

# **WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION**

## **MEETING OF THE COORDINATION GROUP ON FORECAST VERIFICATION (CG-FV)**

**MONTREAL, CANADA**

**24 – 27 JANUARY 2010**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

#### **1. DATES AND VENUE**

The meeting will be held from 24-27 January, 2010 at the Canadian Meteorological Centre and Quebec Region offices of the Meteorological Service of Canada:

##### **Jan 24:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room  
Environment Canada  
Canadian Meteorological Centre  
2121 TransCanada Highway (North Service Road)  
Dorval, Que, Canada  
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##### **Jan 25-27:**

**André Robert Conference Room  
Meteorological Service of Canada – Quebec Region  
Environment Canada  
Place Bonaventure, Portail Nord-Est  
800 rue de la Gauchetière Ouest, 7th Floor, suite 7810, Montréal**

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## 2. ENTRY FORMALITIES – PASSPORT AND VISA

Participants are invited to consult <http://cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp> for general information on entering Canada. A passport is required for all visitors. A visa may also be required (see <http://cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp> ).

## 3. HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Participants are free to select the hotel they prefer but we recommend the following:

### DELTA CENTRE-VILLE

777 University Ave.  
Montreal Quebec H3C 3Z7

A set of 7 rooms have been reserved for the period Jan. 23 – 28, at the rate of 129\$ Can, excluding taxes. These rooms will be held at this rate until January 19th. Participants are asked to make their own reservation directly with the Delta Centre-Ville Reservations Department at Toll Free number 1-877-814-7706. In order to receive the preferred contracted rates, you must identify your affiliation with the group: CG-FV

## 4. TRANSPORTATION

**Airport - Hotel:** There is a relatively new [express bus](#) between Montreal Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport and the downtown area. The bus makes a number of stops downtown, close to major hotels. The Delta is about a 5-10 minute walk from stop #5 in the document linked above. The express bus fare of 7\$ CAN allows access to the Montreal public transit system (buses and métro trains), for a period of 24 hours.

**Taxi** - A taxi ride from the airport direct to downtown hotels costs about 50\$ CAN (flat rate).

**Public Transportation:** Montréal has a very efficient Métro (subway) transportation system. Please see <http://www.stm.info> for full information.

## 5. CURRENCY

The legal tender is the Canadian dollar (CAD \$), which is divided into 100 cents. Bank notes are available in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollars, and coins in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 25 cents and 1 and 2 dollars.

The Canadian dollar is worth (on 8 December 2010):

0.99 US dollar

0.75 Euro

0.98 Swiss francs

0.63 U.K. pound sterling

83.33 Japanese Yen

The rate is updated daily at <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/rates/exchform.html>.

## **6. LANGUAGE**

The official language of Québec is French but English is very common and most people are bilingual in the Montréal area.

## **7. TIME**

Montréal is on Eastern Standard Time, which is 5 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-5).

## **8. WEATHER**

January can be a very cold month in Montréal.

Daily average temperature for the month: -10.2C

Normal Hi/Lo temperatures for the week of the meeting: -6.0/-15.2C

Record Hi/Lo temperatures for the week of the meeting: 13.9C/-31.8C.

Climatologically, there is a 55% chance of precipitation on any given day

Average snowfall amount for January: 52.5 cm

Average rainfall amount: 27.2

Average snow depth: 15 cm

Forecasts and observations for Montréal are available on the Meteorological Service of Canada web-site: [http://meteo.gc.ca/city/pages/qc-147\\_metric\\_e.html](http://meteo.gc.ca/city/pages/qc-147_metric_e.html) .

## **9. INFORMATION FOR VISITORS AND THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN MONTREAL**

Please see

<http://www.bonjourquebec.com/qc-en/infospratiques0.html>

<http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/B2C/00/default.asp>.

Cold and snow are not necessarily a hindrance to getting around in Montréal, thanks to its extensive [Underground City](#), which connects to shopping, hotels, transportation and tourist sites.

## **10. TIPPING**

(From <http://quebec.worldweb.com/TravelEssentials/LocalCustomsEtiquette/>)

Tips are not added to bills (typically 15%) and should be proportional to your satisfaction with the service. Occasionally restaurants will add a service charge, usually for groups of 6 or more, in which case there is no need for an additional tip.

## **11. TAXES**

Nearly all goods and services (except food and medical prescriptions) are subject to a 12.875% tax (Canadian Goods and Services Tax and Quebec Sales Tax). Hotel rooms are subject to an additional 3% tax. A Government of Canada tax refund program for visitors was terminated on 31 March 2007.

## **12. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS CONTACT**

If you have any question, or if you need information or assistance, please contact

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