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Expert Group Meeting

**Re-launching the African Learning Group
(PRS/MDGs-LG)**

**3-4 June 2008
Mauritius**

Information for Participants

Dear Participants,

Welcome to the Expert Group Meeting on “Re-launching the African Learning Group” that builds on the previous Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers-Learning Group (PRSP-LG) and the mandate given to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) that emanated from the African Plenary on “National Poverty Reduction Strategies and the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)” held in Cairo in 2006. This expert meeting is organized by MDGs Poverty Analysis and Monitoring Section/ACGS of UNECA from the 3rd to the 4th June 2008 at the Mauricia Hotel, Mauritius.

Please find below some general information on workshop arrangements, which you may find useful.

1. IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Visa & entry

A visitor must be in possession of a valid passport and a return or onward ticket. A visitor's visa is normally granted for a period of two weeks to one month upon arrival, to almost all holders of a valid passport, with one or two exceptions. Visitors are strongly recommended to contact the Passport and Immigration Office in Mauritius or the nearest Mauritian Embassy or Consulate. The visa can be extended upon request at the Passport and Immigration Office, Sterling House, 11-19 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port-Louis, Tel : (230) 210-9312 to 210-9317 Fax (230)210-9322.

2. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

No vaccinations are required. However a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers over 1 year of age who arrive from areas where yellow fever cases are reported.

3. AIRLINE RESERVATIONS/TICKETING REQUIREMENTS

ECA sponsored participants will be informed on how to collect their ticket (e-ticket, PTA or UNDP country office). Sponsored participants are strongly advised not to purchase their own tickets for any reason. Please note that you will not be reimbursed should you proceed to purchase a self-ticket without prior express written authority from the workshop organizers.

4. CLIMATE

The temperature on the coastal areas varies between 22°C in winter and 34°C in summer. The sea temperature varies between 22°C and 27°C. In the central part of the island, the maximum daytime temperature varies from about 19°C in August to about 26°C in February. The western and northern regions are warmer and relatively drier than the East and the South.

6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

ECA has negotiated a special deal for participants at the Mauricia Hotel. The rates, which include breakfast and all taxes and charges, are as follows:

- ❖ Single Room: US\$94 per night

Each participant will be responsible for settling his/her hotel bill and related expenses (i.e. phone calls, mini bar, etc.).

7. DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

ECA will give a DSA of US\$273 per day for all sponsored participants to cover accommodation and other related costs (i.e. visa, phone calls, etc.)

8. LUNCH

Buffet Lunch will be provided at the Mauricia Hotel during the expert meeting.

9. CURRENCY

The monetary unit is the Mauritian Rupee (Rs.) which is divided into 100 cents (cs). At the latest exchange rate, one Euro is worth around Rs. 40 and the USD around Rs 26.

11. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the training workshop will be English.

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