

UNWTO Commission for Africa

Sixty-fifth meeting

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Provisional agenda item 7

Venue of the Sixty-sixth Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa

A. Decision on the host of the 66th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa

1. The Republic of Tunisia has presented to UNWTO, an official letter Ref.: 159/2022 addressed to the Secretariat on 5th August 2022, its candidature to host the 66th Meeting of the Commission for Africa in Tunisia in 2023.
2. The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria has presented to UNWTO, an official letter Ref.: 309/AMB/2022 addressed to the Secretariat on 21st September 2022, its candidature to host the 66th Meeting of the Commission for Africa in Algeria in 2023.
3. The Republic of Mauritius has presented to UNWTO, an official letter Ref.:199/2022 addressed to the Secretariat on 26th September 2022, its candidature to host the 66th Meeting of the Commission for Africa in Mauritius in 2023.
4. The Members of the Commission for Africa were informed of the candidatures of the three countries above through a Note Verbale on 28th September 2022.

B. Requirements for hosting the meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa

5. By resolution 662(XXI), the General Assembly explicitly requests Member States wishing to host a UNWTO meeting to provide the conditions established in the template agreement annexed thereto. This model agreement developed by the Secretariat, on the basis of which host country agreements for the holding of UNWTO meetings are



being concluded with the vast majority of Member States, sets out the legal framework governing the holding of UNWTO meetings away from Headquarters, which is primarily determined by Article 32 of the Statutes, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and its Annex XVIII (related to UNWTO), as well as relevant resolutions by the General Assembly, and is consistent with the policy of the holding United Nations on the matter.

6. In line with the practice of the election of venue for the General Assembly and the Executive Council, all Member States submitting their candidature to host the next session of the Regional Commission shall undertake in writing, before the Regional Commission adopts its decision on the venue of its next session, to observe the legal framework for the holding of UNWTO meetings away from Headquarters and to provide the provisions established in the model agreement.
7. Should the host country not be in a position, at the time of concluding the agreement, to provide the necessary conditions for the holding of a UNWTO meeting away from Headquarters, the Secretary- General will then inform the Chair of the Regional Commission so that he or she adopts any measure as necessary to ensure the proper holding of the session, including that it be held at the Headquarters of the Organization in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

