



UNWTO COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Fifty-fourth meeting and Conference
Tunis, Tunisia, 24-26 April 2013

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GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

1. In accordance with the decision **CAF/53/DEC/8(LIII)** taken by the UNWTO Commission for Africa (CAF) during its fifty-third meeting held in Calabar, Nigeria, on 25 June 2012, the **fifty-fourth meeting followed by an international Conference on Current challenges and Issues for African Tourism; What solutions can be adopted to ensure its competitiveness?**, will take place in Tunis, Tunisian Republic, from **24 to 26 April 2013** at the invitation of the Government of Tunisia. These meetings are open to the participation of Member States and to the affiliate members, to other invited delegations, as well as to representatives of the tourism industry of Tunisia and to the management staff of its tourism administrations.

I. VENUE OF THE MEETINGS

2. The meetings will be held at: Hotel "Le Palace"
Address: *Les côtes de Carthages-Gammarth, 2078 La Marsa*
Tunis, Tunisian Republic
Tel.: (+216) 71912000
Fax: (+216) 71911442
E-mail: direction@lepalace.tn

II. REPLIES TO INVITATIONS

3. Governments and other bodies invited by the UNWTO Secretary-General are requested to send their replies to the following addresses at the latest on **8 April 2013**, indicating as much as possible, the composition of their delegations:

Mr. Ousmane Ndiaye Regional Director Regional Programme for Africa World Tourism Organization C/ Capitán Haya, 42 Madrid, Spain Tel.: (+34) 91 56 78 150 Fax: (+34) 91 57 13 733 E-mail : caf@unwto.org	Mrs. Mouna MATHLOUTHI GHLISS Director of the International Cooperation Ministry of Tourism 1, Avenue Mohamed V Tunis, Tunisia Tel. : (+216) (71347-264) Fax : (+216) (71240-932) E-mail : cooperation@tourisme.gov.tn
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III. STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

4. The Government of Tunisia will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization, as well as their stay in Tunisian Republic. 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

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

6. Participants travelling from countries, in which Tunisia does not have a diplomatic mission, can obtain a visa issued at the airport.

7. List of African countries, which citizens are subject to visa application for Tunisia:

1-Angola	8-Cabo Verde	15- Eritrea	22-Liberia
2-Benin	9-Central African Republic	16- Ethiopia	23- Madagascar
3-Botswana	10-Comoros	17-Gabon	24- Mozambique
4-Burkina Faso	11-Congo	18-Ghana	25- Namibia
5-Burundi	12-Djibouti	19-Guinea Bissau	26- Nigeria
6-Cameroon	13-Egypt	20- Kenya	27- Rwanda
7-Chad	14-Equatorial Guinea	21-Lesotho	28-Sierra Leone
29-Somalia	34-United Republic of Tanzania		
30-Sudan	35-Zambia		
31-South Africa	36-Zimbabwe		
32-Togo			
33-Uganda			

V. TRANSPORT

8. The Ministry of Tourism of the Tunisian Republic will arrange free transport for all participants upon arrival, and departure from the airport, as well as return transport between their hotels and the meeting place. All participants are therefore, requested to forward to the Ministry of Tourism, of Tunisia, as well as to the UNWTO Secretariat, by fax or e-mail the attached participation form, giving details of their arrival and departure.

VI. AIRPORT TAXES

9. Not applicable.

VII. AIRPORT

10. A reception and information desk will be open for delegates at the Tunis Carthage Airport. The delegates are kindly requested to contact the Reception desk of the Tunisian National Tourism Board (TNTB) at the Tunis Carthage airport.

VIII. ACCOMMODATION

11. 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 **54th meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and the international conference Current challenges and Issues for African Tourism: What solutions can be adopted to ensure its competitiveness?, from 24 to 26 April 2013.**

12. List of Hotels proposed by the Government:

Hotels	standard Price in DT and € (VAT included)		Information Tel / Fax / Mail	Distance from the venue of meetings
	Chambres	Suites		
Le Palace 5*	Single 165 TND/70 € Double 185 TND/80 €	Junior-560 TND/ 270 €	Tel.: (+216) 71912000 Fax: (+216) 71911442 direction@lepalace.tn	Venue of meetings
Mavempick Gammarth, 5*	260TND/130€	600TND/300€	+21671741444 +21671740400 Hotel.gammarth@mavempick.com	5mn
Ramada Plaza 5*	180TND/90€	370TND/185€	+21671911100 +21671910041 Dirgeneral.ramadaplazatunis@planet.tn	5mn
Golden Tulip Gammarth 5*	200TND/100€	760TND/373€	+21671913000 +21671912610 info@goldentulipcarthage.com	3mn
Regency tunis 5*	340TND/170€	550TND/270€	+21671910900 +21671912020 Sale.dept@regencytunis.com.tn	10mn
El Mouradi Gammarth 5*	140TND/70€	220TND/110€	+21671911511 +21671913524 Sale3.gammarth@elmouradi.com	2mn

Sidi Bou Said 3*	105TND/51€	140TND/68€	+21671740411 +21671745129 sidibousaid@cotgen.com	10mn
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IX. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

13. Not applicable.

X. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

14. At the place of the meetings, a registration desk will be open two days before the start of the proceedings. Badges will be issued at the time of registration.

XI. WORKING LANGUAGES

15. The working languages of the Commission meeting and Conference will be English and French. The documents will be prepared in English and French, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

XII. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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23 April 2013

19.00 : **Welcome Cocktail at the Hotel « Le Palace »**

24 April 2013

19.00: **Dinner offered by H.E. Mr. Jamel Gamra, Tourism Minister, at the restaurant Le grand bleu, Gammarth**

25 April 2013

19.00: **Dinner Cocktail at Barron Derlanger**

26 April 2013

15.00: **Visit to the tourist resort Yasmine Hammamet**

XIII. CURRENCY REGULATIONS

17. The local currency of Tunisia is the Dinar (TND). The current rate of exchange on 03 March 2013 is approximately 1 Euro for **2.061TDN**.

XIV. CLIMATE

18. The average temperature in Tunisia in the month of April ranges from **13°C** minimum to **29°C** maximum.

XV. LOCAL TIME

19. The local time in Tunisia is one hour ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

XVI. BUSINESS & SHOPPING HOURS

20. Banks are open from 08:00am to 04:00pm.

21. Shops are open from 09:00am to 08:00pm.

XVII. INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE

22. For further information on these two events, please refer to UNWTO website:
<http://africa.unwto.org>