

## **Nomination, selection and appointment procedures of the members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics**

### **I. Introduction**

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1. The World Committee on Tourism Ethics (WCTE) is the impartial body responsible for interpreting, applying and evaluating the provisions of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism (GCET). For further information, please see the annexed UNWTO General Assembly resolution A/RES/607(XIX) of 8-14 October 2011.
2. The Committee is composed of nine personalities, specifically, a chairperson and eight members<sup>1</sup>.
3. With a view to ensure continuity of the work of the Committee, and in accordance with resolution 636(XX) of the General Assembly, the membership of the WCTE will be renewed by half every two years. In this regards, four vacant positions are to be filled by September 2019 and for a mandate of four years.
4. Full details about the current membership and the mandate duration can be found in <http://ethics.unwto.org/content/members-2017-2021>

### **II. Profile of candidates**

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#### **Who can apply?**

5. Eligible candidates for the Committee should be eminent personalities who are independent and impartial, with a high moral character and personal integrity, as well as nationally or internationally recognised competence in a number of fields, not necessarily directly related to tourism.
6. The requirement of independence and impartiality are not compatible with the appointment of individuals who currently hold decision-making positions within national tourism administrations, the executive or legislative branches of their governments, or any other organisation or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to their mandate as Members of the Committee.
7. Good communication skills in English would be an asset, as English is the working language of the Committee. So too are a readiness to attend at least one session of

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, three alternate members are also designated in order to replace full members in case of resignation or unavailability.

the Committee per year, and the availability of time to research and draft short briefing papers on specific tourism-related ethical issues for the Committee's consideration and discussion.

8. Due consideration will be given to gender balance and equitable geographic representation, as well as to appropriate representation from the public and private sectors, academia and civil society organisations.

### III. Nominations

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#### Who can nominate candidates?

9. Nominations of candidates to the Committee can be submitted by UNWTO Member States, Associate and Affiliate Members, as well as by the Secretary-General of UNWTO.

#### How to nominate a candidate?

10. The nominating authority (the NTA of a Member State or an Associate Member, or the designated representative of an Affiliate Member organisation) may nominate a candidate to the Committee by addressing the nomination of their proposed candidate to the UNWTO Secretariat, Office of the Secretary-General, with copy to the UNWTO Ethics, Culture and Social Responsibility Programme:

E-mail: [ofsg@unwto.org](mailto:ofsg@unwto.org) - with copy to [ecsr@unwto.org](mailto:ecsr@unwto.org)

Postal address: UNWTO Secretariat, C/ Poeta Joan Maragall 42

28020 Madrid, Spain

#### Which documents must be included in the nomination?

11. The nominating authority is kindly requested to complete a nomination form (available to download from: <http://ethics.unwto.org/en/content/world-committee-tourism-ethics> ) with the relevant information of the candidate it wishes to nominate to the Committee. The nomination form should be accompanied by his/her complete *curriculum vitae*.

#### When should the nomination be received by the UNWTO Secretariat?

12. The deadline for the receipt of nominations with the complete documentation is no later than 31 May 2019, 24:00 hours, Madrid time.

### IV. Selection Procedure

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13. The Selection Board, established by the UNWTO General Assembly in accordance with A/RES/607(XIX) of 2011, is mandated to select and propose a list of candidates to the General Assembly. The Selection Board is composed of the Chair of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Executive Council, the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members, the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel of UNWTO.

14. The Selection Board will examine the applications received and will shortlist four candidates.
15. Subsequently, the Selection Board will submit its recommendation with the name of the four candidates to the twenty-third session of the UNWTO General Assembly (St Petersburg, Russian Federation, 9-13 September 2019), for approval.

## **V. Appointment**

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16. The appointment of the four Members of the Committee will only be completed upon endorsement of the composition of the Committee by the twenty-third session of the General Assembly.

## **VI. Mandate**

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17. The candidates appointed by the General Assembly as Members of the Committee will serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms (i.e. eight years).