



UNWTO COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Fifty-eighth meeting

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REPORT

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UNWTO COMMISSION FOR AFRICA**Fifty-eighth meeting****Introduction**

1. The 58th meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa (CAF), was held on 19 April 2016, at the Sofitel Abidjan Hôtel Ivoire in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, at the gracious invitation of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire. The meeting was attended by over one hundred and fifty delegates, from 29 countries, namely: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, The Islamic Republic of the Gambia, Ghana, Republic of Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Representatives of the following international organizations and private sector representatives also took part in the event: Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), Casa Africa and International Feria de Madrid (IFEMA).

2. In his welcome address Mr. Mathias Aka N'Gouan, Mayor of the Commune of Cocody, wished "Akwaba"¹ to all the participants and for a successful and productive event in Abidjan.

3. In his opening speech, H.E. Mr. Roger Kacou, Minister of Tourism of Côte d'Ivoire thanked and warmly welcomed the African countries for having come to Abidjan for this historic event which was held under the theme of sustainable consumption and production patterns (SCP). The Minister expressed his deep appreciation to H.E. President Alassane Ouattara for having made possible the organization of this event in Côte d'Ivoire, and thanked H.E. Mr. Daniel Kablan Duncan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, for gracing the opening ceremony with his presence, which is a testimony to the importance of the tourism sector as a pillar of the economy of Côte d'Ivoire. He also extended a special tribute to Dr. Taleb Rifai, UNWTO Secretary-General and his collaborators on behalf of the government of Côte d'Ivoire.

4. The Minister stressed on the unique inter-linkages between sustainability and tourism and how this relates to the establishment of the 10YFP, which promotes transformation for sustainability through efficiency, innovation and adaptability. The objective, he pointed out, is to transition towards sustainable patterns on the heels of an economic force representing more than 1 billion international tourists which have travelled the world but also consolidate inclusive growth. Furthermore, this programme represents a unique opportunity for the tourism sector to actively contribute effectively to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a truly transformative platform, which include three goals that apply to tourism: SDG 8 (good jobs and inclusive economic growth), SDG 12 (sustainable consumption and production) and SDG 14 (sustainable use of oceans and marine resources) and their respective targets and indicators. In the framework of Côte d'Ivoire's development objective called Vision 2020 which sets to transform the country into an emerging country, the Minister reiterated the support of the President to

1 Traditional welcome address for visitors in Côte d'Ivoire

adopt policy and financial frameworks which will help accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns.

5. Addressing the participants in his opening address, Dr. Taleb Rifai, commended the Government of Cote d'Ivoire, the Honorable Minister Roger Kacou and his team, on their decisive and effective response to the recent attack in Grand Bassam. The Secretary-General expressed the full and unwavering support of UNWTO and the whole international tourism community, and as proof of this, he emphasized his happiness to see such a high level of attendance to the 58th CAF Meeting, to the International Tourism Fair of Abidjan (SITA) and to the Conference. He expressed his gratitude to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, to Minister Kacou and his team, and to Mayor Aka N'Gouan, for their kind hospitality and support in making these events possible.

6. The Secretary-General presented the current situation of global tourism, affirming that despite many challenges, including increasing safety and security concerns, international tourism continues to grow at the global level with 1,184 million international tourists travelling the world in 2015, which is 50 million more than in 2014. Africa received a total of 53 million international tourists, 5% of the world's total. Despite the challenges of the last two years due to health and security threats, the future prospects for the region remain positive; UNWTO predicts international tourist arrivals in Africa will reach 134 million by 2030. The UNWTO Secretary-General emphasized Africa's rich and diverse cultural heritage, its world-renowned wildlife, its beaches, and the business and family visits which open immense opportunities to make of the tourism sector a pillar of Africa's competitiveness in the world. It is thus with great pleasure that he saw an increasing number of countries placing tourism as a priority in their agenda. As a result he congratulated Cote d'Ivoire on its strong and ambitious National Development Plan to become a top ten tourist destination in Africa towards 2030

