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FIFTH WORLD CONGRESS ON SNOW AND MOUNTAIN TOURISM

Principality of Andorra, Encamp, 27-29 March 2008

Global warming and the future of mountain tourism

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 27 March 2008

Introduction

What is the policy challenge posed by global warming for Governments?

09:00-11:00

The Principality of Andorra's policy to address global warming: What is its development strategy?

H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves Triquell, Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, Culture and Universities, Andorra
Mr. Jaume Ramond, Mayor of Encamp, Andorra

Climate change and mountain tourism development: What is the situation after the Bali Conference?

Mr. Francesco Frangialli, Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Probable scenarios and adaptation

First debate: What are the impacts of climate change on snow and mountain tourism?

11:30-13:00

Climate change: What are its repercussions for winter and summer tourism in mountain areas?

Prof. Daniel Scott/Jackie Dawson, University of Waterloo, Chairman of the Expert Group UNWTO/WMO, Waterloo, Canada

Climate change: What are the opportunities and the dangers for tourism in mountain regions?

Mr. Jean Paul Ceron, CRIDEAU, University of Limoges, Limoges, France

Mrs. Miriam Scaglione, Economics & Tourism, University of Applied Sciences in the Valais (HEVS), Switzerland

Floor discussion

Second debate: How can we adapt to the effects of global warming?

15:00-16:30

The effects of climate change in the European Alps: How can winter tourism be adapted? How can natural risks be managed? What are the forecasts for the Alps?

Mr. Shardul Agrawala, Member of the IPCC, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Environment Directorate, OECD, Paris, France

Adapting to climate change: What is the future of the mountain resorts in Latin America?

Mr. Hugo Sartor, National Director, National Direction of Tourism Promotion, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Floor discussion

Growth and development

Third debate: Is it still possible to create new winter resorts at existing resorts under the threat of climate change?

17:00-18:30

Creating new winter sports resorts under the threat of climate change: The example of Bansko, Bulgaria

Dr. Mila Andreeva, Bulgarian Ski Federation, Sofia, Bulgaria

Climate change and the future development of ski resorts in the Himalayas: What is the outlook?

Mr. Amitabh Sharma, Jr. Managing Director, Ski Himalaya, New Delhi, India

Floor discussion

Friday, 28 March 2008

Fourth debate: What consequences does climate change have for major winter-sports events?

09:00-10:30

The 2011 Alpine Ski Championships in Garmisch-Partenkirchen: The problem of ensuring snow cover

Prof. Ralf Roth, German Sports University, Cologne, Germany

Climate Change and Major Winter Sports Events: Will the different skiing, snowboarding and other winter sports disciplines continue to develop in the future?

Dr. Josef Zenhäusern, International Ski Federation, UNWTO Expert, Sion, Switzerland

Floor discussion

Energy efficiency and pollution reduction

Fifth debate: Can innovation reduce pollution and the costs of adaptation?

11:00-13:00

Technological progress in the winter-sports facilities and equipment industry: Optimizing ski areas, energy production.

Mr. Sergio Blengini, Vice-President, Italian Cable Car Association, Aosta, Italy

The adaptation costs of covering a glacier as a measure against the melting of the permafrost and the importance of nature engineering for snow conservation

Dr. Marcia Philips, Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research, Davos, Switzerland

Floor discussion

Sixth debate: Ski and mountain resorts in 2020: How will they face the future?

15:00-17:00

Round table with representatives of the International Federation of Skilift Operators FIANET

Moderator:

Prof. Luigi Gaido, President, IRE, Torino, Italy

Participants:

Mr. Ingo Karl, President of FIANET, Austria
Mr. Hoehener, Austria
Mr. Laurent Reynaud, France

Mr. Conrad Blanch, Director, Grandvalira, Andorra

17:00-18:30

From climate change to social change: Let us imagine what living in the mountains will be like in 2020!

Conference Prize: the High Schools of Andorra
Presentation of the winning project

Saturday, 29 March 2008

09:30-11:30

Conclusions

Prof. Peter Keller, Director of the Tourism Institute, University of Lausanne, former Head of Tourism Division of the Swiss Administration, Lausanne, Switzerland

General debate

Farewell speech and handover to the parish of Ordino, host of the sixth Congress in 2011

Authorities of Andorra