



Draft Resolution presented by the Kingdom of Morocco to the 59th meeting of the UNWTO Regional Commission for Africa, (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 18-21 April 2017) in the context of the interactive session on the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development:

THE AFRICAN CARAVAN ON SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE TOURISM,

Celebrating the Year 2017, “International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development”, of which Morocco is an official sponsor.

The Commission,

Having considered the documents relating to the meeting’s agenda item on the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development,

Welcomes the signing of the Marrakesh Declaration on “Tourism and Climate Issues in Africa”, whereby the African Charter on Sustainable and Responsible Tourism was endorsed by twenty-four (24) African countries (Angola, Benin, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gabon, The Gambia, the Republic of Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, Senegal, Seychelles, the Republic of the Sudan, Chad, Tunisia, and Zimbabwe), and by the UNWTO, on 10 November 2016 in the margins of COP 22 in Marrakesh, Morocco;

Invites the African member countries of the CAF that have not yet signed the Marrakesh Declaration, to sign and adopt it throughout 2017,

Welcomes the initiative of organizing an African Caravan to celebrate the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, led by Morocco and several African countries that are signatories to the African Charter on Sustainable and Responsible Tourism and supported by the UNWTO. The Commission also encourages the continuity of the caravan after 2017 in the form of an itinerant annual event in Africa;



Notes with satisfaction that this Caravan will consist in organizing forums and workshops throughout the year 2017 in Africa, with a view to continuing to raise awareness among all stakeholders in the tourism value chain, regarding the principles of the African Charter, to ensure its dissemination and adoption by the other CAF member countries and to promote the best African initiatives and projects in the field of sustainable tourism; and

Encourages the African Caravan on Sustainable and Responsible Tourism:

- To seize the opportunity of the activities marking the celebration of the Year 2017 to promote the African Charter on Sustainable and Responsible Tourism on a continental scale;
- To disseminate and popularize the provisions of the African Charter on Sustainable and Responsible Tourism to all African countries, in particular through a public campaign on sustainable tourism in Africa;
- To promote the sharing of know-how and the exchange of expertise in sustainable tourism;
- To encourage and promote the best initiatives of the African tourism actors in terms of sustainability;
- Give new impetus to South-South cooperation and strengthen cooperation among African countries in sustainable tourism development;
- To bring to the fore the challenges and concerns relative to sustainable tourism in Africa;
- Highlight the tourism assets of the continent as well as his natural and cultural heritage
- To assess the implementation status of the activities of the Charter in Africa.