

Dear Colleagues,

We want to share with you some more information about the logistics and security details of our meetings in Paris. This information is equally important to Chapters under both projects.

1. General Information

Climate conditions vary in France where winters can be mild or colder. To give an idea, the average temperature in Paris in December 2014 was +6°C. At Paris-Le Bourget precisely, average minimum temperatures were 3.2°C and average maximum temperatures 7.8°C. For more information on weather forecasts visit [here](#).

TI-S will only be covering your accommodation cost. In any case, please keep your original receipts for your respective project budgets. Please **do not use taxis** as they don't fit our value for money approach and the costs are not reimbursable under our projects.

Since TI-S cannot provide per diems, we recommend you to take cash with you, about 50 EUR per day, depending on your needs.

We will organise a dinner with **all** Chapters after our meeting day on 6 December. This will be paid for by TI-S and we will announce the location soon.

2. TI Meetings Schedule

Please see here the schedule of meetings that will be held over the weekend between the two weeks of the COP21. Brice and Leah will share the detailed agendas for the BMUB and REDD+In meetings in the coming days.

	Friday 4 th December	Saturday 5 th December	Sunday 6 th December	Monday 7 th December
AM	Adaptation Planning meeting Participants: TI Maldives, TI Bangladesh, TI-S Time: TBC Location: TBC	BMUB Kick Off Meeting Participants: TI Maldives, TI Bangladesh, TI-Kenya, Proetica, Transparencia Mexicana, TI-S Time: 9.30 – 17.30 Location: Le Comptoir Général	BMUB Kick Off meeting Participants: TI Maldives, TI Bangladesh, TI-Kenya, Proetica, Transparencia Mexicana, TI-S Time: 9.30 – 17.30 Location: Le Comptoir Général REDD+In team meeting Participants: TI Ghana, TI Zimbabwe, TI Zambia, TI Cameroon, TI-S Time: TBC Location: TI France	GCF Procurement Planning Meeting Participants: TI South Korea, TI-S Time: TBC Location: TBC
PM	TI Official Side Event at the COP Time: 16.45 – 18.15 Location: Observer Room 1		TI Dinner Participants: All TI Chapter and TI-S staff Time: TBC Location: TBC	

3. Information on the COP21

The COPs are usually quite busy and it is not always easy to find out how things are happening and where. Several streams of negotiations are going on at the same time (some can be closed to observers but if you have a national delegation badge, you should be able to access all meetings). Besides those, official side events are taking place on-site and off-site. Finally, there are also other events happening in different places outside of these two main venues.

For a **general overview** you will find a [guide](#) on the Climate Network website. The UNFCCC has launched a new interactive [guide](#) as well.

You will find information on the [UNFCCC website](#) and on the screens of the venue; there is also a UNFCCC application called [Negotiator](#) that you can download and use on your phone. Please also see the [list of official side events](#).

Other civil society events include the Citizens Climate Summit to be held on December 5 and 6 in Montreuil (Seine Saint-Denis) and the Action Zone Climate (ZAC), to be held from December 7 to 11 at Paris-CENTQUATRE. The Climate Generations Space adjacent to the formal conference centre at Le Bourget will also go ahead with increased security. As you might have seen, the marches are however cancelled.

There are morning briefing every day from CAN (Climate Action Network), we recommend you join them as they are very informative. Just ask around where and when it takes place!

There should also be morning briefing from REDD+ Safeguards working group (TI is a member of this coalition and some of its members are really knowledgeable on how negotiations work). You can get in touch with Brice to know more.

4. Security

Our point of contact for emergencies in Paris will be Brice Boehmer (TI-S), +49 157 3961 0406. We will circulate a French number when Brice is in Paris as well.

At the end of this document, we have put together addresses and phone numbers of your respective embassies. Please make sure to have this information on hand should you face any difficulties in the country.

We are staying in touch with our TI-S Security Adviser and will keep you updated should there be anything of concern. We should not be unduly alarmed by a highly visible police and/or military presence. In the meantime, please carefully read the following information:

France introduces border controls – this was introduced before the Paris attacks and is a [precautionary measure for the Paris talks](#). In practical terms, travel to Paris by plane should be largely unaffected. Travelling by land or sea may be subject to random stops and passport checks.

Travel in Paris – Immediately following the attacks and as anti-terror operations take place there are sporadic disruptions to public transport in the Capital. Travel should have normalised by the time of the conference, nonetheless, we recommend exploring in advance alternative routes in case there are further disruptions.