7. Dr. Taleb Rifai finally discussed four key issues to prioritize in order to tap into Africa's potential: (i) promoting a safe, secure and seamless travel framework, (ii) tourism as a tool for job creation and inclusion, particularly for the youth, (iii) tourism as a tool for more stable and peaceful societies and (iv) placing sustainable tourism at the heart of Africa's economic transformation. He eventually mentioned that he was very much looking forward to work with African governments, international and regional organizations and all other stakeholders to make the 2017 International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development as declared by the United Nations a success for all. He stated that it is a unique opportunity to raise awareness of the true transformative potential of a sector that is often undervalued and advance policies that promote a more sustainable and inclusive tourism sector.

8. The 58th CAF meeting was officially opened by His Excellency Daniel Kablan Duncan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, who wished a sincere welcome to Dr. Taleb Rifai and all the participants on behalf of His Excellency Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. He underlined the honor it was for Côte d'Ivoire to welcome the 58th Commission Meeting for Africa of the UNWTO. He also commended the delegations for their fraternal presence in the wake of the attacks in Grand-Bassam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is now recovering from its wounds. The Prime Minister congratulated the choice of the themes discussed under the 10YFP Conference and Symposium, insisting that they clearly respond to the current development challenges of the tourism industry and actively contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. The development of the tourism sector cannot overlap sustainability, especially given the rising number of visitors expected.

9. The Prime Minister highlighted the fact that tourism was high on the priority list of the President's vision of turning Côte d'Ivoire into an emerging country by 2020 with the development of intra, seaside and agro tourism, including a special focus towards ecotourism which is considered one of the pillars of the economy given the important number of national parks that are on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Between 2012 and 2015, 2 billion euros were invested in Côte d'Ivoire via 238 hotels which have created in return 3,000 direct jobs and 9,000 indirect jobs. According to the World Bank, the contribution of the tourism sector to Côte d'Ivoire's GDP amounts to 4.8%. The 500,000 international visitor's objective set for 2015 was reached in December 2014 with an increase from 269,810 in 2011 to 471,000 in 2014. The Government has also initiated the construction of hotel complexes with local materials through a project called "Relais-paillotes²" in order to enhance and promote the culture of Côte d'Ivoire to the attention of national and foreign visitors.

10. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire in supporting tourism development in the country, and highlighted the necessity for the Africa region to keep improving its tourism offers, infrastructure and promoting its destinations as the tourism needs are increasing each year, but also to coordinate and share experiences between countries. He finally expressed his conviction that the different proposals and discussions covered during the 58th CAF meeting will push African governments to engage in key sustainable reforms to embrace the tourism sector as a key driver for inclusive growth.

² Modern type huts

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION
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NB: The Chairman of CAF, H.E. Eng. Walter Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe informed the commission that due to a change of schedule which involved the early departure of the Secretary General to meet with H.E.Mr. Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of Côte d'Ivoire, he would invite Dr. Rifai to present his report followed by the communication of the Chairman before moving to adopt the agenda, to which the members had no objection.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Agenda item 1
(Document CAF/58/1)

11. The Report of the Secretary-General (Document CAF/58/1) was divided into the following parts:

A. International Tourism in 2015 and 2016;

The Secretary General underlined that, as in recent years, the growth in international tourism receipts in 2015 is expected to have followed that of arrivals fairly closely. Limited available data for Africa points to a 3% decrease in international arrivals, reaching a total of 53 million.

For 2016, UNWTO forecasts international tourist arrivals to grow between 3.5% and 4.5% in view of current trends and the results from the UNWTO Confidence Index which remain largely positive for 2016, though at a slightly lower level as compared to the previous two years. By region, growth projection in Africa (+2% to 5%) is positive, though with a larger degree of uncertainty and volatility.

B. Mainstreaming Tourism in the Global Agenda;

The Secretary General proudly put forward the fact that since its inception in 2011, a total of 82 Heads of State and Government have been presented with the Open Letter, in Africa, a total of 17 countries have so far adhered to this initiative.

