



UNWTO Commission for Africa
Sixty-third Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and
Forum on African Youth for Sustainable Tourism Solutions

CAF/63
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GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

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:

Ms. Elcia Grandcourt Director Regional Department for Africa World Tourism Organization Madrid, Spain. Tel.: (+34 91) 5678152 Email: rdaf@unwto.org	Mrs. Anne Lafortune Principal Secretary Tourism Department Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Ports & Marine Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles. Tel.: + 248 4286500 Email: alafortune@tourism.gov.sc
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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](#)

Hotels	Room Type	Price USD	Information Tel / Fax / Mail	Distance from the venue of the conference
Savoy Seychelles Resort & SPA	Single Room BB	265.00 (Early Bird Rate until end of January) 290 (Normal Rate)	Savoy Seychelles Resort & Spa Beau Vallon T: + 00 248 4 39 20 00 Henriette@Savoy.sc www.savoy.sc	Venue of Conference
	Double Room BB	330.00	Booking Code: UNWTOSAV20	
Coral Stand Smart Choice Hotel	Single Room – BB	185	Coral Strand Smart Choice Hotel Beau Vallon, Box 400, Mahe Island, Seychelles +248 264 02 82 Henriette@Savoy.sc www.coralstrand.com Booking Code: UNWTOCOR20	2 Minutes Walk from Venue
	Double Room BB	220.00		
Coco Dór Hotel	Single Room BB	150	Coco Dór Hotel Beau Vallon Tel: +248 4247331 Fax: +248 4247454 reservations@cocodor.sc Website: www.cocodor.sc	5 Minutes Walk from Venue



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			Booking Code : UNWTO2020	
Augerine Small Hotel	Single Room BB	130	Augerine Small Hotel 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 Fax: + (248) 424 7943 erica.tirant@berjayahotel.com	5 Minutes by Shuttle
	Superior Double Room BB	186		
	Superior Triple Room BB	226		
	Deluxe Single Room BB	183		
	Deluxe Double Room BB	207		
Hilton Northolme Resort & Spa	Villa Vue Jardin	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 **SCR15.15**.
- 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>