



## GOVERNMENT OF KIRIBATI

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### DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS FORUM

*Tarawa, Kiribati*  
25 – 27 June 2012

#### **Information Paper 01: Important Information & Administrative Arrangements for the 2012 Development Partners' Forum**

1. This document is intended to provide basic information that may be needed by the Development Partners Forum's delegates before arrival, on arrival and throughout the duration of the forum in Tarawa.

2. **Visa**

All foreign nationals and citizens are expected to abide by the country's visa or entry legal requirements, except nationals/citizens of countries listed in schedules 1 and 2 of the Republic of Kiribati's existing (or 2007) Visa (Exemption) Order. Copies of these schedules are appended for ease of reference. Accordingly, those delegates who may need a visa are requested to quickly lodge their visa applications with the Kiribati Immigration Department, if still has not been done.

3. **Accommodation**

Special arrangements have been made with Otintaai Hotel and Mary's Motel to reserve rooms for the forum's delegates effective from 25<sup>th</sup> until 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. The number of rooms available at these hotels is limited, so delegates are advised to do their early booking (and advance payment, if required) with either one of these hotels. Booking at Otintaai Hotel may be done via phone # 686 28021 whilst booking at Mary's Motel may be done on line via [www.booking.com/Mary's-Motel](http://www.booking.com/Mary's-Motel).

4. **Transport**

The Ministry of Finance & Economic Development will provide transport for the forum's delegates from the airport to the two reserved hotels and back (i.e. on arrival and departure), from the said reserved hotels to the meeting venue and back, including

transport to and from venues of official functions for the forum. Delegates accommodated elsewhere, other than the two reserved hotels, are requested to see into their own transport arrangement.

## **5. Airport Reception**

There will be ushers to meet the delegates on first arrival at the airport and also to see them off on departure. For ease of identification, these ushers will wear their I/D cards for the forum and will assist delegates with immigration formalities, luggage handling, and others as may also be needed by the delegates both on arrival and departure. In addition, all delegates for the forum will be accorded the airport's VIP services.

## **6. Medical & Pharmaceutical Services**

Only one registered pharmacy is available in Tarawa – i.e. government's pharmacy which is managed by the Ministry of Health & Medical Services. However, shortage of essential drugs, vaccines and other highly demanded medications is a common problem for this pharmacy hence the need for delegates to bring along their own medications to last them the duration of their entire stay in Tarawa. On call doctors will be arranged to provide basic medical services that may be needed by the delegates during their stay in Tarawa for the forum.

## **7. Programme**

The official opening of the 2012 Development Partners' Forum will be done by the Honorable Minister of Finance & Economic Development, Mr Tom Murdock, on 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3.15 p.m. at the Otintaai Hotel's 'maneaba' (or local meeting hall) in Bikenibeu, preceded by registration for the forum to start at 3.00 p.m.. Presentations will be done at the same venue straight after the opening session. The meeting proper, on the other hand, will be held at the Marine Training Center's new building in Betio from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> instant. More information on the programme is attached as annex 1 of the forum's meeting paper, DPF 01, circulated separately to the delegates. Meanwhile, comments on this draft working procedures document are most welcomed from delegates so that the document may be revised well in advance before the meeting.

## **8. Meeting Papers**

All documents for the forum will be provided electronically to the delegates in good time before the meeting. However, drafts of the completed papers have been sent via email to the delegates and the same will be done for the few remaining papers that are yet to be completed. Delegates are advised to use their final electronic copies of the meeting documents for the forum as no hard copies will be provided.

**9. Currency & Bank Services**

The Australian currency is the only currency used in Kiribati whilst the ANZ Bank is the only bank that provides bank services for the country. The ANZ Bank's head office is located in Bairiki with one branch in Bikenibeu and the other in Betio. ATM services are available outside all ANZ Bank's offices, including the USP Kiribati Campus and the Tungaru Central Hospital. More information about the Bank's services is available online at [www.anz.com/kiribati](http://www.anz.com/kiribati).

**10. Mobile Phone Services**

Roaming mobile phones can be used in Tarawa. Sim and recharge cards are sold out at the Telecom Services Kiribati Ltd's (or TSKL's) head office in Bairiki. However, some shops, especially small shops, around town also sell recharge cards. TSKL's website, <https://tskl.net.ki>, provides more information about its mobile phone and other telecommunications services.

**11. Secretariat Contact**

The forum's secretariat will be housed in the room right beside the venue for the meeting proper at the Marine Training Center in Betio. The Secretariat staff will be available in this room to render assistance to the delegates throughout the entire duration of the meeting sessions. After hours, they may be contacted on mobile phone numbers to be announced to the delegates at the opening session.

**12. Delegates are advised to take careful note of these information for their guidance and assistance before arrival, on arrival and during their stay for the forum in Tarawa.**

## SCHEDULE 2

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| • Antigua and Barbuda   | • Ireland                       | • Samoa   |
| • Australia   | • Italy                         | • Seychelles  |
| • Austria   | • Jamaica                       | • Sierra Leone  |
| • Barbados  | • Japan                         | • Singapore   |
| • Belgium   | • Kenya                         | • Slovakia  |
| • Bulgaria  | • Latvia                        | • Slovenia  |
| • Canada  | • Lesotho                       | • Solomon Islands   |
| • Cook Islands  | • Lithuania                     | • Spain   |
| • Cyprus  | • Luxembourg                    | • Sweden  |
| • Czech Republic  | • Malawi                        | • Switzerland   |
| • Denmark   | • Malaysia                      | • The Bahamas   |
| • Estonia   | • Malta                         | • Tonga   |
| • Fiji Islands  | • Mauritius                     | • Trinidad and Tobago   |
| • Finland   | • Nauru                         | • Tunisia   |
| • France  | • Netherlands                   | • Tuvalu  |
| • Germany   | • New Zealand                   | • United Kingdom  |
| • Grenada   | • Niue                          | • United Kingdom Overseas Territories of Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands |
| • Greece  | • Poland                        | • United States of America  |
| • Hong Kong (only in respect of holders of British National (Overseas) passports and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passports) | • Portugal                      | • Vanuatu   |
| • Hungary   | • Romania                       | • Zambia  |
|   | • St Kitts and Nevis            | • Zimbabwe  |
|   | • St Lucia                      |   |
|   | • St Vincent and the Grenadines |   |

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