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INVESTOUR workshop on Financing in the tourism sector
Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
16-17 October 2017

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GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

1. The organizers of INVESTOUR; Casa África, Feria de Madrid (IFEMA) and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), are organizing the first INVESTOUR workshop on Financing in the tourism sector ahead of the 9th edition of INVESTOUR, and is scheduled to take place 16 and 17 October 2017, in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in Spain. This workshop will provide the information and tools necessary to successfully facilitate the financing of small-scale, sustainable tourism projects, and to transfer these skills to public and private stakeholders in the tourism sector. The workshop is open to Member States and stakeholders from the Africa region.

I. VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

CASA ÁFRICA HEADQUARTERS

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II. REPLIES TO INVITATIONS

2. Governments and other bodies invited by Casa África, IFEMA and UNWTO are requested to send their replies by 26th September **at the latest**, indicating as much as possible, the composition of their delegations:

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<p>Ms Elcia Grandcourt Programme Director Regional Programme Africa World Tourism Organization Capitán Haya 42 28020, Madrid, Spain Tel.: (+34 91) 5678152 E-mail: caf@unwto.org</p>	<p>Ms. Ana Cárdenes Head of Economy and Enterprise Department Calle Alfonso XIII, 5, 35003 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain Mobile: (+34 928) 432800 Email: economia@casafrika.es</p>
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III. STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

3. The Canary Islands authority will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization as well as their stay in Canary Islands. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946.

IV. ENTRY FORMALITIES

4. A valid passport is required for visitors to Spain. Entry visas may be obtained at Spain's diplomatic and consular representations abroad.

5. The Government of Spain will grant visas to all delegates attending the workshop, upon presentation of the letter of invitation at the corresponding Embassy of Spain, in accordance with Spanish legislation. Casa África will provide each participant with an invitation letter.

Important note: Due to European Union regulations, **NO visas-on-arrival can be issued**. Participants are kindly requested to make the necessary arrangements to obtain their visas beforehand.

Visas will be required for participants from countries whose nationals require a visa to enter Spanish territory. For a detailed list of visa requirements, delegates are requested to visit the following web page:

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/RequisitosDeEntrada.aspx>

V. TRANSPORT

6. Taxi services are readily available at the exit of the airport. Upon arrival to Gran Canaria, Participants are requested to take a taxi to your their respective hotel.

7. The authority of Canary Islands will arrange free transfer for all participants between their hotels and meeting place as well as from and to the technical visits as well as from and to the venue of the Official Welcome Dinner.

VI. CONSULATES

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8. Please note that several African countries have consulates in the Canary Islands, these include Cabo Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

Participants from these countries are encouraged to contact directly their respective consulates to assist them in the Canary Islands (please refer to the Consulates contact details below).

VII. ACCOMMODATION

9. The delegates are requested to make their own arrangements by contacting their chosen hotel through the phone and fax numbers and the email addresses, and to make their reservations according to the hotels listed below. They should specify that they will be attending **the first INVESTOUR workshop on Financing in the tourism.**

10. List of Hotels proposed

Hotels	standard Price in Euros with taxes included		Information Tel / Fax / Mail	Distance from the venue of the meetings
	Double room for single use	Double use		
Hotel Santa Catalina 5*	150 € (with breakfast included)	160 € (with breakfast included)	León y Castillo, 227 35005 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Phone number: (+34) 928 243 040 www.hotelsantacatalina.com	1,3 km
Hotel AC Iberia 4*	111,28 (with breakfast included)	124.12€ (with breakfast included)	Alcalde José Ramírez Bethencourt,8 35003 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Phone number: (+34) 928 361 133 http://achotels.marriott.com/es/hotels/a-c-hotel-iberia-las-palmas	1 km
Hotel Parque 3*	66€ (with breakfast included)	71€ (with breakfast included)	Muelle Las Palmas, 2 35003 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Phone number: (+34) 928 368 000 www.hparque.com	3 km

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VIII. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

11. Exceptionally, the presentation of medical certificates may be required by the Ministry of Home Affairs, in accordance with guidelines from the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality or the Ministry of Employment and Social Security, or pursuant to European Union legislation. The need to present these certificates shall be made known in advance.

