Annotated provisional agenda

**Item 1. Adoption of the agenda** (document CE/98/1 prov.)

In accordance with rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, the provisional agenda for the session was drawn up by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Chair of the Council. It covers all matters referred to the Council in accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes and with decisions adopted by the Council at previous sessions.

The Council is invited to adopt the agenda submitted to it.

**Item 2. Communication of the Chair** (document CE/98/2)

The Chair of the Council opens the session with a communication to the members, in accordance with decision CE/DEC/3(LVIII) adopted in Lisbon, in June 1998.

**Item 3. Report of the Secretary-General**

The Secretary-General informs the Council on the current situation of international tourism, on the programme of work, on the activities of the UNWTO in the United Nations system and on statutory and administrative matters.

**Part I: Current situation and activities**

(a) **International tourism in 2013 and 2014** (document CE/98/3(I)(a))

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the situation of international tourism in 2013 and 2014.

(b) **Mainstreaming tourism in the global agenda** (document CE/98/3(I)(b))

The Secretary-General informs the Council on the work of the Secretariat in the area of mainstreaming tourism in national and international agendas.
(c) **Priorities and Management vision for 2014-2015** (document CE/98/3(I)(c))

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the priorities of the Secretariat and on the vision of its Management for 2014-2015.

(d) **Report on the general programme of work for 2012-2013** (document CE/98/3(I)(d))

A report is presented on the implementation and evaluation of the activities undertaken by the Secretariat in relation with its programme of work for 2012-2013.

(e) **Implementation of the general programme of work for 2014-2015** (document CE/98/3(I)(e))

A report is submitted on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat for the implementation of the general programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015.

(f) **Report of the Programme and Budget Committee: Part I (Programme)** (document CE/98/3(I)(f))

A report is submitted by the Programme and Budget Committee on all issues related with the general programme of work.

(g) **UNWTO in the United Nations system** (document CE/98/3(I)(g))

Information is provided on the participation of the UNWTO in the different inter-agency mechanisms and networks set up by the United Nations, as well as in the coordination meetings of the system.

(h) **Report of the Working Group on Official Development Assistance** (document CE/98/3(I)(h))

A report is submitted on the activities of the Working Group on Official Development Assistance with the aim of supporting the efforts of the Secretariat in achieving full Official Development Assistance eligibility and mobilizing new resources for the Organization.

**Part II: Administrative and statutory matters**

(a) **Report of the Programme and Budget Committee: Part II (Budget and Finance)** (document CE/98/3(II)(a))

A report is submitted by the Programme and Budget Committee on all financial and administrative issues.

(b) **Financial situation of the Organization** (documents CE/98/3(II)(b) and CE/98/3(II)(b) Add.)

A report is submitted on the current financial situation of the Organization.
(c) **Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules** (document CE/98/3(II)(c))

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the application of General Assembly resolution A/RES/616(XX) concerning the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes. He provides the Council with a list of Members subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes. He also reports on compliance with the conditions of payment by Members benefiting from suspension of the provisions of paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules.

(d) **Auditors’ report and administrative accounts for the financial year 2013** (document CE/98/3(II)(d))

A report is submitted on the administrative accounts for 2013, together with the corresponding financial statements. It includes the report made by the Organization’s Auditors designated by Germany, India and Spain (Members elected to these posts by the General Assembly in A/RES/627(XX)).

(e) **Report of the Joint Inspection Unit** (document CE/98/3(II)(e))

A report drafted by the Joint Inspection Unit, the external oversight body of the United Nations system, on the World Tourism Organization is submitted to the Council.

(f) **Report on the ethics function** (document CE/98/3(II)(f))

A report is submitted to the Council on the recently established ethics function at the UNWTO Secretariat.

(g) **Report on human resources matters** (document CE/98/3(II)(g))

The Secretary-General informs the Council on the structure and human resources situation of the Organization.

(h) **Authorizations granted for the use of the UNWTO logo** (document CE/98/3(II)(h))

In accordance with resolution 601(XIX), the Secretary-General submits to the Members of the Council a report on the authorizations granted by the Secretariat for the use of UNWTO logo.

**Part III: General debate on the report of the Secretary-General**

A debate is opened among the members of the Council on the subjects raised in the report of the Secretary-General based on the documents presented. The Secretary-General, with his Management Team, will respond to questions and issues raised.

**Item 4. Affiliate Members**

(a) **Report of the Chair of the Affiliate Members** (document CE/98/4(a))

The Chair of the Affiliate Members informs the Council of the courses of action and decisions adopted with a view to further developing the activities of the Affiliate Members and public-private cooperation at the UNWTO.
(b) Report of the Committee for the Review of Applications for Affiliate Membership (document CE/98/4(b))

The Council is presented with the recommendations the Committee has made regarding applications for affiliate membership reviewed at its meeting held in parallel to the proceedings of the ninety-eighth session of the Council.

**Item 5. Thematic discussion: “The Role of Tourism Routes in Fostering Regional Development and Integration”** (document CE/98/5)

The Council will have two hours to discuss the theme of “The Role of Tourism Routes” which has become an increasingly important component of national tourism planning and development, offering important opportunities to foster regional development and integration.

**Item 6. Place and dates of the ninety-ninth and 100th sessions of the Executive Council** (document CE/98/6)

The Secretary-General provides the members of the Council with all the information relative to the selection of the place and dates of its two forthcoming sessions. Presentations by candidates will be made. Decisions will be taken on the candidatures to host the ninety-ninth and 100th sessions of the Council.

**Item 7. Review and adoption of the draft decisions of the ninety-eighth session of the Executive Council** (document CE/98/7)

In accordance with the established practice, the draft decisions of the ninety-eighth session are submitted to the Council for adoption at the last working session.