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**International Conference on Promoting Sustainable Tourism,
A Tool for Inclusive Growth and Community Engagement in Africa
Lusaka, Zambia 16-18 November 2017**

NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), presents its compliments to the Members of the UNWTO Commission for Africa, the Affiliate Members of the region as well as other recipients, and has the honour to invite them to participate in the **International Conference on Promoting Sustainable Tourism, A Tool for Inclusive Growth and Community Engagement in Africa to be held in Lusaka, Zambia from 16-18 November 2017 at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Zambia**. This conference is an official event of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, 2017 (IY2017) and also an activity of the Africa Sustainable and Responsible Tourism Caravan.

The International Conference is open to the participation of member states, affiliate members, invited delegations, as well as to other stakeholders dealing with sustainable tourism and local communities, wildlife conservation, habitat protection and heritage conservation.

The recipients of this note verbale are kindly requested to extend also this invitation to representatives of the private sector tour operators and other sectors related to sustainable tourism and to take the necessary measures in order to participate in this International Conference.

The General Information note and the Concept note are attached to this communication. The provisional programme of the activities will be sent in due course.

It would be appreciated if the recipients of this note would confirm their participation [here](#) and inform as soon as possible the Secretariat of the names of their delegates attending the international conference.

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the recipients of this note verbale, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Madrid, 6th October 2017