1. At the 95th session of the Executive Council, a working group on Official Development Assistance (ODA) for tourism development was established. The working group, chaired by South Africa, is mandated to support the efforts of the Secretariat in achieving full ODA eligibility and mobilizing new resources for the Organization and the tourism sector.

2. A first meeting was held in London on 15 July 2013. The 2013-2014 work programme will focus on:

   (a) Bilateral work-stream: Optimize bilateral ODA for member countries flowing through or facilitated by the UNWTO; prioritize advocacy and matchmaking to raise awareness and facilitate funding flows; build on the work of the UNWTO portfolio of services, UN Steering Committee on Tourism for Development portfolio of services and the Enhanced Integrated Framework for LDCs aid-for-trade programmes; and increase voluntary ODA-eligible contributions by individual and international donors to the regular UNWTO budget and technical assistance programmes.

   (b) Minilateral work-stream: Work towards a Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement (FAFA) with the EU; prepare joint programmes with other UN entities under their respective FAFA’s for the forthcoming EU programming cycle 2014-20; and build on the DEVCO-UNWTO guidebook to access EU grants in the 2014-2020 cycle.

   (c) Multilateral work-stream: Seek full ODA eligibility for the UNWTO and continue to mainstream tourism in the global development and green economy agenda.