

**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE UNWTO COMMISSION
FOR SOUTH ASIA AND AT ITS FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING**

Chengdu, China, 11 September 2017

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UNWTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA (CSA)
Fifty-sixth Meeting
Chengdu, China
Monday, 11 September 2017
16:00-17:30

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Welcome remarks by the Chairperson of the Commission
3. Introductory remarks by the Secretary-General
4. Nomination of candidates to the 22nd General Assembly offices:
 - a. **One** Vice-President of the General Assembly ¹
 - b. **One** Member of the Credentials Committee
5. Nomination of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary organs:
 - (a) **Two** candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council for 2017-2021
 - (b) **One** candidate to the Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership (2017-2019)²
 - (c) **One** candidate for an Ad-hoc Committee for the preparation of the final draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics
6. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission for 2017-2019
7. Jury for the video competition³
8. Update on regional activities
9. Other matters
10. Place and date of the Fifty-seventh meeting of the Commission

¹ If the Assembly follows the tradition of nominating as President the head of delegation of the host country, there would be no post of Vice-President for the region of the East Asia and the Pacific

² It is recommendable that India (a member of the Executive Council) continue representing the Commission on this Committee for the next 2 years for the sake of continuity

³ In order to select the winners of the six regional prizes, a jury will be established comprising the Chairs of the six Regional Commissions of UNWTO, one representative of the host country (China), and a prominent communications professional designated by the Organization. Each member of the jury shall vote for three videos from each region, except his or her own region in the case of representatives of the member countries.

PREAMBLE

The fifty-sixth meeting of the UNWTO Commission for South Asia chaired by **India** was held in Chengdu, China on 11th September 2017, within the framework of the 22nd session of the UNWTO General Assembly. The Assembly was hosted by the Government of China from 11-16 September 2017.

DECISIONS

CSA/DEC/1(LVI)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1 (document CSA/56/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

Adopts the Agenda of its 56th meeting, as submitted by the Secretary-General in document CSA/56/Prov. Agenda.

CSA/DEC/2(LVI)

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2

The Commission,

Thanks the Chairperson for his remarks.

CSA/DEC/3(LVI)

WELCOME REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Agenda item 3

The Commission,

Thanks the Secretary-General for his introductory remarks and expresses its great appreciation to him for his invaluable contribution to the growth of tourism in the region during his tenure which will end at the end of 2017.

CSA/DEC/4(LVI)

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE REGION ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

Agenda items 4 to 6 (document A/22/Com.Reg)

The Commission,

Decides to nominate the following Members as its candidates to the offices of the 22nd session of the General Assembly:

- Vice-President of the Assembly: Sri Lanka
- Member of the Credentials Committee: Iran

CSA/DEC/5(LVI)

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT THE REGION ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL & ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The Commission,

Having considered the working document submitted by the Secretary-General on the nominations and elections to statutory organs and their subsidiary organs,

Decides to nominate the following countries to represent the region as follows:

- **India** as a member of **the Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership** (2017-2019),
- **Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh** as members of **Ad-hoc Committee** for the preparation of the **final draft Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics**.

CSA/DEC/6(LVI)

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE REGION

The Commission,

Having been informed that Bangladesh and India had presented their candidatures to the Secretariat for election and re-election respectively as the next chair of the Commission,

Decides to elect **Bangladesh** as Chairperson of the Commission for South Asia and **Iran** and **Bhutan** as Vice-Chairpersons for a term of office of two years commencing from the 22st session of the General Assembly.

CSA/DEC/7(LVI)

THE JURY OF THE VIDEO COMPETITION

Agenda item 7

The Commission,

Agrees that **India** as the Chair of the Commission represent its Members on the Jury that selects the 6 regional prizes for the Video Competition.

NB: **Bhutan** was chosen as the winner of the video competition.

CSA/DEC/8(LVI)

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 8 (document CSA/56/8)

The Commission,

Having listened to the report by the Director of the Regional Programme for Asia and the Pacific on the activities carried out in the region,

Thanks the Secretariat for the range of activities covered within the period under review.

CSA/DEC/9(LVI)

OTHER MATTERS

Agenda item 9

The Commission takes note that there were no other matters to discuss.

CSA/DEC/10(LVI)

PLACE AND DATE OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 10

The Commission,

Notes that the 57th meeting of the Commission will take place in 2019 in Saint Petersburg, (Russia) within the framework of the 23rd UNWTO General Assembly

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