In addition, he pointed out to several key events which the UNWTO did participate in:

- The sixth T.20 Ministers' Meeting which was held in the Republic of Turkey on 29-30 September 2015.
- The seventh Meeting of the G20 Tourism Ministers held in Beijing, China on 20 May 2016 in the framework of the Chinese Presidency of the G20
- The First World Conference on Tourism for Development organized by UNWTO and the Government of the People's Republic of China

Dr. Taleb Rifai emphasized the fact that the Secretariat continues to work to position tourism higher in the United Nations system agenda as well as that of other relevant international and regional

organizations. As a result, it is a great achievement that the United Nations (UN) General Assembly has approved the adoption of 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development. Also, UNWTO continues to progress the work of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP).

C. Key UNWTO activities in Africa

- The 4th UNWTO International Conference on Tourism and the Media: Building Partnerships (12 and 13 November 2015, Tunis, Tunisia);
- The VII edition of the Tourism Investment Forum for Africa (INVESTOUR) (21 January 2016, Madrid, Spain); and
- The ongoing implementation of 17 technical cooperation projects in 13 African countries

D. Administrative and Financial Matters.

The Secretary General indicated that the year 2015 closed with contribution income balancing budgetary expenditures and enabling a partial reimbursement of the advance made by the Working Capital Fund in 2014. He also highlighted the fact that the 21st General Assembly has ratified the New Headquarters Agreement with Spain, signed in 2015. Subsequently, the Spanish Government has also ratified it. Intensive consultations are now underway with the Spanish Authorities as per its implementation.

12. The Commission,

Having heard with interest the Report of the Secretary-General,

- Notes with satisfaction the results of international tourism at the global level and in particular the projected performance of the Africa region;
- Congratulates the Secretary-General on the efforts to mainstream tourism in the global agenda, through the inclusion of tourism in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Commends the Secretary-General for the new vision and priorities with the long-term objective of advancing the development of the tourism sector in the region as a key pillar of sustainable development;
- Congratulates the Secretary-General for the sound financial situation of the organization and his appointment by the Government of Spain as the dean of the Group of International Organizations in Spain and the Secretary-General as the spoke person of the Group;
- Encourages the Member States to appoint Representatives to the UNWTO as they will be have full diplomatic status;
- Welcomes Mr. Jaime Mayaki as the new Deputy Director of the UNWTO Regional Programme for Africa, and assures the full support for the success of his work.

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COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

Agenda item 2
(Document CAF/58/2)

13. The Chairman of the Commission, H.E. Eng. Walter Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe, expressed his deepest condolences to the Government of Côte d'Ivoire on the sad loss of lives due to the horrendous and unjustified terrorist attacks that took place at Grand-Bassam Resort Hotels. He expressed that as the Commission for Africa, this attack means an attack to every African country, and hence notwithstanding what happened here, the collective presence of all the delegations and their decision to proceed with the meeting in Abidjan. He insisted on the fact that fear, which terror is merchandising, will not distract the region's vision on the pursuit of happiness which travel and tourism epitomizes.

14. The Chairman congratulated the Secretary-General of the UNWTO in leading in the front in raising the profile of tourism as to be recognized as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development in 2017. This unique opportunity will allow for a stronger engagement with global leaders at the highest level in the framework of the United Nations General Assembly to debate issues related to tourism. He therefore, urged Member States to establish National Working Groups to prepare for 2017 and raise awareness on the critical issues in this sector for a serious conversation next year around the Sustainable Development Goals 8, 12 and 14.

15. The Chairman underlined the positive developments of the tourism agenda within the African Union (AU). Following his invitation in January 2016 to the AU's Ministerial Retreat and Heads of State and Government Summit where he presented on African Tourism potential and wildlife conservation for mainstreaming into Agenda 2063, he mentioned that the AU has positively welcomed all the proposals from CAF, even adding some like the launch of a 'Visit Africa Campaign', and has adopted a position to come up with a Continental Tourism Policy which all delegations are invited to provide inputs to. The reform process of the AU regarding tourism has resulted in the use of an African passport from July 2016, following the adoption of a proposal by the Heads of State and Government in January 2016, to have all African countries allow 30-day visa free stay for Africans.

