



Special Note

1. General Debate: Statements and Registration of Speakers

The General Debate of the 20th session of the UNWTO General Assembly will focus on: **connectivity** and, more specifically, on **the relation between tourism and air transport policies**.

Suggested **Guidelines for participation in the General Debate** are available online at: <http://lmd.unwto.org/en/event/general-assembly-twentieth-session>.

Delegations wishing to take the floor during the General Debate are kindly requested to **contact Ms. Zhanna Yakovleva** (zyakovleva@unwto.org) **by Friday, 9 August**, indicating “*General Debate*” in the subject. The Secretariat will place their names on the speakers’ list on a ‘first-come, first-served’ basis, so that the Debate may be organized as satisfactorily as possible.

Speakers are kindly requested to limit their interventions to a **maximum of five minutes** and to provide the Secretariat with a copy of their statement, at least 30 minutes before it is delivered.

2. Ministerial roundtable

A Ministerial Roundtable on “**Visa facilitation as a means to support tourism growth, socio-economic development and job creation**” will be held in the morning of Monday, 26 August, prior to the opening of the Assembly.

The Roundtable aims to:

1. Assess advances and share experiences on national and regional visa facilitation policies and measures;
2. Identify key issues still restricting visa facilitation – technology, coordination with other ministries and agencies, processing capacity or limited advocacy – and how to address such obstacles;
3. Identify good practices and case studies; and
4. Open possibilities for cooperation between participating countries in the area of visa facilitation.

On the occasion, UNWTO will present its updated report on the level of Regional Visa Openness.

Delegations wishing to participate in the Ministerial Roundtable are kindly requested to communicate the name of the participating country representative **by Saturday, 10 August** to Ms. Sandra Carvão, UNWTO Chief of Communications at scarvao@unwto.org.

The corresponding invitation letter and concept note (copies attached) was sent to Member States on 18 June 2013.

3. Poster Competition

The deadline for entries for the 2013 Vettor Giusti Tourism Poster Competition has been extended until **Wednesday, 31 July 2013**. To submit a poster, please visit: <http://lmd.unwto.org/en/2013vettorgiusticompetition>. If you face any technical problems in uploading your poster, please contact media2@unwto.org.