IX. REGISTRATION AND BADGES

12. At the place of the meeting, a registration desk will be open before the start of the proceedings.

13. Badges will be issued at the time of registration.

X. WORKING LANGUAGES

14. The working language of the conference will be English.

15. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French during the workshop and Spanish for the opening session.

XI. TECHNICAL VISITS

16. The local authority of Canary Islands will provide three different technical visits: One on 16 October and two optional visits on 17 October 2017. Participants must indicate clearly in the registration form the technical visits they wish to take part in, in order for Casa África and the local authorities to make the necessary logistical arrangements.

XII. CURRENCY REGULATIONS

17. The local currency of Spain is the euro (EUR). The current rate of exchange as of is approximately 1 USD = 0.921EUR

XIII. CLIMATE

18. The average temperature in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in the month of October ranges from 20° to 26° degrees Celsius.

XIV. LOCAL TIME

19. The local time in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria is GMT+0.

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XV. BUSINESS & SHOPPING HOURS

- 20. Banks are open from Monday to Friday from 8.30 am and work until 2.30 pm.
- 21. Most shops are open from 9.30 am to 8.30 pm.

XVI. INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE

- 22. For further information on INVESTOUR workshop on Financing in the tourism sector, please refer to the UNWTO website: <http://africa.unwto.org> and www.casafrica.es .
Participants can register online at the following link: <http://africa.unwto.org/webform/Registration>.

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AFRICAN CONSULATES IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

COUNTRY	NAME	POSITION	CONTACT DETAILS
Consulate General of Equatorial Guinea in Las Palmas	Mrs. Emerenciana Mangué Obiang Esidang	Consul General	José Miranda Guerra, 12 Teléfono-Fax: 928 244 592 cggelpa@gmail.com
Consulate General Mauritania in Las Palmas	Mr. Sidi Mohamed Mohamed Radhi	Consul General	C/ Juan Rejón, 45-3ª Pl. (Ciudad Jardín) Teléfono: 928 467 122 consuladorimlaspalmas@hotmail.com www.comsulatmauritaniecanaries.com
Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in Canary islands	Mr. Ahmed Moussa	Consul General	C/ León y Castillo, 92-94 Teléfono: 928 262 859 consul@consuladomarruecoslp.com
Honorary Consulate General of Cabo Verde in Las Palmas	Mr. Juan Cárdenes Martín	Honorary Consul General	C/ Padre Claret, 10-1º Teléfono: 928 245 332 consulcanarias@consuladocv.com
Honorary Consulate General of Liberia Las Palmas	Mr. Antonio Arenas Rodrigáñez	Honorary Consul	C/ San Agustín 13, Piso 3, Oficina 5. Teléfono: 928 310 274 Móvil: 610 776 733 aarenas@coalca.com
Honorary Consulate General of Mali in Tenerife	Mr. Serge Ibáñez	Honorary Consul	Plaza del Estado de Virginia, 2 Teléfono-Fax: 922 271 344 info@consuladodemalitenerife.es
Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Guinea in Las Palmas	Mr. Mamadou Diallo	Honorary Consul	C/ Lomo la Plana, 8 – Edificio 37 – Local 1-2, Siete Palmas Teléfono: 928 076 202 / 606 060 465 consulado@consuladorepguinealp.es www.consuladorepguinealaspalmas.es
Honorary Consulate of Senegal in Canary Islands	Mrs. Katia Van Bockel	Honorary Consul	Avda. Juan Carlos I, 20, 2º Of.20 Teléfono: 928 381 279 consulado@senegalcanarias.com

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Consulate of Sierra Leone	Mrs. Soraya Mustapha Khallow	Consul	C/ Albareda, 15, 4 ^a Teléfono: 622 291 953 vicecangestiones@hotmail.com
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