuela

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Participants attending the 33rd session of the RA IV Hurricane Committee are to send their hotel reservation on this form, directly to the Local Secretariat by fax or mail to:

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Name _____

Country _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

Fax No. _____

E-mail _____

Arrival *Flight No.* _____ *Date* _____ *Time* _____

Departure _____

Please reserve: Hotel name

Standard: Single () Double () Suite ()
(extra charges may apply)

Check-in date _____

Check-out date _____

Credit card details for guarantee:

Type _____ Number _____

Name _____ Expiry Date _____

Date _____ Signature _____



