34th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia,
UNWTO Ministerial Roundtable on Tourism Resilience through Innovation and Digitalization in Asia and the Pacific &
UNWTO Global Summit on Community-based Tourism
Republic of Maldives, 14-16 June 2022

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
25 May 2022

Tuesday, 14 June 2022
08:30 – 10:00 Registration of the participants

34th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia

10:00 - 10:20 34th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia

(Venue: CROSSROADS Maldives)

- Welcome remarks by H.E. Dr. Abdulla Mausoom, Minister of Tourism, Maldives
- Opening remarks by Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

10:20 - 10:30 Group Photo

10:30 - 13:00 34th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia

10:30 – 10:35 1. Adoption of the Agenda

10:35 – 10:40 2. Communication of the Chairperson of the 34th CAP-CSA Joint Meeting

  H.E. Dr. Abdulla Mausoom, Minister of Tourism, Maldives

10:40 – 10:45 3. Communication of the Co-Chairperson of the 34th CAP-CSA Joint Meeting

  H.E. Dato’ Sri Nancy Shukri, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Malaysia

10:45 – 11:25 4. Report of the Secretary-General

  Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General, UNWTO

11:25 – 11:40 5. UNWTO in Asia and the Pacific

  Mr. Harry Hwang, Director, Regional Department for Asia and the Pacific, UNWTO
6. **UNWTO Affiliate Members: Latest Developments, Reforms and Future Outlook**

   Mr. Ion Vilcu, Director, Affiliate Members Department, UNWTO

7. **Policy Discussion: Member States’ Updates on Tourism Recovery and Restarting Tourism**

   (3 mins per Member State) Moderated by Ms. Sandra Carvao, Chief, Tourism Market Intelligence and Competitiveness, UNWTO

8. **Other matters**

9. **Place and date of the 35th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific & the UNWTO Commission for South Asia**

10. **Lunch** hosted by UNWTO

### UNWTO Ministerial Roundtable on Tourism Resilience through Innovation and Digitalization in Asia and the Pacific

15:00 - 17:00

UNWTO Ministerial Roundtable on Tourism Resilience through Innovation and Digitalization in Asia and the Pacific

(Venue: CROSSROADS Maldives)

**Opening Remarks:** Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General, UNWTO

**Moderator:** Ms. Sharanjit Leyl, International News Journalist

**Speakers**

- H.E. Dr. Abdulla Mausoom, Minister of Tourism, Maldives
- H.E. Mr. Faiyaz Koya, Minister of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Fiji
- Ms. Angela Tanoesoedibjo, Vice Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesia
- Mr. Yasuhiro OKANISHI, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan
- YB Dato’ Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Malaysia
- H.E. Mr. Prem Bahadur Ale, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal
- Ms. Verna Esmeralda C. Buensuceso, Assistant Secretary, Department of Tourism, Philippines (tbc)
- Mr. Nguyen Trung Khanh, Chairman, Viet Nam National Tourism Administration, Viet Nam
- Ms. Natalia Bayona, Director, Innovation, Education and Investments, UNWTO
- Mr. Stefano Baronci, Director General, Airports Council International Asia-Pacific
- Asia-Pacific Ministers/Deputy Ministers/Industry Leaders (tbc)

19:00 - 21:00

**Welcome dinner** hosted by H.E. Dr. Abdulla Mausoom, Minister of Tourism, Maldives
**Wednesday, 15 June 2022**

**UNWTO Global Summit on Community-based Tourism**

**08:30 – 10:00**  Registration of the participants

**10:00 - 12:30**  **UNWTO Global Summit on Community-based Tourism**  
(Venue: CROSSROADS Maldives)

**Opening Session**
- Welcome remarks by H.E. Dr. Abdulla Mausoom, Minister of Tourism, Maldives
- Address by Special Guests
- Opening remarks by Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General of UNWTO

