UNWTO Commission for Africa
Sixty-third Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and Forum on African Youth for Sustainable Tourism Solutions
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1. In accordance with the recommendation CAF/REC/8 (LXII) made at the 62nd UNWTO Commission for Africa (CAF) held in St-Petersburg, Russia, on 10 September, 2019, the 63rd meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and Forum on African Youth for Sustainable Tourism Solutions will take place in Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles, from 25 to 27 March 2020. The meetings will be open to the participation of UNWTO Member States, affiliate members, invited delegations as well as to representatives of the tourism and related sectors.

2. **VENUE OF THE CONGRESS**

   The Congress will be held at:
   Savoy Seychelles Resort & Spa
   Box 400, Mahe Island, Beau Vallon, Seychelles
   +248 2 520 200

3. **CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

   Governments and other dignitaries invited by the UNWTO are requested to send their replies to the following addresses at the latest on **29th February 2020**, indicating as much as possible, the composition of their delegations:

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<th>Mrs. Anne Lafortune</th>
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4. **REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE AND ACCREDITATION**
Registration for the conference is open and participants are requested to complete their online registration available on the UNWTO website at the following link: https://www.unwto.org/sixty-third-meeting-commission-africa before 29th February 2020.

At the venue of the conference, a registration desk will be open before the start of the proceedings. Badges will be issued at the time of registration.

5. **STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS**

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization, as well as their stay in Seychelles. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations specialized agencies of 1947.

6. **ENTRY FORMALITIES**

A valid passport is required for all visitors to Seychelles.

Visa is not required however, a visitor's permit on arrival will be issued upon presentation of accreditation letter or invitation letter from the organisers of the event.

7. **TRANSPORT**

The Ministry for Tourism, Civil Aviation, Ports and Marine will arrange transportation for all participants upon arrival, and departure from the airport, as well as return transport between their hotels and the venue of the event. All participants are therefore, requested to register on-line at the following link giving details of their arrival and departure: https://www.unwto.org/sixty-third-meeting-commission-africa

8. **AIRPORT TAXES**

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles will assume all the costs related to the airport taxes.

9. **RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT**

Reception and information desk will be operated from both VIP and normal arrival lounges and assist participants in immigration formalities, baggage collection, coordinate transport and transfers to the hotel.

10. **ACCOMMODATION**
The delegates are requested to make their own arrangements directly by contacting their chosen hotel. Kindly consult the list below for the recommended hotels and when booking the accommodation please specify that you will be attending the 63rd UNWTO Regional Commission for Africa and Forum on African Youth for Sustainable Tourism Solutions from 25 to 27 March 2020.

**Special Note:** Ministers and the heads of delegations are encouraged by the host country to secure their accommodation preferably at Savoy Seychelles Resort & Spa – venue of the conference.

*List of Hotels proposed by the Ministry for Tourism, Civil Aviation, Ports and Marine of Seychelles*

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<td>Savoy Seychelles Resort &amp; SPA</td>
<td>Single Room BB</td>
<td>265.00 (Early Bird Rate until end of January)</td>
<td>Savoy Seychelles Resort &amp; Spa Beau Vallon T: + 00 248 4 39 20 00 <a href="mailto:Henriette@Savoy.sc">Henriette@Savoy.sc</a> <a href="http://www.savoy.sc">www.savoy.sc</a></td>
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<td>Single Room BB</td>
<td>290 (Normal Rate)</td>
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<td>Double Room BB</td>
<td>330.00</td>
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<td>Coral Strand Smart Choice Hotel</td>
<td>Single Room – BB</td>
<td>185</td>
<td>Coral Strand Smart Choice Hotel Beau Vallon, Box 400, Mahe Island, Seychelles +248 264 02 82 <a href="mailto:Henriette@Savoy.sc">Henriette@Savoy.sc</a> <a href="http://www.coralstrand.com">www.coralstrand.com</a></td>
<td>2 Minutes Walk from Venue</td>
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<td>Coco Dór Hotel</td>
<td>Single Room BB</td>
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<td>Coco Dór Hotel Beau Vallon Tel: +248 4247331 Fax: +248 4247454 <a href="mailto:reservations@cocodor.sc">reservations@cocodor.sc</a> Website: <a href="http://www.cocodor.sc">www.cocodor.sc</a></td>
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P O Box 936  
Beau Vallon  
Mahe, Seychelles  
Tel: (248) 4247257  
augerine@seychelles.sc  
www.augerinehotel.com      | 5 Minutes by Shuttle        |
|                                 | Double Room BB             | 163       |                                                                  |                                          |
| Berjaya Beau-Vallon Bay Resort & Casino | Superior Single Room BB | 162       | Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Resort & Casino  
Tel: + (248) 428 7402 | 5 Minutes by Shuttle        |
|                                 | Superior Double Room BB    | 186       | Fax: + (248) 424 7943  
erica.tirant@berjayahotel.com |
|                                 | Superior Triple Room BB    | 226       |                                                                  |                                          |
|                                 | Deluxe Single Room BB      | 183       |                                                                  |                                          |
|                                 | Deluxe Double Room BB      | 207       |                                                                  |                                          |
| Hilton Northolme Resort & Spa   | Garden View Villa          | 395       | Hilton Northolme Resort & Spa  
Tel: 248 429 9000  
Glacis, Victoria, PO Box 333  
Mahé, Seychelles  
hilton.com  
anthony.smith2@hilton.com   |                                          |

11. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
Yellow fever vaccination is required in Seychelles. Delegates should present their yellow fever card upon arrival.

12. **WORKING LANGUAGES**

The working languages of the conference will be English, and French. The documents will be prepared in English and French and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

13. **SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

- Official Opening Cocktail - Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 1700hrs
- Cultural Gala Dinner - Thursday 26th March 2020 at 1900hrs (By invitation)

14. **CURRENCY REGULATIONS**

The Unit of currency is the Seychellois rupee. Currently exchange rates are as below:

- Euro is approximately 1 Euro for SCR 15.15.
- 1 Dollar is approximately equivalent to SCR 13.85

15. **CLIMATE**

The average temperature in Seychelles in March ranges from 25°C minimum to 31°C maximum.

16. **LOCAL TIME**

The time in Seychelles is GMT+4.

17. **BUSINESS AND SHOPPING HOURS**

Public offices open from 8.00am to 4.00pm (Monday to Friday).

While businesses are open from 9.00am to 5.00pm (Monday to Friday) and from 9.00am to 1.00pm (Saturday)

Banks are open from 8.30am to 2.00pm (Monday to Friday) and 8.30am to 11.30am (Saturdays). Most internationally recognized currencies can be exchanged at commercial banks, hotels and international airports. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

18. **INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE**

For further information on the conference please refer to UNWTO website: [https://www.unwto.org/sixty-third-meeting-commission-africa](https://www.unwto.org/sixty-third-meeting-commission-africa)