State of Emergency and freedom of association – Public demonstration and events or activities in public spaces are technically banned following the declaration of state of emergency. Some mourning events in the immediate wake of the attack had a blind eye turned to them, but now and in the follow-up to the conference French authorities will likely be much more rigid and diligent in shutting down any planned public events or actions. These measures have clear implications for the conference side-events. It has already been stated that [a number of these side-events will be cancelled](#). Also, the authorities have already [decided](#) not to authorise any public demonstrations. Therefore, the major marches, such as those planned on November 29 and December 12, will not be allowed to take place.

Ongoing anti-terrorism activities – Since the attack there have been widespread and significant operations by the police targeting those suspected of having links with jihadist groups. Hundreds of raids have taken place across the country and the Capital; in a small number this has led to serious, violent confrontations resulting in temporary restrictions to areas of the city. There is little to be done to avoid such anti-terror operations, but it is likely that so many are taking place now in part to ensure they don't have to take place during the conference. In case of such activities, we will receive alerts from our Security Adviser and will update you accordingly.

COP21 location – The talks were already going to have a high level of security, this has been heightened further. Security will be visible inside and outside the venue (which will include armed personnel), and will be particularly tight at the entrances and exits of the venue. Besides the obvious banned items such as guns, any blunt object that could do harm (such as scissors), anything combustible (aerosols), as well as any liquids – [no matter their volume, nature or container](#) – will be prohibited.

Further attacks and threats – Should there be further threats or attacks and the conference not be cancelled, then the updated attack/threat will be communicated to everyone attending to ensure they are aware and say attendance is not mandatory and ultimately their individual decision.

General safety and security – Being a Capital city, please be reminded about the usual threats, especially crime such as pick pocketing. Number of all emergency services is [112](#). Lastly, nationwide, every first Wednesday of the month at noon (12:00), the emergency sirens which operate nationwide are tested. The sirens can be heard wailing as these are tested in three sequences.

5. Hotels

We have booked two hotels, [Hotel Little Regina](#) and [Hotel Garden Saint Martin](#). They are both located centrally and are close to the BMUB Meeting venue.

Participants staying at Hotel Little Regina might have received a cancellation note from Booking.com. Do not worry, I have confirmed all rooms directly with the hotel now as there has been an issue with this website, and **your reservation is still valid**.

Participants staying at Hotel Garden Saint Martin will receive their hotel confirmation next week.

6. BMUB Kick-Off Meeting Venue

Our BMUB Project Kick-Off Meeting will take place on 5 and 6 December at [Le Comptoir Général](#), a unique venue on Canal St. Martin. We will circulate the agenda for the meeting soon and are looking forward to fruitful exchange.

7. REDD+IN Meeting Venue

Our meeting will take place on 6 December in TI France office, not far from the hotels: 10 passage Dubail. We will circulate the agenda for the meeting soon and are looking forward to fruitful exchange.

8. Transportation

To use public transport in Paris, it would be best to buy a multiple-day pass as buying single tickets could get quite expensive if you plan on using the metro. You will need a ticket for zones 1-3, and a five-day pass for these costs 35,70€. If you stay longer, you can buy a 'Pass Navigo' and then have a weekly pass but you would need to bring a picture of you and buy this pass from a metro station.

Please find more information [here](#), and a guide on how to use public transport in Paris [here](#).

Once again, **please do not use taxis!**

From and to the airport

From Charles de Gaulle Airport, you can take RER B line to Gare du Nord and then walk to the hotel. You can buy the tickets at the airport for 10€.

To Hotel Little Regina ([Location](#))

The closest Metro and RER train station is Paris Gare de l'Est.

To Hotel Garden Saint Martin ([Location](#))

The closest Metro station is Jacques Bonsergent.

To the COP21

From both hotels, it is easiest to walk until Gare du Nord and then take RER line B to Le Bourget. At the station, there will be shuttles going to the COP venue.

To the BMUB meeting venue

From both hotels, it is easiest to just walk as Le Comptoir Général ([Location](#)) is very close and it only takes about 5-10 minutes.

Click [here](#) for the route from Garden Saint Martin and [here](#) for the route from Little Regina

Embassy Details

You will find in the below table contact details of the different embassies.
Please note yours and keep the details with you.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you for your availability and look forward to see all of you soon.

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