16. The Chairman listed the series of key proposals that have been put forward to the attention of the AU:

- A Continental Tourism Policy
- Visit Africa Campaign
- Brand Africa
- Structurally institutionalize tourism at the AU (Commission/substantive directorate on Tourism, Biodiversity and Aviation).
- Build strong Regional Tourism Blocs
- Campaign for the adoption and use of the African Passport

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- A common African visa regime
- Accelerated implementation of the Yamoussoukro Declaration of 1998
- Minimalistic support to tourism (1-5% of the total national budget)

17. In the same vein of regional integration initiatives, the Chairman congratulated both Rwanda and Ghana. Rwanda now allows nationals of all African countries traveling to or transiting through to obtain an entry visa upon arrival whilst Ghana announced that it was introducing a thirty days visa-on-arrival for citizens of AU member states.

18. The Chairman called upon Member States to debate the challenges affecting biodiversity, which constitutes over 80% of the product base of the region. He also highlighted how tourism has the capacity and ability to champion peace building and fostering social harmony and how it should be promoted in partnership with other cooperating partners. On the issue of climate change, he also proposed the elaboration of climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the tourism industry and suggested the creation of a working group specifically addressing this.

19. He finally called for a paradigm shift in repositioning the tourism industry as a new frontier for transformation towards the 'Africa We Want' as aptly captured by the African Union Vision 2063, which requires to adopt a paradigm shift and a new way of doing business in Africa.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1
(Document CAF/58/3)

1. The agenda for the 58th meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa was presented to the delegates by the Chairman H.E. Eng. Walter Mzembi, Minister of Tourism and Hospitality Industry of Zimbabwe. As mentioned earlier due to a change of schedule which involved the early departure of the Secretary General to meet with H.E.Mr Alassane Dramane Ouattara, President of Côte d'Ivoire, the initial agenda had to be modified accordingly in order for the Secretary General to open the working session with the presentation of his report. Eventually the Members adopted the agenda unanimously as follows:

Provisional Agenda

1. Report of the Secretary-General
2. Communication of the Chairman of the Commission
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Report on the Implementation of the General Programme of Work
5. Report on the 7th edition of the Tourism and Business Investment Forum for Africa (INVESTOUR) 2016

6. Update on Committees
 - 6.1. Programme and Budget Committee
 - 6.2. Committee on Tourism and Sustainability
 - 6.3. Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness
 - 6.4. Committee on Statistics and TSA
7. Affiliate Members presentation
8. Tourism and Ethics
9. International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017
10. ST-EP International Organization
11. Tourism and Security: Towards a framework for safe, secure and seamless travel
12. Other matters
13. Venue and date of the fifty-ninth meeting of the Commission

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CAF/DEC/4 (LVIII)

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Agenda item 4

Sub-items 4.1 – Global Activities and 4.2 – Programme of Work for Africa – Regional Activities
(Documents CAF/58/4.1 and CAF/58/4.2)

19. The Commission,

Having considered documents CAF/58/4.1 and CAF/58/4.2 dealing with the implementation of the General Programme of Work,

- Congratulates the Secretariat for the wide range of activities being implemented at the global level, which reflects the commitment with the Member States;
- Commends the Secretariat for the quality and the increasing number of the activities carried out in the region at both the national and regional level, in such a varied range of areas, to help the countries of the region to maximize the economic and social benefits of the sector, while making tourism a tool that can contribute to the fight against poverty;
- Recommends the Secretariat to take into account the issues related to the travel advisories, especially the ones from key source markets which are sometimes in disconnect with the reality

on the ground in several countries of the region and requests the Secretariat to consider that issue as part of the key topics of the Working Group on Tourism and Security;

- Urges the Secretariat the necessity to establish an international charter on tourism and security as a framework for sustainable tourism;
- Welcomes the invitation by Algeria to participate in the Peace, Security and Sustainable Tourism conference to be held in Algeria in November 2016.

