

30th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia

UNWTO Regional Seminar on Climate Change, Biodiversity & Sustainable Tourism Development

Sofitel Resort & Spa, Nadi, Fiji, 18-20 June 2018

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday, 18 June 2018

07:30 - 08:30

Registration of the participants

08:30 - 09:30

Opening Ceremony of the 30th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia and the UNWTO Regional Seminar on Tourism, Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

in Ballroom 1, 2 & 5

- Traditional ceremony and cultural performance
- Welcome remarks by Hon. Mr. Faiyaz Koya, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Fiji
- Congratulatory remarks by the Chairman of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific Hon. Ms. Nia Niscaya, Deputy Minister for Tourism Marketing Development of Indonesia
- Opening remarks by Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- Inauguration address by Hon. Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service & Communications of Fiji

09:30 - 11:00

High-Level Dialogue: “How to Address the Issue of Climate Change in Tourism Development”

in Ballroom 1, 2 & 5

The High-Level Dialogue will address the policy and governance frameworks necessary to support sustainable development of tourism considering the onslaught of climate change, looking at

steps that can be taken by both the public and the private sector during the planning, development and operational phases of tourism initiatives. It will look at the roles and responsibilities of both the public sector and the private sector, and explore how different governance instruments can be used to ensure that tourism makes an optimal contribution to all aspects of sustainability.

Introduction by Mr. Xu Jing, Director of the Regional Programme for Asia and the Pacific, UNWTO

Moderator: Ms. Sarah Mathews, Head of Destination Marketing TripAdvisor

- Hon. Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service & Communications of Fiji
- Mr. Zhu Shanzhong, Executive Director, UNWTO
- Mr. Mario Hardy, CEO of PATA
- Mr. Chris Cocker, CEO of SPTO
- Hon. Ms. Nia Niscaya, Deputy Minister for Tourism Marketing of Indonesia
- Mr. Upali Ratnayake, Director General, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority

11:00 - 11:20

Coffee break

11:20 - 12:30

Technical session

in Ballroom 1, 2 & 5

Introduction: UNWTO Projects on Biodiversity Protection and Sustainable Tourism

Mr. Marcel Leijzer, Programme Manager, Technical Cooperation, UNWTO

Technical presentation on Wildlife Tourism in the context of Climate Change: presentations of good cases

Dr. Ronda Green, Chairman of Wildlife Tourism Australia and Adjunct Research Fellow at Griffith University

Open Forum on Wildlife Tourism in the context of Climate Change

Technical presentation on Climate Change and the Management of Biodiversity Protection in Protected Areas

Dr. Thomas Bauer, Head of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management of the University of South Pacific

Open Forum on Climate Change and the Management of Biodiversity Protection in Protected Areas

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch hosted by the Government of Fiji at the Sofitel Resort and Spa, Nadi

in Lagoon Restaurant, Ground floor

14:00 - 15:30

Panel 1

in Ballroom 1, 2 & 5

Addressing Sustainability through Tourism Policy and Global Partnership Within the scope of Climate Change and Biodiversity

Key Note Presentation of Ms. Serena Heckler, Programme Specialist Natural Sciences, UNESCO Office for the Pacific States: Sustainable Tourism in UNESCO designated sites in the Pacific: towards ecological, economic and climate resilience

Moderator: Dr. Ronda Green, Chairman of Wildlife Tourism Australia and Adjunct Research Fellow at Griffith University

- Hon. Mr. Shaheen Ali, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism of Fiji on Fiji's Policy and Regulatory Framework focused on Sustainable Development
- Hon. Mr. Nikhil Ranjan Roy, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and CEO of the Bangladesh Tourism Board
- Ms. SooYeon Jin, Forestry Food Security Officer, FAO
- Ms. Serena Heckler, Programme Specialist Natural Sciences, UNESCO Office for the Pacific States

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

Panel 2

in Ballroom 1, 2 & 5

Financing Sustainable Tourism Development Initiatives Tackling Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss

Key Note Presentation of Mr. Autif Sayyed, Green Building Specialist for Asia and the Pacific: Is There a Business Case for Sustainable Tourism?

Moderator: Dr. Thomas Bauer, Head of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management of the University of South Pacific

- Mr. Autif Sayyed, Green Building Specialist, IFC
- Mr. Marcel Leijzer, Programme Manager, Technical Cooperation, UNWTO
- Mr. Rinzin Jamtsho, Chief Tourism Council of Bhutan

- Ms. Srijana Rana, Team Leader for Inclusive Growth for UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji
- Mr. Dixon Seeto, President of the Fiji Hotel and Tourism Association

17:30 - 18:00

Closing Session

- Technical Conclusions and Recommendations by Dr Thomas Bauer
- Closing remarks by Mr. Zhu Shanzhong, Executive Director, UNWTO
- Closing remarks by the Hon. Mr. Inia Seruiratu, High-level Climate Champion and Minister for Agriculture, Regional Development and Disaster Management of Fiji

19:00 - 21:00

Gala dinner hosted by the Government of Fiji at the Sofitel Resort and Spa, Nadi

in Meke Lawn, Sofitel Resort

Tuesday, 19 June 2018

09:30 - 12:30

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12:30 - 14:30

Lunch hosted by the Government of Fiji at the Sofitel Resort and Spa, Nadi

in Lagoon Restaurant, Ground floor

14:30 - 17:00

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19:00 - 21:00

Farewell cocktail hosted by the Government of Fiji at the Sofitel Resort and Spa, Nadi

in Poolside Terrace

Wednesday, 20 June 2018

09:00 - 18:00

Technical visit (s) for general participants and media