

## **Information Note for Participants**

### **Workshop Sustaining National Meteorological Services – Strengthening WMO Regional and Global Centers**

#### **College Park, Maryland, USA**

The Workshop will be held in the NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction (CWCP), 5830 University Research Court, College Park, Maryland, which is about three miles from the Hampton Inn where most participants are staying.

#### **1. Accommodations for Participants**

Accommodation for participants has been arranged at the Hampton Inn in College Park

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/maryland/hampton-inn-college-park-WASCLHX/maps-directions/index.html>

Address: 9670 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD

Tel: 301-345-2200

#### **2. Travel**

Participants may arrive at any one of the three Washington area airports, Dulles International, Reagan National, or Baltimore Washington International (BWI); distances to the hotel are approximately 36 miles, 16 miles and 30 miles respectively. Daily transport to and from the hotel to CWCP will be provided, and the College Park Metro Station is less than a mile from CWCP, so we do not recommend hiring a car to travel from the airport to the hotel and suggest using a taxi; cost for this should be around \$40 from Reagan national and \$80 - \$90 from Dulles and BWI. It may be helpful to tell the taxi driver that the hotel is on Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) in College Park, just south of the Capital Beltway (I495). An alternative to the taxi is a van shuttle - [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) – which is available from all three airports and should be half the cost of a taxi. This can be reserved in advance on the website.

#### **3. Visa Requirement**

Most participants will require a visa to enter the USA and arrangements should be well in hand by now. If not, please contact Martin Steinson ([martin.steinson@noaa.gov](mailto:martin.steinson@noaa.gov)) immediately and we will try to assist.

#### **4. Expenses and Reimbursement**

For participants receiving financial support from the World Bank, we will arrange some time on the first day of the workshop to do some accounting, which will include:

- Collecting all boarding passes for the travel from home to DC (Absolutely required).

- Distributing the \$300 allowances.
- Collecting visa charge receipts and reimburse for this expense.

All reimbursements will be in \$US. Please note that the \$300 allowance must cover transport to and from the airport – there will not be any additional reimbursement for taxi costs etc.

## **5. Time Zone**

The time in College Park is UTC -4 hours

## **6. Electricity**

Electricity in the USA is at 115V, 60Hz.

## **7. Climate**

The climate of College Park for the month of June is as follows:

Average high temperature: 84 °F (28.9°C)

Average low temperature: 62°F (16.7°C)

Rainfall: 3.63 inches (92.2mm)

## **8. Local Contact point**

For any further local information, please contact one of the following:

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