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Update on the Committee on Tourism and Sustainability (CTS)

I. Function:

- Subsidiary Organ of the Executive Council
- Advisory and consultative role

II. Area of Work aims at:

- Advancing sustainable and resilient tourism development.
- Monitoring the implementation of the programme of work of Sustainable Development of Tourism .
- Strengthening the normative role for the Secretariat's work in the area of SDT (recommendations to the Executive Council and other bodies).

III. Terms of office:

Four-year period

IV. Working language:

English

V. Composition (2011 – 2015)

- Bahamas (Chair)
- Bolivia
- China
- Iran, Islamic Republic of
- Iraq
- Israel (Vice-Chair)
- Senegal
- Serbia

- -Seychelles
- -Representative of the Associate Members: Flanders
- -Representative of the Affiliate Members: Instituto para la Calidad Turística Española (ICTE)
- -Invited participants

VI. Report of the CTS

A. Chronology

- Redefinition of the CTS during the 95th session of the EC, Serbia, May 2013.
- Approval of the new rules of procedure during the 96th session of the EC, Zimbabwe, August 2013
- 1st CTS meeting, 25th August 2013.
- Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, 3rd December 2013.
- 2nd CTS meeting (virtual), 21st March 2014, with the participation of representatives from Bahamas, Iraq, and Serbia, Flanders and ICTE.
- 3rd CTS meeting (virtual), 14th April 2014, with the participation of representatives from Bahamas, Iraq, Israel and Seychelles.
- 4th CTS meeting (virtual), 18th February 2015, with the participation of representatives from Bahamas, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel and Seychelles.

B. The Committee Members contributed to the:

- Validation of the Secretariat's report and support of the UN General Assembly Resolution 69/233 on "Promotion of sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, for poverty eradication and environment protection"
- Validation of the Operations and Management Guidance document for "Observatories on Sustainable Tourism under the auspices of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)"
- Definition and structure of the Sustainable Tourism Programme (STP) of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP).
- Validation of the Secretariat's research on "Towards Measuring the Economic Value of Wildlife Watching Tourism in Africa".
- Validation of the research paper "Improving evidence-based decision making in the tourism sector", presented for discussion in 2014 at the Statistical workshop of OECD and UNWTO in Nara, Japan.