INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS
Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)
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1. Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya

   i. Kuala Lumpur meaning ‘muddy confluence’ is the commercial and business capital of Malaysia. It is a Federal Territory, directly under the control of the Malaysian Federal Government. The city’s urban sprawl extends beyond the boundaries of the territory into surrounding Selangor State, particularly along the Klang Valley. A bustling metropolis, it also retains its old world charm in majestic colonial era buildings and quaint pre-war shop houses. It covers an area of 243 square kilometers with a population of about 1.8 – 2.0 million.

   ii. Putrajaya is the new Administrative Centre of the Federal Government of Malaysia. It is situated within the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) and is about 30km from Kuala Lumpur. Putrajaya is a model township that has been constructed with detailed planning, innovative urban design and utmost concern for the preservation of the environment. Its beautifully landscaped roads and parks as well as modern buildings clearly reflect the duality of its theme – “Garden City, Intelligent City”.

2. MEETING VENUE

PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE
41, Jalan Tun Ismail,
50480 Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia.
Tel: (603) 2614 6999, (603) 404 33999
Fax: (603) 404 33777
Email: pwtc@pwte.com.my
3. HOTELS
We suggested two hotels for accommodation purposes. Both hotels situated in walking distance from PWTC.

i. Best Western Premier Seri Pacific
Kuala Lumpur
Jalan Putra 50746
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel (603) 4042 5555
Fax (603) 4041 7236
E-mail: resv@seripacific.com
Toll Free:
1-800-88-8555
1-800-88-HOTEL
1-300-88-BWPSP

**Rate Room per night**
**Currency Exchange Rate: USD 1 equivalent to approximately RM3.50**

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<th>Standard Room</th>
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<td>Single</td>
<td>RM260</td>
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**Note:**
- Single (SGL): A single occupancy room with one bed
- Twin (TWN): A double occupancy room with two beds

**) The above rates are subject to 15% government tax and service charge.
The price is due to change without prior information to the reader.

ii. The Legend Hotel
Kuala Lumpur
Putra Place
100 Jalan Putra
50350 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel: (603) – 4042 9888
Fax: (603) – 4043 0700
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<th>Room Type</th>
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<td>Legend Crest Room</td>
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**The above rates are net.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENT TO MALAYSIA
To enter Malaysia, a visitor should possess the following documents:
- **Passport or Travel Document**
  Every person entering Malaysia must possess a valid national Passport or internationally recognized Travel Document valid for travel to Malaysia. The documents shall be valid, for more than six (6) months from the date of entry into Malaysia.
- **Fulfill visa requirement**
  Foreign nationals who require a Visa to enter Malaysia must apply and obtain a Visa in advance at Malaysian Representative Office before entering the country. Foreign nationals who require a Visa to enter Malaysia must apply and obtain a Visa in advance at any Malaysian Representative Office abroad before entering the country. Visa which has been granted is not absolute guarantee that the holder will be allowed to enter Malaysia. The final decision lies with the Immigration Officer at the entry point.
- **Malaysian Immigration Website**
  For further information please visit Malaysian Immigration Website as stated below: http://www.imi.gov.my/eng/perkhidmatan/im_Permit.asp

5. CURRENCY
The Malaysian currency is the Ringgit (RM). The exchange rate is approximately RM3.50 to 1USD. There are moneychangers and banks for currency exchange.

6. WEATHER CONDITION
The weather in Kuala Lumpur is warm and humid with average daily temperature ranging from 27 degree Celsius to 32 degree Celsius.

7. LANGUAGE
The official language is Bahasa Malaysia. However, English is widely spoken and understood. Cantonese, Mandarin and Tamil are also used.
8. **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**
The power supply is at 220 to 240 volts. Most hotels provide 110 to 120 volts adapters.

9. **TIME DIFFERENCE**
The standard Malaysian time is eight hours ahead of GMT (+8 GMT).

10. **TRANSPORT to Kuala Lumpur City Centre from Kuala Lumpur Airport (KLIA)**

    *By Taxi:* Airport Taxi, Destination Kuala Lumpur City Centre (approx: 45 minutes), cost around RM70 for one way ticket.

    *By train:* KLIA Express, Destination: KL Central (approx: 28 minutes), cost RM35 for one way ticket.

    *USD1.00 approximately equivalent to RM3.5

11. **PARTICIPATION by non-member States of the CSTD and by observers:**

    a) Similar to the regular sessions of the CSTD, the inter-session Panel meeting at Kuala Lumpur is open to non-member States of the Commission, as well as to representatives of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC and to representatives of civil society and business entities that were accredited to WSIS (observers). The latter category includes representatives of ITU sector members. All representatives of non-member States or observers should fill out the “participation request form” available on the website.

    b) Please note that as with all CSTD meetings, accommodation costs and flight/transportation costs for representatives of non-member States of the CSTD and of observers are not covered by UNCTAD, but at the own cost of the participants.