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UNWTO COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Fifty-seventh meeting

Medellin, Columbia

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REPORT

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Introduction

1. The 57th meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa (CAF) was held on 12 September 2015, within the framework of the 21st session of the UNWTO General Assembly at the Plaza Mayor Convention Centre in Medellin, Columbia. It is important to note that the Commission Meeting held within the framework of the 21st session of the UNWTO General Assembly was the first CAF meeting held for the year since the scheduled CAF meeting that was approved and confirmed to be held in Victoria Seychelles during the 56th CAF meeting in Luanda, Angola could not happen as scheduled due to unforeseen circumstances that was beyond the control of the host country. The UNWTO Secretariat therefore organised for the 57th CAF meeting to be held within the framework of the 21st General Assembly. The meeting was attended by over eighty delegates, from 32 countries, namely: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Representatives of the following international organizations and private sector representatives also took part in the meeting namely: African Airlines Association (AFRAA), Casa Africa (Representative of the Spanish Government), West African Economic Monetary Union (UEMOA), International fair of Madrid (IFEMA), International Nightlife Association (UNWTO Affiliate Member) and the Regional Tourism organization of Southern Africa (Retosa).

2. In his opening remarks, H.E. Eng. Walter Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe and CAF Chairman, warmly welcomed all the delegates to Medellin, Columbia and thanked the members as well as the Affiliate members, Observers and the international organisations for their presence at such an important event for the region. He also reminded all present that this was a combined annual CAF meeting together with the one normally held within the General Assembly, since we could not meet as scheduled earlier this year. The Chairman thanked the host country Colombia, and in particular their Ministers in charge of tourism and their collaborators for their excellent organization of the event and their hospitality.

3. In his opening address, UNWTO Secretary-General, Dr. Taleb Rifai, expressed his appreciation to the Chairman and thanked the Colombian Government for being an excellent host and for the seamless organization of this 21st session of the General Assembly. He recalled that 72 Ministers and State Secretaries had gathered to attend the 21st General Assembly, one of the best attendances ever. He also underlined the remarkably distinguished presence of African Ministers and emphasized on the theme Tourism: Fostering Inclusive Development and Social Transformation. He also acknowledged the approval of the UN Sustainable Development Goals SDGs, one of the most important documents that would govern development in the coming 15 years between 2015 and 2030.

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1
(Document CAF/57/prov. agenda)

4. The agenda for the 57th meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa was presented to the delegates by the Chairman H.E. Eng. Walter Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe and received the following comments for modifications to the agenda:

- H.E. Mrs. Phyllis Kandie, Cabinet Secretary, East African Affairs, Commerce and Tourism of Kenya requested to make a presentation on the upcoming World Trade Organization event in Kenya under other issues on the agenda item which was approved with no objection.
- The Secretary General informed the Commission that he has already presented his Report upfront during his opening statement and therefore apologised to the floor and informed that we move to the next item on the agenda, which was approved with no objection.
- The Chairman proposed that item agenda #4 be moved and presented as agenda item #6 and the latter moving to #4 as the Secretary General will need to excuse his presence from the Commission, which was approved with no objection.

The agenda was adopted unanimously with modifications by the members as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Communication of the Chairman
3. Report of the Secretary-General
4. Report on the survey on the priority areas of the programme of work for 2016-2017: A focus in Africa
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Towards measuring the economic value of wildlife watching tourism in Africa
 - 5.2. Conclusions of the Conference Enhancing Brand Africa-Fostering Tourism Development
6. Implementation of the General Programme of Work 2014-2015 – Global Activities
 - 6.1. Regional Activities 2014-2015 *
 - 6.1.1. INVESTOUR 2015

