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GFCM 40

INFORMATION NOTE

DATES

30 May – 3 June 2016

The official opening for the GFCM 40 will take place at **10:00 hours** on **Monday, 30 May 2016** in the Conference Room of the **InterContinental Hotel**, St Julian's, Malta. The sessions will then be held daily from 9:00 to 12:00 hours and from 14:00 to 17:00 hours.

MEETING VENUE

Conference Centre, InterContinental Hotel

InterContinental Hotel*****

St George's Bay, St Julian's, STJ 3310, Malta

Tel.: +356 21377600

Fax +356 21372222

Website: www.intercontinental.com/icmalta

REGISTRATION

Credentials

Members of delegations are kindly requested to send their official credentials to GFCM-Secretariat@fao.org at the earliest convenience, duly signed by the competent authorities of their respective Governments/agencies/organizations (sample format available on the GFCM website). Heads of delegation should be clearly specified in order to facilitate the potential organization of ad-hoc meetings. Originals of credentials can be provided to the Secretariat staff directly at the session in Malta.

Online pre-registration

Participants are requested to pre-register online at <http://www.fao.org/gfcm/meetings/meeting-detail/en/c/384687/> well in advance, and **no later than Tuesday 24 May 2016**, to facilitate compilation of the list of participants and especially smooth coordination for the issuance of badges.

Please note that registering online prior to the meeting is mandatory in accordance with standard United

Nations security procedures. Online registrations must be supported by signed credentials.

On-site registration

Participants are requested to obtain meeting badges at the registration desk that will be set up next to the Conference Room at the Intercontinental Hotel.

Badges may be picked up according to the following registrations schedule:

- **Sunday, 29 May 2016** from **17:00 hours to 19:00 hours**
- **Monday, 30 May 2016** from **08:30 to 10:00 hours**

DOCUMENTS

A **revised provisional agenda** is available in the four languages of the Commission on the GFCM 40 webpage.

As part of the efforts by the Commission to reduce the amount of paper used in conjunction with its sessions, the GFCM 40 will be a **paperless meeting**. Only copies of the meeting agenda will be made available.

All pre-session documents are being made available as they are issued in the [GFCM 40 SharePoint portal](#) in English and also translated in the working languages of the Commission, as appropriate. The portal will be accessible to accredited participants with their personal @gfcmonline credentials (new access credentials or password reset can be requested to the GFCM Secretariat).

NATIONAL REPORTS FOR THE COC

Contracting parties to the GFCM are kindly reminded to send to the GFCM Secretariat, **by Friday 29 April 2016**, their national reports on the implementation of GFCM decisions taken at the 38th and 39th sessions of the Commission, according to the established standard format (available online).

ST JULIAN'S

Hotel accommodation

Participants are free to choose their accommodation and **responsible for booking** their own rooms.

Preferential rates for GFCM delegates have been negotiated with the InterContinental Hotel (meeting venue): around €155.00 for a single and €175.00 for a double, breakfast and taxes included.

Preferential rates for GFCM delegates have also been negotiated with the following nearby hotels:

[Golden Tulip Vivaldi Hotel****](#), [BeHotel****](#), [Valentina Hotel****](#)

To benefit of the preferential rates for the InterContinental Hotel and the other above-mentioned nearby hotels, participants should proceed by downloading the **GFCM 40 hotel booking form** provided on the meeting webpage (<http://www.fao.org/gfcm/meetings/meeting-detail/en/c/384687/>) and send it duly filled to the attention of Ms Marilyn Lia of BLOOM, partner agent of GFCM 40, at marilyn@bloom.com.mt

Kindly note that GFCM preferential rates can only be guaranteed up to 30 days prior to the event. Room availability is on a first come, first serve basis.

Transport from Airport

Participants **should make their own transportation arrangements** from the airport of arrival to their respective hotels. Several transfer options are readily available at the airport servicing St Julian's as follows:

Malta international airport (<https://www.maltairport.com/>)

Malta Airport Shuttle Service – Will drop off directly at all major hotels in Malta (including St Julian's). Car can be booked online at the following link (<http://www.maltatransfer.com/>) or there is a counter in the baggage reclaim area at Malta International Airport. Costs for a shuttle van to St Julian's is around €8. Costs for a private car to St Julian's starts from €19.

Terravision Bus – Departures from the airport are aligned with the arrival of flights. Stops in Sliema, St. Julian's and Bugibba/Qawra. €8, c.50-60 minute ride. (http://www.terravision.eu/airport_transfer/bus-malta-airport-sliema/prezzi-e-orari-aeroporto-malta-sliema/)

Taxi – Taxis can be found at the exit of the airport. Fares are fixed at €20 from the airport to St Julian's. C.20 minute ride.

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Participants may follow the GFCM Twitter account as (https://twitter.com/UN_FAO_GFCM) to receive updates on the preparation and conduct of the session.