Donors’ Conference on the Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa

Dakar, Senegal, 27 and 28 May 2011
Le Méridien Président Hotel

Programme

Friday 27 May 2011

First session

9.00 – 10.00: Opening Ceremony

Master of ceremony: Senegal

9.00-9.05 - Welcoming address of H.E. Mr. Thierno Lô, Minister of Handicrafts, Tourism and Relations with the Private Sector and the Informal Sector of the Republic of Senegal;

9.05-9.15 - Projection of a Documentary Film on the Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa;

9.15-9.20 - Speech of the representative of the ST-EP Foundation and KOICA, Mrs. Dho Young-Shim;

9.20-9.30 - Speech of Mr. Cheik Oumar Sow, Director General of of the OIC Economics Affairs, on behalf of H.E. Ekmeleddin Ihnsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC);

9.30-9.40 - Speech of H.E. Dr. Taleb Rifai, Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO);

9.40-9.50 - Speech of H.E. Mr. El Hadj Ousmane Bah, State Minister in charge of transportation and public infrastructure of the Republic of Guinea

9.50-10.00 - Speech of Maître Souleymane Ndéné Ndiaye, Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal.

10.00 – 10.30: Coffee Break
**Second session**

**10.30 – 13.00: Introduction to the Conference**

*Moderator:* Mr. Mohamed Sakho, Regional Coordinator of the Project and Technical Advisor of the Ministry of Hotels, Tourism and Handicrafts of Guinea

**Presentation of the Portfolio of Funding Opportunities of the Regional Project**

1- Presentation of the Regional Project by:
Mr. Frédéric Pierret, UNWTO Executive Director

2- Feasibility study and presentation of portfolio by:
Mr. Jean Sécheresesse, UNWTO Consultant

**13.00:** Lunch

**Third session**

**15.00- 19.00**

**15.00 - 16.15: Mobilization of Support and financing sources required for the implementation of the project**, *Moderator Mr. Houcine Rahmouni, ICDT Adviser*

Speech of the representative of the Republic of Guinea: H.E. Mrs. Baldé Hadja Mariama Bah, Minister of Hotels, Tourism and Handicraft of Guinea, on behalf of the beneficiary countries

- Presentations of Donors, technical and financial partners:
  - International Institutions and those of the UN System;
  - Institutions of the Islamic Arab World;
  - African, European, Asian and American Institutions;
  - Private Sector.

**16.15 – 16.30: Coffee Break**

**16.30 – 19.00:** Presentations and answering questions by the Representatives of the Parks and the Focal Points

*Moderator:* Mr. Ousmane Ndiaye, UNWTO Regional Director Programme for Africa

**20.00:** Diner
Saturday 28 May 2011

Fourth session

9.00 – 11.00: Meeting of the Report Drafting Committee

11.00 – 13.00: Closing Ceremony of the Conference:
Master of ceremony: Senegal

11.00 – 12.30: • Presentation and adoption of the Synthesis Report and Recommendations of the Conference

- Presentation and adoption of the final Report of the Conference by Senegal;

- Motion of thanks to the Authorities of the Host Country of the Conference by Mali;

• Closing Speech by H.E. Mr Thierno Lo, Minister of Handicrafts, Tourism and Relations with the Private Sector and the Informal Sector of the Republic of Senegal;

12.30 – 13.00 • Press conference of the two UNWTO and OIC Secretaries-General accompanied by Ministers

13.00: Lunch