- 6.1. 2. Update on Affiliate Member activities: **UNWTO - AM Regional Report-Volume four**
TOURISM IN AFRICA: A TOOL FOR DEVELOPMENT
(published jointly with CASA AFRICA)
7. World Tourism Day activities in Burkina Faso
8. Update on Committees
 - 8.1. Committee for Tourism and Sustainability
 - 8.2. Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness
 - 8.3. Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account
 - 8.4. 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production
 - 8.5. Programme and Budget Committee
9. Nomination of candidates to the various General Assembly offices:
 - a. **Two** Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
 - b. **Two** Members of the Credentials Committee
10. Election of one Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
11. Nomination of candidates to represent the region on the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies:
 - a. **Five** candidates to the Executive Council (with the possibility of one additional floating seat)
 - b. **One** candidate¹ to the Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership
 - c. **One** candidate to the PBC Committee²
 - d. Renewal of technical committees
12. The Jury of the video competition³
13. Venue and date of the fifty-eighth meeting of the Commission
14. A.O.B

¹ This member should be from the Executive Council.

² One member should be from the Commission for Africa. Angola is both member of the PBC and of the Executive Council until 2017.

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 (Colombia), 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.

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COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2
(Document CAF/57/2)

5. The Chairman of the Commission, H.E. Eng. Walter Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe, commanded the Secretary General on the explicit details he had provided on the tourism figures of the region and therefore chose to omit from presenting the statistical figures in his communication but rather took the opportunity on behalf of Commission and the Government of Zimbabwe, to extend his profound appreciation to the Government of Colombia and its people for their warm hospitality extended to the delegates thus far. The warm hearts of the people of Colombia, and beauty characterizing the Capital City of Medellin is indeed reinvigorating. He also recognized the two Chairpersons, Hon. Maria Mutagamba, Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities of Uganda and welcomed the representatives and delegate of Senegal, Vice Chairperson of the Commission for Africa represented by Mr. El Hadji Malick Mbaye, Director of Studies and Planning.

6. In his communication the Chairman underscored the need to close the gap in performance that exists between CAF and the Commission of other regions. In this regard he evoked two questions:

- Are we ready?
- Can we do it?

To which he affirmed a **BIG YES** to both questions, stating that Africa has the most diversified natural tourism product offering in the world, which can be leveraged on to grow the sector going forward.

7. The Chairman also recognized that we face several challenges:

Stating that in 2014 and during the first half of 2015, we witnessed the Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa, affecting mainly Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. He pointed that Africa suffered collateral damage as a continent marked by declining arrivals in most of our destinations. Fortunately, the Ebola problem is now under control, courtesy of quick collective global response to this highly communicable disease. He shared that His Excellency, Robert Gabriel Mugabe of Zimbabwe as the African Union Chairman and the Chair of Southern African Development Community (SADC) with his counterparts in Africa, led fundraising efforts to strengthen rapid response of the ravaged countries with more than US\$5.3 billion pledged towards the recovery and containment efforts by the three affected countries.. More importantly, at the African Union level, the Heads of States and Government at their recent meeting in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, agreed to set up an Africa Centre for Disease Control with Regional Centers for Disease Control also to be established in various economic groupings.

8. The Chairman made reference to the various terror attacks that our continent has endured in the most recent past in 2014 and first half of 2015: **Kenya** (Nairobi and Garisa Al Shabab attacks), **Nigeria** (Boko Haram abductions of Kiboko Girls and terror attacks), **Tunisia** (Tourist resort attacks at Port El Kantaoui) and **South Africa** (Durban xenophobia attacks) that remind us of the attack on the African peace dividend, which we must unite to prevent.

9. The Chairman talked about another important challenge facing African tourism which relates to the intolerable carnage on wildlife through poaching amplified by illegal trade in wildlife products. African tourism is nature based and its pristine biodiversity makes it a unique global natural attraction therefore, its sustainable conservation and management of our natural resources guarantees product viability. Thriving biodiversity across Africa forms the backbone and the foundation of the tourism sector's performance. Today's most pressing issues are high levels of wildlife poaching, environmental degradation and illegal trade in wildlife products.

10. UNWTO research clearly shows that wildlife watching tourism is one of the most important tourism segments in Africa. Therefore, loss of biodiversity not only threatens the entire ecosystems, but entails devastation of sustainable local livelihoods of our people. Thus, biodiversity is a fundamental product for development. The responsibility to protect it therefore lies in our hands as Governments.

