

## Important Instructions to Participants

- **The Council for Renewable Natural Resources Research of Bhutan (CoRRB),** Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, the Royal Government of Bhutan will send invitation letter and Visa application form to the participants nominated by the competent authorities to enable them to obtain necessary permissions and to apply for Bhutan Visa.
- CoRRB will help facilitate all confirmed participants to obtain Bhutan Visa. **Please send scanned copy of your Passport (first and last pages)** to **Mr Kailash Pradhan (e-mail: [pradhankailash@gmail.com](mailto:pradhankailash@gmail.com))**, Principal Research Officer, Council for RNR Research of Bhutan (CoRRB), Ministry of Agriculture and Forests **immediately** for facilitating visa processing.
- Sponsored participants are requested to purchase the least cost economy class return air-tickets in the shortest route to Paro Airport (Bhutan) Visit [www.drukair.com.bt](http://www.drukair.com.bt) for drukair flight schedule.
- Submit scanned copy of filled visa application form to Mr. Kailash Pradhan at [pradhankailash@gmail.com](mailto:pradhankailash@gmail.com) and [kesaom@yahoo.com](mailto:kesaom@yahoo.com) to process Bhutan visa along with copy of passport (copy of visa application form attached or visit Bhutan Foreign Ministry's website at [www.mfa.gov.bt](http://www.mfa.gov.bt) to download visa form.
- For the sponsored participants, the organizers will reimburse the travel cost upon submission of original bills and pay the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the workshop venue as per the norms.
- Organizers will not arrange air tickets. Since time is short, all sponsored participants are requested to book / purchase the tickets in advance to avoid delay.
- Please bring original travel bills with you; In advance, you may send scanned copies of your Passport and travel bills to **Mrs Urairat, Administrative Associate, APAARI** in for easy settlement at her e-mail: [urairat@apaari.org](mailto:urairat@apaari.org). Please note this is important for reimbursing your travel charges.
- CoRRB will arrange accommodation to participants in the available hotels in Thimpu during the workshop period. The exact address of the hotel accommodation will be informed by CoRRB directly to the participants.
- Non-sponsored participants should bear all their expenditure including travel, accommodation and other expenditure. They may also send scanned copies of their Passports along with filled-in visa form to Mr Kailash Pradhan (e-mail: [pradhankailash@gmail.com](mailto:pradhankailash@gmail.com)) for Bhutan visa.
- For Bhutan Visa, hotel accommodation and other help in Bhutan, please contact **Mr Kailash Pradhan**, Principal Research Officer, Council for RNR Research of Bhutan (CoRRB), Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, P.O Box 119; Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, Thimphu, BHUTAN. Telephone: Mobile: +975-17614798; Tel: Direct (O)+975-2-333014; Ext: 213 FAX:+975-2-322504; e-mail: [pradhankailash@gmail.com](mailto:pradhankailash@gmail.com).

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### **General Information about Bhutan**

Bhutan is located in the eastern Himalayan range between India and China. The total area of Bhutan is 38,394 sq km. It is mostly mountainous with human settlement concentrated in the river valley and foothills.

**Climate:** Bhutan has four distinct seasons viz spring (March- May), summer (June- Sept), autumn(October- Nov) and winter(Dec- Feb). Winter is normally dry with average temperature ranging from -5to 20 °C. Days are short during winter, it gets dark by 5pm. Bhutan standard time is 6 hours ahead GMT or 30 minutes ahead of Indian Standard Time.

**Currency:** Value of Bhutanese currency (Ngultrum) is equivalent to Indian rupee. (present exchange rate is USD 1= Nu. 54) for detail exchange rate please visit Royal Monetary Authority at [www.rma.org.bt](http://www.rma.org.bt)

**Food:** Bhutanese food is rice, generally a local red rice, served with either a little dried meat cooked with very hot chilies or red capsicum onum or a sauce made from chilies and local cheese. However, one can get all type of Indian, Chinese and other continental dishes.

**Cloth:** During December the weather in Thimphu is quite cold especially during morning and evening. It is advisable to carry warm cloths while visit Thimphu and other surrounding places during December.