



African Union Ministerial Working Meeting

Luanda, Angola, 28 April 2014

UNWTO Secretary-General

H.E.Dr.Elham M.A. Ibrahim (Mrs.) Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy,

Dear Ministers of UNWTO African Member States,

Dear distinguished delegates,

- Thank you for joining us on this occasion and thank you to the Commissioner for having briefed us in detail on the African Union Meeting of the Ministerial Working Group on African Tourism Sector Development Strategy: Agenda 2063 which took place last March
- The points outlined in the communiqué underpins the common areas of interest shared by our member states and the importance of tourism and its socio economic impact for African tourism development
- The UNWTO and the AU are working together to further strengthen this working relationship which will be formalized by the signing of an MOU within the year (July)
- By working in close collaboration on common policy approaches, will allow us the opportunity to support Africa in becoming the preferred destination for tourism and continue to achieve positive growth for the region.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear friends,

- Once again it is a great pleasure to be here with you in Luanda, to be in Angola.

Thank you.