11. The Chairman supports the efforts of UNWTO and others who remains firmly committed to this issue to leverage on the natural assets to improve economic value accruing from the biodiversity to improve the lives of communities in Africa.

12. Another point raised by the Chairman refers to the proposal by the African Union to introduce \$10 tax on tourists travelling to, within and out of Africa. He explained that while there is a strong case to find sustainable homegrown ways of funding the AU, it is imperative to mention that tourism is already heavily taxed across its supply chain. Adding an additional tax band on the same has the unintended consequences of making the destination uncompetitive. Concerned by this development the Chairman proposes the need for dialogue and active consultations between responsible Ministries at the appropriate level with the African Union Commission.

13. The Chairman proposes to lobby for positive engagement with the AU on the following ten tourism outstanding issues:

1. Establishing institutional presence at the AU level with special focus on tourism and environment. Currently the sector is subsumed under the Commission on Infrastructure and Energy;
2. Brand Africa;
3. Integrated product development and diversification;
4. Integrated marketing and promotion of African destinations;
5. Flexible visa regimes. A thorough review of visas based on reciprocity is critical as this has tended to lower arrivals;
6. Destination connectivity and accessibility through airline consolidation and implementing the open skies and open border policies. The implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration on a new African civil aviation policy adopted on 7 October 1988 whose primary purpose was to create a conducive environment for the development of intra-African and international air service is key for the growth of tourism in Africa;
7. E-Visas, E-borders and biometric passports for secure, smooth and faster travel and tourism trade facilitation in line with 2020 ICAO deadline;
8. Biodiversity management for sustainable tourism growth;
9. Development of road and sea navigational networks to facilitate tourism; and
10. Tourism Taxation in Africa.

14. In closing, Chairman appealed to all to focus on the strengthening of regional tourism blocks and the establishment of standalone institutional Tourism presence at the African Union (AU) level so that we have a strong voice at Continental level that receives the resolutions from CAF and actions them. He proposed to lead a delegation together with UNWTO in October to AU to deliberate on these issues and enable a paradigm shift going forward.

15. The Chairman thanked the members and wished all delegates a successful General Assembly.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Agenda item 3 (Document CAF/57/3)

16. The UNWTO Secretary-General, Dr. Taleb Rifai, reported that, for the first time ever in an international UN Document, 3 out of the 17 goals refer directly to Tourism: Goal 8 (Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all), mentions tourism in the outset of that goal to be achieved. Goal 12 (Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns) and Goal 14 (Life Below Water-Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development). Dr. Taleb Rifai highlighted that this is a major achievement to be able to inject tourism as a development tool.

17. The UNWTO Secretary-General encouraged the Members to share experiences and stories from their own background in the general debate on Inclusive Development as well as the High Level Forum on Tourism and Air Transport for Development, held during the 21st session of the UNWTO General Assembly, in collaboration with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and co-chaired by the Secretary-General of ICAO and himself. Furthermore, he invited the delegates to refer carefully at the Medellin Statement which will be the outcome of this meeting, on the relationship between Tourism and aviation. Dr. Taleb Rifai stressed the importance of the attendance of regional representatives from Africa and Airline representatives to discuss the issue of Connectivity and Aviation, a major challenge that remains persistent in Africa.

18. The Secretary-General also presented a review of the Tourism and Travel performance of the first half of 2015 compared to the first six half of 2014, which indicated a significant slowdown with international tourist arrivals estimated to have declined by 6%. He urged the Members not to be alarmed by the data as the drop was triggered by the Ebola effect which was unfairly generalized on the entire African continent. As a result of this, every African destination suffered. Furthermore, he noted that the data remain provisional. Dr. Taleb Rifai took the opportunity to encourage the Members to supply UNWTO with as much and as on timely data as possible. He reassured that the figures in the second half of 2015 are starting to climb back and that Africa is in the way of recovery.