**Keynote Speech**
- by Professor Jafar Jafari, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Stout, USA, Founding Editor Annals of Tourism Research, Founding President The Academy, 2005 UNWTO Ulysses Prize Laureate

**Group Photo**

**Global Summit on Community-based Tourism / Debates**

*Moderator:* Ms. Sharanjit Leyl, International News Journalist

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- Mr. Nguyen Trung Khanh, Chairman, Viet Nam National Tourism Administration, Viet Nam
- Ms. Catherine Haswell, UN Resident Coordinator for the Republic of Maldives (tbc)
- H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General, ASEAN (tbc)
- Ms. Liz Ortiguera, Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)
- Asia-Pacific Ministers/Deputy Ministers/Industry Leaders (tbc)

**13:00 - 14:30**  **Lunch** hosted by the Ministry of Tourism, Maldives
Thursday, 16 June 2022

UNWTO Global Summit on Community-based Tourism

Thematic Session 1: Gastronomy Tourism *(Venue: CROSSROADS Maldives)*

09:50 – 10:00 **Opening Remark**
by Mr. Assad Riza, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Maldives (tbc)

10:00 - 10:40 **Keynote presentations**
- ‘Enhancing the Tourism Experience through Gastronomy in the Maldives’ by Ms. Mariyam Noordeen, President, Chefs Guild of Maldives
- Dr. HJ. Mohamad Abdullah, Rector, University Technology MARA, Malaysia

10:40 - 12:30 **Panel Discussion**
*Moderator: Mr. Peter Semone, UNWTO Consultant*
- Mr. Abdulla Sobah, Chef de cuisines, Soneva fushi Maldives
- Mr. Chris Seek, President/CEO, Solimar International
- Dr. Zakiyya Moosa, Dean of Faculty of Research and Innovations, Avid. College, Maldives
- Representative of the Ministry of Tourism of Thailand (tbc)
- Representative of the Ministry of Tourism of Indonesia (tbc)

Thematic Session 2: Agro-tourism *(Venue: Paradise Island Resort & Spa)*

09:50 – 10:00 **Opening Remark**
by Dr. Naushad Mohamed, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Maldives (tbc)

10:00 - 10:20 **Keynote presentations**
‘Agro-Tourism in the Maldives Setting’ by Dr. Hussain Rasheed Hassan, Minister of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Maldives

10:20 - 12:30 **Panel Discussion**
*Moderator: tbc*
- Dr. Aminath Shafiya, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Maldives
- Ms. Ingrid Kuman, Director, Policy and Planning Division, Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority
- Mr. Hiroyuki Kitagawa, President/CEO, JTB Asia Pacific Headquarters
- Representative of the Asia Development Bank (tbc)
Thematic Session 3: Community-based Tourism  
(Venue: Paradise Island Resort & Spa)

09:50 – 10:00  
**Opening Remark**  
by Mr. Ibrahim Rasheed Aboobakuru, Minister of State for Tourism, Maldives (tbc)

10:00 - 10:40  
**Keynote presentations**  
- Cultural Tourism and Creative Economies: The Road to a Sustainable Future’ by Ms. Yumna Maumoon, Minister of Arts, Culture & Heritage  
- by Mr. Enrico Gaveglia, UNDP Resident Representative in Maldives

10:40 - 12:30  
**Panel Discussion**  
*Moderator: Sandra Carvao, UNWTO*  
- Mr. Dae-Kwan Kim, President, Korea Culture & Tourism Institute  
- Mr. Ahmed Nazeer, Secretary General, Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI)  
- Dr. Rajashree Ajith, Director, Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies  
- Ms. Yolanda Perdomo, Senior Tourism Strategist, ICF  
- Mr. Alex Rainer, Director, Government & Destinations Relations, Amadeus  
- Mr. Christopher Cocker, CEO, Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)

Farewell Dinner for the Global Summit  
(Venue: Crossroads Maldives)  

19:00 - 21:30  
Farewell Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Tourism, Maldives  
(Venue: Crossroads Maldives)