

Agenda item 1

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1. Adoption of the agenda (CE/117/1 prov.)

In accordance with Rule 4(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, the provisional agenda for the session was drawn up by the Secretary-General in agreement with the Chair of the Council. It covers all matters referred to the Council in accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes and with decisions adopted by the Council at previous sessions. The Council is invited to adopt the agenda submitted to it.

2. Communication of the Chair (CE/117/2)

The Chair of the Council opens the session with a communication to the members, in accordance with decision CE/DEC/3(LVIII) adopted in Lisbon, in June 1998.

3. Report of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General presents an overview of the matters included in the sub-items under this point of the agenda.

(a) Current trends of international tourism (CE/117/3(a))

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the situation of world tourism from January to July 2022. International tourist arrivals almost tripled (+172%) in January-July 2022 compared to the same period of 2021.

(b) General Programme of Work (CE/117/3(b))

The Council is provided with an overview of the main activities and achievements of the Organization for the period May-October 2022. The report briefly recalls the objectives and priorities of the programme of work for the biennium 2022-2023, approved by the General Assembly in its 24th session.

The Council is invited to support/endorse recent developments and initiatives, among others, the UNWTO's renewed mandate as Lead of the One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme and the UNWTO Gender Mainstreaming Guidelines.

(c) Financial situation of the Organization (CE/117/3(c))

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the current financial situation of the Organization and the outlook for the next several months. The report includes the financial report of the Organization for the period ended 30 June 2022 and the status of other administrative and statutory matters.

The Council is invited to approve the UNWTO Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, as well as to consider the Secretary-General's proposals to manage current challenges such as the inflationary environment and the servicing of the Organization's After-Service Employee Benefit (ASEB) liabilities.

(d) Human resources (CE/117/3(d))

The Secretary-General informs the Council on the human resources situation of the Secretariat and on initiatives relative to personnel well-being, as well as on gender equality, diversity and inclusion.

The Council is invited to consider and approve proposed amendments to Staff Rules 13(2) and 13(9) aimed at closer alignment with the United Nations common system.

4. Proposal to create a task force on "Redesigning Tourism for the Future" (CE/117/4)

Further to the General Assembly's agreement to create a task force on "Redesigning Tourism for the Future", the Secretary-General, the Kingdom of Spain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia jointly propose a text specifying the mandate, composition and modus operandi of such task force.

The Council is invited to consider the proposal and if it so agrees, to appoint the chairs of the task force and to delegate to it the powers necessary to execute its mandate, functions and other activities.

5. Report on the status on the legal and operational framework for the establishment of UNWTO Regional and Thematic Offices (CE/117/5)

The report presents a table of the legal and operational framework for the Regional and Thematic Offices as adopted by the 24th session of the General Assembly through resolution 740(XXIV), with a detailed categorization of requirements and parameters explicitly featuring all the necessary aspects.

The Secretariat has kindly requested Members of the Executive Council to provide any comments or proposals for amendment to the Secretariat by 11 November 2022.

6. Affiliate Members

(a) Report of the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members (CE/117/6(a))

The report of the Chair of the Board summarizes the most significant activities of the Board Members and Affiliate Members since the 116th session of the Executive Council (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia).

(b) Report of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership (CE/117/6(b))

The Council is presented with the recommendations the Committee has made regarding applications for affiliate membership reviewed at its meeting to be held in November.

The Council is invited to provisionally admit the candidates to affiliate membership presented by the Committee, pending ratification by the General Assembly at its 25th session.

7. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Executive Council for 2023 (CE/117/7)

In accordance with Rule 5 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council is invited to elect its Chair, first Vice-Chair and second Vice-Chair for 2023. As of the date of this document, the Secretariat has received one candidature, from the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, to renew its chairmanship.