19. In this context, the Secretariat has stepped up its initiatives in the region which included, alongside the direct support to Member States, the UNWTO Regional Conference Enhancing Brand Africa, Fostering Tourism Development, held in Accra, Ghana from 17-18 August 2015, of which a detailed report will be presented to this Commission, the East Africa Tourism Development Forum, held in Mombasa, Kenya, on 20-22 August 2015 and the forthcoming 4th UNWTO Conference on Tourism and the Media to be held in Tunis, Tunisia in 11-12 November 2015.

The UNWTO Secretary General emphasized that challenges remains in the following areas:

- 1) Safety and Security: Dr. Taleb Rifai stated that this a global challenge, and not a challenge to a specific destination. He recalled that the region was recently subjected to several tragic attacks, two consecutive attacks on Tunisia and in Kenya. He assured that the issue of security is one of UNWTO's main concerns and that the UNWTO is committed to work together with the international community and respective security apparatus to overcome this challenge. He also called for all International bodies to address it globally. He reiterated that such attacks shall not deter people from travelling, and we shall not submit to these forces of darkness.
- 2) Economic Challenge: Dr. Rifai noted that on the Economic level the world still experiences weak economic recovery which affects people's ability to travel. Lowering of oil prices created a stimulus in the transport industry but has prevented some of the oil producing countries from travelling. Furthermore, the rates of exchange introduced many changes, particularly the strength of the dollar, and the low performance of the euro which has created low impact travelling from Europe, Africa's most valuable source market.
- 3) The challenge of Technology: The Secretary General referred to the challenge of technology as the most important challenge. He noted that technology has allowed everybody to have a say, particularly Social media which has created an environment and an atmosphere that makes the whole world vulnerable and in the same time creates many opportunities. He recalled that technology also created the sharing economy or collaborative economy; people connecting directly with people. People putting their houses, cars and rooms for services and rents through websites and other platforms. This is a phenomenon that must be cautiously addressed as whilst it may be benefitting many people in the community, it is also affecting the traditional hospitality industry and traditional tourism stakeholders.

In conclusion:

Dr. Taleb Rifai acknowledged that 2015 is an important year for UNWTO as the organization celebrates its 40th anniversary in Colombia, and it also marks the 70th anniversary of United Nations that was established in 1945. He also highlighted the main forthcoming activities up to the end of the year, and invited all delegates to participate in these events:

- 1) 27th September 2015 marks the World Tourism Day, and this year's theme will be "One Billion Tourists, One Billion opportunities".
- 2) The UNWTO / Ministers Summit, scheduled to take place on 3 November 2015 in the margins of the World Travel Market. The Summit will be entitled "Branding Destinations". He stated that this is an important event to follow-up especially on the successful event held in Ghana.
- 3) The 4th UNWTO Conference on Tourism and the Media, to be held in Tunis, Tunisia on 11-12 November 2015. Dr. Taleb encouraged all Members to attend the said conference to show support and solidarity to Tunisia, and to prove that destinations cannot be defeated
- 4) FITUR and the 7th edition of the Tourism and Business Investment Forum for Africa (INVESTOUR) to be held on 21 January 2016 in Madrid, Spain, whose principle objective is to encourage exchanges in investment and business opportunities in Africa, and connecting Spanish and International Investors to Africa.

- 5) 12th edition of UNWTO Awards for Excellence and Innovation in Tourism, which will be celebrated in collaboration with Madrid International Tourism Trade Fair (FITUR/IFEMA) on 20 January 2016.

To conclude, Dr. Taleb Rifai, UNWTO Secretary-General asked the Member states to take advantage of this General Assembly in the presence of 72 Ministers, 115 delegations, 15 CEOs and Top Executives from WTTC, over 150 media representatives and 11 Business Organizations.

