Fifty-first Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and Regional Seminar on How Sustainable Tourism can benefit from and contribute to an emerging Green Economy in Africa?

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 6-8 June 2011

Dated 3 June 2010

GENERAL PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Saturday 4 June 2011

10:00 – 12:30  Registration of participants at the venue of meetings
12:30 – 14:30  Break
14:30 – 17:00  Registration of participants at the venue of meetings

Sunday 5 June 2011

10:00 – 12:30  Registration of participants at the venue of meetings
12:30 – 14:30  Break
14:30 – 17:00  Registration of participants at the venue of meetings
19:00 – 20:30  Cocktail offered by the host Government
Monday 6 June 2011  Fifty-first meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa

07:00 – 8.30 Registration of participants at the venue of meetings
- Welcome and accommodation of participants
- Animation

08:30 – 8:55 - Welcome and accommodation of guests and officials
- Animation

09.00 – 10.00 Official opening ceremony presided by His Excellency Mr. Luc Adolphe Tiao, Prime Minister and Head of Government of Burkina Faso

Beginning of the ceremony
- Welcome address by Mr. Simon Compaoré, Mayor of Ouagadougou
- Welcome film
- Speech of H.E. El Hadj Baba Hamadou, CAF Chairman and Minister of Tourism of Cameroon
- Speech of Mr. Soumaïla Cissé, President of the UEMOA Commission
- Speech of Mr. Taleb Rifai, UNWTO Secretary-General
- Signature of the Cooperation Agreement between UEMOA and UNWTO
- Animation
- Official opening speech of H.E. Baba Hama, Minister of Culture and Tourism of Burkina Faso

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 13:30 First working session

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break offered by the host Government

14:30 – 16:30 Second working session

16.30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30 Third working session and end of the commission meeting

18:30 – 19:30 Meeting with private sector professionals of Burkina Faso

20:30 – 22:30 Cultural diner offered by the UEMOA Commission
**Tuesday 7 June 2011:** Regional Seminar on “How Sustainable Tourism can benefit from and contribute to an emerging Green Economy in Africa?”

07:00 – 12:00 Social programme offered by the host Government to the UNWTO Secretary-General and to the Ministers: excursion to the Laongo Museum, Manága, Bangr Wéogo Urban Park

08.15–09.00 Registration of participants

09.00–09.30 Welcome remarks

09.30–11.15 **First session** “Green tourism strategies: challenges and opportunities”

Mrs. Sofia Gutierrez, UNWTO Programme Officer, *Sustainable Development of Tourism*, Presentation on Tourism in the Green Economy

**Panel discussion**

Representatives of African countries

Private sector representatives

**Discussion**

11.15 –11.30 Coffee break

11.30–13.00 **Second session** “Linking green tourism with poverty alleviation”

Mr. Richard Denman, *UNWTO Consultant* Presentation on: The Coast project: linking environmental sustainability and poverty alleviation

**Panel discussion**

Representatives of African countries

**Discussion**

13.00–15.00 Lunch

15.00–16.30 **Third Session** “Linking green tourism with biodiversity conservation”

Mr. Richard Tapper, *UNWTO Consultant*

Presentation on Tourism and biodiversity

**Panel discussion**

Representatives of African countries

Private sector representatives

**Discussion**

16.30–16.45 Conclusions/Recommendations

16.45–17.00 **Closing Ceremony**
Wednesday 8 June 2011  Social programme organized by the host Government

08:00 – 12:00  City tour and excursion to Laongo