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REPORT OF THE 7TH EDITION OF THE TOURISM INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS FORUM FOR AFRICA (INVESTOUR)

Agenda item 5
(Document CAF/58/5)

21. The Commission,

Having considered the documents on this agenda item,

- Congratulates the Secretary-General on having successfully organized for the seventh consecutive time in cooperation with Casa Africa and IFEMA the Tourism Investment and Business Forum for Africa (INVESTOUR) for the benefit of the African Members;
- Encourages the Member States and the public and private enterprises of the region to take part massively in the eighth edition of INVESTOUR to be held in January 2017 in Madrid in the context of the Madrid International Tourism Fair (FITUR).
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Within the framework of the 58th CAF, three main signatures were witnessed:

20. *The signing of the Licence Agreement for the Toolbox for Crisis Communications in Tourism between the UNWTO and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire*

The Programme Director of the Regional Program for Africa, Ms. Elcia Grandcourt, took the opportunity to explain the importance and the use of this toolbox for members. She highlighted that since countries and destinations spend large amounts of money for crisis communication manuals, UNWTO decided to produce this toolbox and offered for use at no cost as part of the services made available to its members. The licence agreement includes step-by-step protocols, checklists, sample templates configured by type of crisis and media categories, guidelines for measuring effectiveness, best practices and a special chapter fully dedicated to the use of social media in times of crisis. The toolbox is made available for free to member states and they are free to customize it. She then invited Minister Roger Kacou and Dr. Taleb Rifai to officially sign the toolbox license agreement.

21. *The signing of the Letter of Intent between the UNWTO and the Government of Algeria regarding the Programme of Capacity Building on Statistics*

The Minister of Algeria, Mr. Amar Ghoul, and Dr. Taleb Rifai signed a Letter of Intent for the hosting of a series of Capacity Building workshop on Statistics in Algeria. The program will span over a period of three years (2016-2018) and will include a series of capacity building workshop for officials from National Tourism Administrations (NTA), National Statistical Offices (NSO), Central Banks (CB), and Migration Authorities (MA). The objective of the Programme is to contribute to national developments of tourism statistics and additionally, to the sustainability of the TSA project. The first capacity building workshop will take place in Oran, Algeria, 24-26 October 2016, under the patronages of the Government of the Republic of Algeria.

22. *The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the UNWTO*

The CEO of NEPAD, Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki and Dr. Taleb Rifai signed an MoU between both organizations, whose objective is to enhance cooperation between the NEPAD Agency and UNWTO. Both organisations will work together in identifying areas of mutual interest; with a view to promote tourism as a tool for development in Africa in line with UNWTO's priorities and Africa's Agenda 2063 aspirations and goals on sustainable economic growth and inclusive development, as well as build strong partnerships to support the development of the tourism sector in Africa.

In his speech, Dr Mayaki said that Africa's Heads of States and Governments have adopted Agenda 2063 as the structural transformation framework of the continent. This Agenda integrated tourism as a critical driver of inclusive growth, job opportunities and wealth creation, through industry and service". According to Dr. Mayaki, the role of the NEPAD Agency - as the technical arm of the African Union - is to ensure that the mechanisms to facilitate regional integration, such as visa facilitation, air access and transport are effectively implemented. Therefore, the signing of the MoU is a very important step for the NEPAD Agency for mainstreaming sustained and competitive tourism, he added.

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AFFILIATE MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Agenda item 5
(Document CAF/58/5)

23. The Commission,

Having heard the presentation by the Chair of the Affiliate Members on this agenda item,

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- Commends the Secretariat for the series of actions based on the work areas detailed in the previous report that have been carried out since the last Executive Council in 2015;
 - Recognizes the necessary contribution to the practical application of public-private collaboration by engaging and grouping together different members according to areas of interest, encouraging interaction and networking, as well as knowledge exchange;
 - Recommends the Member States to provide the tourism and related private sector with information about the UNWTO Affiliate Members, aiming at increasing the affiliation in the region since Africa encapsulates the lowest number of Affiliate members among other regions.
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CAF/DEC/8 (LVIII)