20. The Commission,

Having heard with interest the report of the Secretary-General,

Commends the Secretary-General for the explicit presentation on the overview of what is taking place within the organization.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK 2014 - 2015 – GLOBAL ACTIVITIES

Agenda item 4

Sub-items 4.1 – Regional Activities 2014-2015, 4.1.1- INVESTOUR and 4.1.2 – Update on Affiliate Member activities: UNWTO – AM Regional Report-Volume four Tourism in Africa: A Tool for development
(Documents CAF/57/4.1, CAF/57/4.1, CAF/57/4.2)

21. The Executive Director for Operational Programmes and Institutional Relations, Mr. Marcio Favilla, gave a presentation on the latest UNWTO conferences, publications and reports issued during the last period since the last CAF Meeting;

22. The Director of the Regional Programme for Africa, Mrs. Elcia Grandcourt, gave a presentation on the Regional activities for 2014-2015; the Secretariat accredited the success of INVESTOUR to the continuous support and attendance of the Members. The Director also recalled that this year, the 6th edition of INVESTOUR was for the first time opened for international investors, a total of 17 Ministers and 42 countries were registered. The Director also acknowledged the partners of INVESTOUR, IFEMA and Casa África.

23. The Director also highlighted the various activities undertaken by the programme such as regional training in cooperation with THEMIS foundation, regional conferences, quarterly newsletter, the new publication published in collaboration with Casa África and Affiliate Members on "Tourism in Africa : A tool for Development", and the work of the technical cooperation programme. Other activities mentioned included the open Letter campaign which emphasizes the importance of mainstreaming tourism in the global agenda, which has so far been to 17 Heads of States in Africa. The Director further informed the Ministers of the meeting between the African Union and African Ministers of Tourism scheduled to take place in October.

24. The Director of the Programme for Affiliate Members, Mrs. Yolanda Perdomo, gave a presentation on the recent Affiliate Members regional report- Volume four Tourism in Africa: A tool for development, published in collaboration with Casa África, whose Director General Mr. Luis Padron Lopez also made an intervention.

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REPORTS

Agenda item 5
(Documents CAF/57/5.1 and CAF/57/5.2)

25. The Commission,

Having heard the presentation by the Secretariat on the report "towards measuring the economic value of wildlife watching tourism in Africa" and the conclusions of the Conference Enhancing Brand Africa – Fostering Tourism development;

- Thanks the Secretariat for the report "towards measuring the economic value of wildlife watching tourism in Africa"
 - Underscores the importance of the topic to the African region;
 - Recognizes efforts of the Ministers who were involved in the UNWTO Regional Conference on Enhancing Brand Africa- Fostering Tourism Development held in Accra, Ghana, on 17-19 August 2015
 - Expresses its appreciation to the efforts made by the African Union Commission in coming up with way forward to discuss the tourism sector in the Africa Union Agenda 2063 in the meeting scheduled to take place at the African Union Headquarters with African Ministers of Tourism
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REPORT ON THE SURVEY ON THE PRIORITY AREAS OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2016-2017: A FOCUS IN AFRICA

Agenda item 6
(Document CAF/57/6)

21. The Commission,

Having considered the presentations by the Secretariat on this agenda item,

- Expresses its satisfaction with the quality of information presented in the 2016-2017 priority areas of the programme of work;
- Congratulates the secretariat for the explicit presentation given;
- Recognizes that the priority areas of work are aligned to the concerns and issues raised by Members;
- Invites the Secretariat to continue their efforts to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the programme;
- Affirms their agreement with the three main issues of priorities set by the Secretariat - the issue of security, aviation, and technology and innovation and their connection with human resources;
- Suggests the Secretariat to also prioritize pandemics prevention policy to epidemics such as Ebola Avian Flu and other pandemics that affect tourism flows;
- Further requests the Secretariat to enforce the work of capacity building and to implement the Open Letter in order to boost the role of tourism;
- Highlights the importance of solidarity among Members in situations of extreme violence, and to seek means of combatting these attacks;
- Supports the comments of the Secretariat to prioritize Safety and Security.

