

4TH MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES OF WEST AFRICA,
CAPE VERDE, SAL ISLAND, 10 - 12 MARCH 2011

Information Note

1. VENUE

The meeting will be held at:

CRIOULA HOTEL

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Sal Island

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2. HOST ORGANIZATION

The focal point for the meeting is:

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3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of the Commonwealth, the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) and other nations with a reciprocal visa abolition agreement with The Cape Verde do not require a visa to enter the country on holiday or on a business trip not exceeding ninety (90) days. All other nationalities should present a visa upon arrival. However, people travelling on last-minute bookings will be allowed entry but will be required to submit their passports to the Department of Immigration in Sal Island or Praia Island within 48 hours to be issued a proper visa. **Nationals who have no Cape Verde Mission in their countries are requested to send their passport details to the Focal Point of the Meeting. Arrangements will be made to receive a VISA upon arrival and a Letter from the Immigration Department will be send to such participants in relation to the VISA. This will facilitate acceptance to board by the airlines.**

4. CUSTOMS

Participants' luggage may be subjected to inspection by Customs officials.

5. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Special rates have been negotiated at **CRIOULA HOTEL**, for single, include Breakfast and Dinner. All other rates are per night and include Breakfast, and Tax.

Hotel	Single Room Rates	Modality	Distance to the meeting place
HOTEL CRIOULA (meeting place)	€70	Include breakfast and dinner	
Hotel Belorizonte	€78	breakfast	300 m
Hotel Dunas do Sal	€69	breakfast	200 m
Hotel Morabeza	€120	breakfast	500 m
Hotel Novorizonte	€78	breakfast	250 m
Hotel Odjo D`Agua	€70	breakfast	800 m
Hotel Riu Funana	€108	All include	400 m
Hotel Pontão	€46	breakfast	500 m
Hotel Sabura	€50	breakfast	250 m
Residencial Porta do Vento	€30	breakfast	1 km

Hotels and restaurants in the Sal Island serve various international and African cuisines. Cape Verde have a variety of delicious dishes, which are prepared mainly with fish and shellfish. The traditional dishe is *Cachupa*.

6. TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL

Participants would be met upon arrival at the airport if their times of arrival are communicated to the Coordinator in time. Otherwise, they should take a taxi from the Airport to the Hotels mentioned above. The cost is about €15.

7. FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

The currency in The Cape Verde is the Escudos CV. All major currencies may be exchanged for local currency at local banks and foreign exchange bureaux. These average foreign currency exchange rates from Banks may have occasional slight variances. The venue of the meeting is well served with banks and FOREX bureaux. The exchange rate is shown below:

CURRENC Y CODE	CURRENCY NAME	BUYING RATE (D)	SELLING RATE (D)
US\$	Dollar	85.165	77.645
EURO	EURO	110.265	110.265

8. CLIMATE

Cape Verde is in the subtropical zone. Average temperatures range from 24°C (75°F) in January and February to 29°C (85°F) in September. The average annual rainfall for Cape Verde is 68.4 mm, with September being the wettest month with 33.6mm. Conversely, the months March to July record less than one millimetre of rainfall each. The climate is arid, but Cape Verde's position in the Atlantic contributes to soften the aridity, that otherwise would be the same aridity that in continental areas.

9. TIME ZONE

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) applies in The Cape Verde.

10. VOLTAGE

The voltage in The Cape Verde is 220V