

# REDD+ FOR THE GUIANA SHIELD

## 6th Working Group Meeting

### Community-based MRV systems in the Guiana Shield

24-27 August, 2015 Arrowpoint - Guyana

#### Logistics note

##### BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

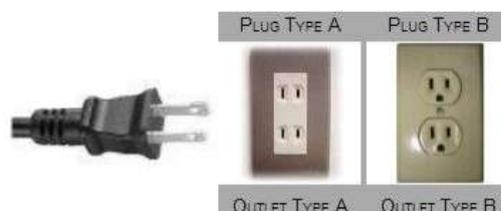
**Visas:** Please note that you are responsible for your visa arrangements and please keep the receipt for reimbursement. Participants are advised to check with the nearest Guyana Embassy. Participants with a passport issued in Suriname, France or Brazil do not need a visa to enter Guyana. However, **all visitors require a passport valid for at least 6 months.**

In Guyana, every traveler is required to pay a Travel Tax, commonly known as Departure Tax, every time he/she leaves Guyana for any place outside Guyana. After check-in, the passenger can purchase a Travel Tax/Departure Tax ticket from the Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA) booth at the airport, prior to entering the Immigration area.

A fee of \$4,000 GYD or its equivalent in US dollars (20 USD) is collected at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport, or of \$2,500 GYD at the Ogle International Airport.

Note: Participants travelling through Suriname (Paramaribo) should also check visa requirements for Suriname.

**Electricity:** The voltage is 110/240 volts, 50-60 cycles. Transformers can be used to step-up/step-down the voltage. Electrical appliances are widely available in Guyana. We recommend bringing an adapter. Please note that the majority of plugs in Guyana are as follows:



**Immunization:** Georgetown and the coastal areas are malaria-free. We advice to consult a doctor for the usual required precautions before any international travel. Georgetown has a Public Hospital and there are several other hospitals around where advice can be sought. Further information can be obtained from the Vaccination Division of the Ministry of Health by calling (+592) 226 7338 or (+592) 226 1366. Please note that you are responsible for your own travel/health insurance.

**Arriving in Guyana:** At your arrival at the airport, a taxi driver will be waiting to drive you to the event's venue.

##### WHILE YOU ARE IN GUYANA:

**Accommodation:** All participants will be staying at the Arrowpoint Nature Resort during the 6<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting, localized outside Georgetown, in the Santa Mission Reservation, West along the Demerara River. The accommodation in the resort is rustic but comfortable, and composed of five Amerindian-style bungalows, with 9 rooms, with a capacity of 4 people each.

The collective rooms will be shared between participants, and a first distribution will be done by the project team by gender. The repartition can be changed at arrival if needed.

More information about the facilities is available on <http://www.roraimairways.com/wp/resorts/arrowpoint-nature-resort/>

**Please note that there is no Internet at the Arrowpoint Nature Resort facilities.**

**Transportation:** The Arrowpoint Nature Resort is located around 2 hours from Georgetown city-center, and transportation to the place of the event requires land and river transport. All transfers, from and to the airport (Cheddi Jagan International and Ogle airports) are organized by Arrowpoint staff and time of the transfers will be communicated soon to participants.

**Meals:** Lunches, coffee-breaks and dinners will be provided during the event, at the Arrowpoint on-site restaurant. Breakfast is included. All additional meals will be reimbursed by the project. If you require a special diet for medical/ethical reasons, please inform the event organizers before traveling.

**Conference venue:** The conference will be held at the Arrowpoint Nature Resort conference room.

**Currency:** US dollars are widely accepted (even by taxis and restaurants). The Guyana Dollar has a fluctuating exchange rate of:

USD \$1.00 to GYD \$198.230

Euro \$1.00 to GYD \$215,650

**Water:** Tap water is not safe. The water provided during the event in jugs on the tables is purified and so is the ice.

**Emergency Contact Numbers:** *In case of emergency please contact emergency services and reception. Sara and Christelle are also available to help answer questions or assist with issues related to the event or logistics:*

Police - 911

Fire - 912

Ambulance - 913

Sara Svensson: (+597) 8655 227

Christelle Ndagijimana: (+55) 96 98403 1667

**Language:** The official language is English. During the event, translation will be available for Portuguese and French.

**Time Zone:** UTC-4

#### **BEFORE YOU LEAVE:**

**Checkout:** Most of the international participants are leaving with the Gum Air flight at 13h30, from Georgetown Ogle International Airport. According to Gum Air website, check-in starts at 12:00.

Participants are invited to pack their luggage on the 27<sup>th</sup> in the morning, as we will be going to a field session in the morning and leave to the airport directly after lunch. The airport shuttles will be organized with the Arrowpoint staff.

We wish you a nice stay in Guyana.