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WORLD TOURISM DAY ACTIVITIES IN BURKINA FASO

Agenda item 7
(Document CAF/57/7)

22. The Commission,

Having heard the presentation of the Secretariat on the World Tourism Day activities in Burkina Faso;

- Underscores the importance of supporting Burkina Faso with the celebration and highlighting the theme together with the Host country.
- Urges Ministers to attend this activity to support Burkina Faso on the World Tourism Day

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CAF/DEC/9 (LVII)

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE VARIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Agenda item 9
(Document CAF/57/9)

23. The Commission,

Having considered the information document submitted by the Secretary-General on the designation of candidates by the Commission to the various offices of the General Assembly;

Decides to nominate Namibia and Uganda to serve as Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

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CAF/DEC/10 (LVII)

ELECTION OF ONE CHAIRPERSON AND TWO VICE-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 10
(Document CAF/57/10)

The Commission,

Decides to re-elect Zimbabwe as its Chairperson and Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon as its Vice-Chairpersons, for a two-year term (2015-2017);

Thanks Zimbabwe for its dedicated work as Chairperson of the Commission and Senegal and Uganda for having performed the duties of Vice-Chairpersons during the period 2013-2015;

Thanks the two Vice-Chairpersons, Uganda and Senegal for the support in the delivery of the programme of work and advancing the issues that are pertinent to the region;

Congratulates Uganda and Senegal on the successful achievement of the last two years.

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CAF/DEC/11 (LVII)

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

Agenda item 11
(Document CAF/57/11)

The Commission,

Having considered the information document submitted by the Secretary General on the region's representation on the Executive Council and its subsidiary bodies,

1. Decides to nominate to the Executive Council the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco and Zambia, as co-representatives for the period 2014-2017. It was agreed that the floating seat for the same period would be occupied by Mozambique.
2. Decides to nominate Tunisia as its representative on **the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership for the period 2014-2015**.
3. Decides to nominate Cameroon as its representative on the **Programme and Budget Committee**.
4. Decides to renominate Mozambique and South Africa as its representative on the **Committee for Tourism Statistics and Satellite Account**
5. Decides to nominate Morocco and Senegal as its representatives on the **Committee for Tourism and sustainability**
6. Decides to nominate Gambia and Namibia as its representatives on the **Committee for Tourism and Competitiveness**.

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THE JURY OF THE VIDEO COMPETITION

Agenda item 12
(Document CAF/57/12)

The Regional Director for Africa informed those present about the characteristics of the video competition which was introduced this year, which was a photo competition in previous years. A jury had been designated, composed of the chairs of the regional commissions. Each of the members of the jury was to vote for three videos from each region.

The winning entries will be announced on Wednesday 16 September 2015 within the framework of the third plenary Session

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CAF/DEC/13 (LVII)**VENUE AND DATE OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR AFRICA**

Agenda item 13
(Document CAF/57/13)

24. The Commission,

- Welcomes with pleasure the invitation by the authorities of Côte d'Ivoire to hold its fifty-eighth meeting in Côte d'Ivoire in 2016, on 19-25 April.
- Thanks Côte d'Ivoire for presenting its candidature to host the 58th Meeting of the Commission for Africa in 2016;
- Congratulates Côte d'Ivoire for its election to host the 58th Meeting of the Commission for Africa in 2016.

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CAF/DEC/14 (LVII)**A.O.B.**

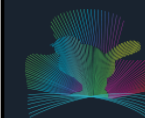
Agenda item 14
(Document CAF/57/14)

25. The Commission,

- Takes note of the World Trade Organization Conference that Kenya will host in December 2015 and the Africa Travel Association (ATA) 40th Annual World Congress in Kenya in November 2015
- Commends Kenya for showing their leadership in organizing the WTO conference, given that it is the first time this conference is organized in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Reiterated the members support to Kenya
- Supports the initiative of recommending to WTO to endorse tourism as a major sector and add it to the agenda.

