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Working Group on Operational Effectiveness Workshop Announcement

The Working Group on Operational Effectiveness (WGOE) will hold their Workshop on 17-18 July 2019. The Workshop will be held at the Mappin Pavilion of the Zoological Society of London (please see https://goo.gl/maps/SbUNncgGb682).

A Workshop agenda and additional information on preparations for the meeting are forthcoming.

Lodging: we recommend the following hotels:

Premier Inn, Archway

Hamlyn House Macdonald Road London N19 5DD

https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/greater-london/london/london-archway.html

Tel - +44 (0) 871 5279598

Room rate - Approximately £130/night

Premier Inn, Hampstead

215 Haverstock Hill Hampstead, London NW3 4RB

https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/greater-london/london-archway.html

Tel - +44 (0) 871 5278662

Room rate - Approximately £133/night

The hotels above are just a few stops on the London Underground Northern Line to Camden, then a short walk to the event venue at ZSL.

Danubius Hotel, Regent's Park 18 Lodge Road, St John's Wood, London. NW8 7JT

https://www.danubiushotels.com/en/our-hotels-london/danubius-hotel-regents-park

Tel: +44 (0)20 7722 7722

Room rate - Approximately £160/night

Holiday Inn, Camden Lock

30 Jamestown Rd London NW1 7BY Tel - +44 (0)20 7485 4343 https://www.hicamdenlock.co.uk/ Room rate - Approximately £200/night

Voluntary Assistance Fund

Limited funding to cover travel costs to participate in this Workshop is available from the Voluntary Assistance fund for those who are eligible and who are members of the Working Group. Contracting Governments are encouraged to make additional voluntary contributions to this fund if they are able. Please contact the Secretariat if you wish to apply to this fund. Formal applications must be received by **5pm GMT 30 April**. Applicants will be notified on 17 May as to whether their application has been successful.

The WGOE remains open for member governments to participate.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions,

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