TOURISM AND ETHICS

Agenda item 8
(Document CAF/58/8)

24. The Commission,

Having considered the presentation on this agenda item,

- Commends the Secretariat for putting forward the Global Study on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism and highlighting the fact that it does not only affect developing countries or countries with low revenues but also some of the world's most developed countries ;
 - Encourages the Member States and the public and private enterprises of the region to have key actions with a comprehensive multi-stakeholder systemic and child rights centred approach ;
 - Encourages the Member States to put forward awareness raising, reporting on this crime, ending impunity, focusing on care and recovery, regulation and control, and finding ways in which the travel and tourism sector can further improve child protection.
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CAF/DEC/9 (LVIII)

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT 2017

Agenda item 9
(Document CAF/58/9)

25. The Commission,

Having considered the documents on this agenda item,

- Congratulates the Secretary-General on having planned activities in preparation and in the framework of the International Year 2017 which will include advocacy work, awareness raising, knowledge creation and dissemination, policy promotion, events, as well as the fostering of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Public-Private Sector Partnerships;
- Encourages Member and non-Member States, Associate and Affiliate Members, other international and regional organizations, the private sector, academia, civil society and other tourism stakeholders — including the billions of tourists travelling domestically and internationally every year — to engage in the celebration of the International Year;
- Welcomes Morocco's initiative to adopt a common African Charter of Sustainable Tourism and lead a consensual working group which will present the document during the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) in Marrakech in November 2016.

CAF/DEC/10 (LVIII)

INTERNATIONAL ST-EP ORGANIZATION

Agenda item 10
(Document CAF/58/10)

26. The Commission,

Having considered the documents on this agenda item,

- Congratulates the Secretary-General and the UNWTO ST-EP Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the "ST-EP Foundation"), with the guidance from the UNWTO Member States and the ST-EP Foundation's Board of Directors, to have been working for the past two and a half years on the transformation process of the ST-EP Foundation into the International ST-EP Organization;
- Encourages the Member States to be part of the ST-EP organization so that a sound membership base will be created, serving as a strong fundament to provide guidance to the future direction of the ST-EP Initiative, to raise awareness on the important contribution that tourism can make to poverty reduction, to help identify new opportunities for project interventions, and to mobilize donor funding;
- Welcomes the affirmation that there are no financial obligations to members for joining the International ST-EP Organisation.

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CAF/DEC/11 (LVIII)

THEMATIC DISCUSSION - TOURISM AND SECURITY

Agenda item 11
(Document CAF/58/11)

27. The Commission,

Having heard the report prepared by the Secretariat on Tourism and Security,

- Congratulates the Secretariat for having organized the High-Level Meeting on Tourism and Security in Madrid and having organized the debate to promote innovative approaches in travel advisories and facilitation to integrate tourism and security and develop a resilient tourism sector through adequate mechanisms, resources and technical skills;
- Commends the thematic discussions in order to foster dialogue and understanding between the tourism sector and the security apparatus to strengthen effective coordination, information sharing, and communication in order for critical functions to be prepared before a crisis and to be able to better absorb, restore and recover from crises;
- Commends the discussion around the role of crisis management plans and protocols, and the critical issue of crisis communications;
- Welcomes the Secretary-General initiative to create a task force to progress these discussions at a global level, which could ultimately lead to creating a safety and security charter for the tourism sector;
- Encourages the Secretariat to continue its efforts together with other relevant International Organizations among them UNODC and CITES.

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OTHER ISSUES

Agenda item 12

28. No other items were presented.

CAF/DEC/13 (LVIII)

VENUE AND DATE OF FIFTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Agenda item 13
(Document CAF/58/13)

29. The Commission

- Welcomes with pleasure and accepts the invitation by the authorities of the People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to hold its fifty-ninth meeting in Ethiopia in 2017, on a date to be fixed by mutual agreement by the UNWTO Secretariat and the authorities of that country.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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