- Recommends To pursue its efforts within the African Union to ensure that tourism is seen as a sector of economic development and creator of jobs and wealth, thus eligible for technical cooperation with the international financial institutions

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
UNWTO COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
57TH MEETING**



UNWTO

21ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tourism: Fostering Inclusive Development and Social Transformation

**MEDELLÍN
COLOMBIA**

12-17 September 2015

Country/Pays	First name/Prénom	Organization/Organisme	Position
Algeria	Ambes Hocine	Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts	Directeur de la communication et de la coopération
Angola	Jose Joao Soares Augusto	Embassy of Angola in Brazil	Embaixada
Botswana	Elias M Magosi	Ministry of Environment Wildlife and Tourism	Permanent Secretary
Botswana	Dithebe Thabo Brian	Botswana Tourism Organisation	Chief Executive Director
Burkina Faso	Rosalie L Balima	Ministry of culture and Tourism	Technical counsellor
Cameroon	TIMOTHEE TABAPSSI	CAMEROON EMBASSY IN MADRID	HEAD OF MISSION
Cameroon	Mbe Samuel	Ministry of Tourism	Directeur
Cameroon	Nyoum Benjamin	services du ministre secretariat General	charge d etudes
Chad	Younous Mahamoud	Chad National Tourism Board	DIRECTEUR GENERAL
Chad	Aziz Mahamat Saleh	Ministere de l'Economie, Du Commerce et du Developpement T	Ministre
Chad	Fadoul Hamit Mouctar	Ministere de l'Economie, Du Commerce et du Developpement T	Directeur general du developpement Touristique
Congo DRC	Elvis Mutiri wa Bashara	Ministere du Tourisme	Ministre
Cote d'Ivoire	Roger Kacou	Minister of Tourism	Minister
Cote d'Ivoire	Santiero Jean Marie Somet	National Office of Tourism	Plennipotentiary General Manager
Cote d'Ivoire	Roger Marcel N'cho Mottoh	Ministre du Tourisme	Chef de cabinet
Gambia	Roberts Benjamin A	Ministry of Tourism and Culture	Minister
Kenya	Mrs Phyllis Jepkosgei Kandie	Ministry of East African Affairs & Tourism	Cabinet Secretary
Kenya	Kaplich John Barsito	Ministry of Tourism	Director of Communication
Kenya	Muriithi Ndegwa.OGW	Kenya Tourism Board	Managing Director
Morocco	Tarik Sadik	Ministere du Tourisme	Directeur de la Strategie et de la cooperation
Morocco	Abderrahim Bentbib	Counsel regional du tourisme	Director
Morocco	Nada Roudies	Ministry of Tourism	General Secretary
Mozambique	Udiga Massinga	Ministry of culture and Tourism	Minister adviser for tourism issues
Mozambique	Macie Isabel	Ministry of culture and Tourism	National director for planning and cooperatio
Mozambique	Sumbana Zacarias	Ministry of culture and Tourism	senior officer planning and strategy
Namibia	Nambahu Tommy	Ministry of tourism and Environment	Deputy Minister
Namibia	Shidute Sheimy	Ministry of Environment and Tourism	Dep permanent Secretary
Niger	Yahaya Baare Aou Abdou	Ministre du Tourisme et de l'Artisanat	Ministere du Tourisme et de l'Artisanat
Nigeria	ZATAOU KATO KARIDIO	MINISTERE DU TOURISME ET DE L'ARTISANAT	DIRECTEUR GENERAL DU TOURISME ET DE L'H
Nigeria	ERIC BELL-GAM	EMBASSY OF NIGERIA	DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION
Republic of Congo	Kounkou Kibouilou Antoine	Ministere du Tourisme et du Enviroment	Canciller du Tourisme
Senegal	El Hadji Malick Mbaye	Ministere du Tourisme et des Transports Aeriens	Directeur des Etudes et de la planification
Senegal	Zacria Gueye	Ministere du Tourisme et des Transports Aeriens	Conseiller Technique

Seychelles	Alain st ange	Ministry of Tourism and Culture	Minister
Seychelles	Mrs Anne Lafortune	Ministry of tourism and Culture	Principal Secretary
Seychelles	Mrs Sinha Levkovic	Ministry of Tourism and Culture	Director standards and regulations
South Africa	Derek Hanekom	Ministry of Tourism	Minister
South Africa	Moodley Devandran	Department of International Relation and Trade	Deputy Director
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South Africa	Maseti Thulani	Department of Transport	Secretary
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