



13th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
03 - 05 July 2018, The Hague, the Netherlands

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Meeting date and venue

The 13th Meeting of the AEWA Standing Committee will be held on 03 - 05 July 2018 at the premises of the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality in The Hague, the Netherlands (Bezuidenhoutseweg 73, 2594 AC, The Hague).

The meeting will be opened **at 09:00 on Tuesday, 03 July and is scheduled to finish at 17:00 on Thursday, 05 July 2018.**

The Ministry is located near the centre of The Hague within walking distance of the central station. A registration desk will be set up in the hall of the building. Registration will be open from 08:00 to 09:00 on 03 July 2018. Please be aware that you will have to pass through security when entering the building and make sure to allow sufficient time for the security check. Please bring your passport as ID. All delegates will be guided to the meeting room.

Meeting contact numbers

In case of any questions or if you require assistance, before the meeting, please contact the meeting organiser:

- Ms Marie-Therese Kaemper (UNEP/AEWA Secretariat): +49 228 815 2413
(mt.kaemper@unep-awa.org)

In case of any questions or if you require assistance during the meeting, please contact:

- Ms Wilmar Rimmelts (Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality): +31 70 378 4907
(w.j.rimmelts@minez.nl)
- or
- Dr Jacques Trouvilliez (UNEP/AEWA Secretariat): +49 151 14571325
(jacques.trouvilliez@unep-awa.org)

Accommodation

- Hotel reservations have been made for sponsored delegates – details will be provided.
- All non-sponsored participants are requested to **make their own hotel reservations.**

Hotel recommendations in walking distance of the StC13 venue:

Hotel Babylon offers a deal for this meeting of 139 EUR per night including breakfast.

This offer is guaranteed until 15 June for a maximum of 20 persons.

For this arrangement the bookings should be made through this link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=51175&Chain=12113&arrive=7/3/2018&depart=7/5/2018&adult=1&child=0&group=GRPMINLNV>

Babylon Hotel

Bezuidenhoutseweg 53

2594 AC, The Hague, Netherlands

info.babylon@edenhotels.nl

www.babylonhoteldenhaag.com

Tel.: +31 70 381 4901

Other Hotel options are:

Boutique Hotel Corona

Buitenhof 39-42

The Hague, 2513 AH, Netherlands

<https://corona.nl/>

welkom@corona.nl

Tel.: +31 (0) 70 36 379 30

NH Hotel Den Haag

Prinses Margrietplantsoen 100

The Hague, 2595 BR, Netherlands

nhdenhaag@nh-hotels.com

www.nh-hotels.com

Tel.: +31 70 381 2345

PARKHOTEL DEN HAAG

Molenstraat 53

The Hague, 2513 BJ , Netherlands

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Tel.: +31703624371; +31703614525

Visas

All registered meeting participants requiring visas will be provided with personal invitation letters, as well as verbal notes to support their visa applications. Please note that it is absolutely necessary that you obtain your visa before travelling to the Netherlands. The Government of the Netherlands does not issue visas on arrival and airlines will not allow you to board your flight to the Schengen area without a valid visa. The visa costs of funded participants will be covered.

Participants experiencing any difficulties with immigration or customs upon arrival in the Netherlands should contact the meeting organisers (see contact information above).

The website of the Government of the Netherlands provides all necessary information to obtain a visa to enter the Netherlands.

<https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/travel-and-residence/visas-for-the-netherlands>

Arrival at the airport

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) is located approximately 45 kilometres northeast of Amsterdam and has extensive road and rail links to The Hague. From AMS Airport, it takes about 30- 45 minutes to get to the centre of The Hague.

The Schiphol Airport train station is located directly below the airport. It only takes a couple of minutes to walk from the arrival halls to Schiphol Plaza. From there, the escalators and lifts descend to the platform.

<https://www.schiphol.nl/en/travel-from-schiphol/>

Arrival by train

The Hague can be reached by train from all major European cities. The average journey time between Schiphol Airport and The Hague CS is 25-35 minutes.

For more information regarding train connections and prices, please see:

https://www.trainline.eu/train-times/schiphol-airport-to-den-haag-hs?_ga=2.69573136.1256854156.1519733082-871906953.1519733082

Additional information on public transport can be found here:

<https://9292.nl/en>

Meeting language, documents and Wi-Fi

The meeting language will be English.

The documents for this meeting will be made available for download from the AEWA website:

<http://www.unep-aewa.org/en/meeting/13th-meeting-aewa-standing-committee>

Hard paper copies of the meeting documents will not be distributed before or during the meeting. However, free wireless internet will be available to all participants in the meeting room.

Meals

The Ministry will provide sandwich lunches for all meeting participants on the three meeting days. Likewise, complementary refreshments will be provided during the mid-morning and mid-afternoon coffee breaks and a cocktail on the first evening.

Currency

The currency in the Netherlands is the Euro (€/EUR).

Official language and local time

The official language is Dutch.

The Netherlands is located in the Central European Time Zone and is GMT/UTC + 1h.

Weather

July generally is the warmest month of the year in The Hague, with temperatures ranging between night-time lows of 13° C (54° F) and midday highs around 22° C (72° F).

Electricity and water

Electric current is 230 V at 50 Hz, utilizing 2-pin plugs (see image).



Tap water in the Netherlands is of high quality and safe to drink.

Travel and health insurance

Participants are responsible for their own travel and health insurance. It is recommended that all participants take out comprehensive policies before arriving in the Netherlands. Concerning emergencies or need for hospital services, EU and EEA citizens are covered through their national health programmes.

Emergency numbers

Police, ambulance and fire Tel.: 112