



## Expert Consultation on Operationalisation of the Caribbean Sea Commission

*Building a science-policy interface for ocean governance in the Wider Caribbean*

### Association of Caribbean States - Caribbean Sea Commission

University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados, July 7-9, 2010

#### Information for Overseas Participants

The Expert Consultation is being coordinated by the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES) of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, on behalf of the Chair of the Caribbean Sea Commission (CSC), Senator the Hon. Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados, and the Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Ambassador Luis Fernando Andrade Falla. It has been funded by the Government of Finland through its Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### Conference Venue and Times

The Consultation will be held from July 7 - 9, 2010 at the Solutions Centre of the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, St. Michael, Barbados, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. Free wireless internet is available in the Centre.

#### Accommodation Arrangements

The UWI Cave Hill Campus is on the West Coast, just north of Bridgetown (the country's capital), so accommodation has been arranged for our overseas participants in shared villas, convenience apartments and hotel rooms being provided by the Palms Resort, Rival Enterprises Ltd. and Discovery Bay Beach Hotel, all in the Sunset Crest and Holetown area, St. James (see attached map). The Holetown area is about 20 minutes away from the Campus, and has many restaurants, shops, a supermarket, and other places of interest within easy walking distance.

CERMES will reserve and pay for the accommodations for all participants whose travel is being covered by the consultation. We are presently awaiting final confirmation from the hotels, as to which room, villa or apartment each participant will be assigned to, and we will share this information so you can find each other.

Breakfast is available at The Palms and Discovery Bay but not in the accommodations provided by Rival, as these are villas and apartments in a residential neighbourhood. The Italia coffee shop near the bus pick-up point opens at 7:00 am. There are convenience stores and a supermarket in the area for eat-in food shopping. For those arriving late, note that there will be no food or drink available in either the Palms or Rival accommodations.

#### Transportation for Overseas Participants

On arrival, those persons accommodated through Rival Enterprises Ltd., will be picked up at the airport by them (look for a sign with Rival on it) and taken directly to their accommodations at no cost. Participants who will be staying at the Palms Resort and Discovery Bay Beach Hotel will also be picked up by a taxi service engaged by us.

For departure, participants must arrange and pay for their own transportation to the airport. The hotels can arrange taxis. In addition, there are three (3) taxi stands in the Sunset Crest area (see map). The numbers are:

(246) 432-0367, (246) 432-1006 and (246) 432-0529.

Bus transportation to and from the UWI Campus will be provided for all overseas participants on each day of the conference. The bus pick-up time will be at 8:15 a.m. each morning at the point indicated on the attached map. You will have to walk to the bus pick-up point. It may be rainy, so please bring an umbrella. A van will collect those who are staying at Discovery Bay.

### Lunch during the Conference

We will provide a buffet lunch each day (from July 7 - 9, 2010) for all participants in the Mount Restaurant next to the Solutions Centre.

### Funds

Participants (whose costs are covered) will be provided with BDS\$140.00 (=US\$70.00) for each night that they are staying in Barbados. This is to cover breakfast, dinner and incidentals. Each participant will also be provided with a flat rate amount of BDS\$160.00 (=US\$80.00) for terminal expenses, i.e. cost of travel to and from the airport in the country or origin and to the airport in Barbados. If this amount is insufficient, participants should claim the additional amount by providing receipts for all expenses.

The funds will be provided in cash in BDS\$ at the conference in the coffee break on the first day (July 7, 2010). You are advised to travel with some US\$ currency to tide you over. US\$ are widely accepted in Barbados at about BDS\$2.00 to US\$1.00.

Surplus BDS\$ can be converted to US\$ at the airport when leaving the island. The bank inside the departure lounge opens at 6:00 am.

Those overnighing en route will receive additional funds in foreign currency.

### Contact information

- The Palms Resort, Halcyon Palm & Travellers Palm Apartments, Sunset Crest, St. James, Barbados; Telephone: (246) 432-6750; Fax: (246) 432-7229; Email: [res@thepalmsresort.net](mailto:res@thepalmsresort.net); Website: [www.thepalmsresort.net](http://www.thepalmsresort.net); Contact Person: Ms. Wendy Lawrence (Reservations).
- Rival Enterprises Ltd., 151 Flamboyant Avenue, Sunset Crest, St. James, Barbados; Telephone (246) 432-6457; Fax: (246) 432-2422; Email: [rival@caribsurf.com](mailto:rival@caribsurf.com); Contact Person: Mr. Brett de Gale (Reservations) – Mobile: (246) 234-4729.
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## Map of Sunset Crest, Holetown, St. James, Barbados

The map below of Sunset Crest shows where our overseas participants are staying. See also various restaurants, convenience stores, etc. Holetown is a prime tourism centre on the west coast of Barbados with many restaurants, shops and other amenities.

