Special Note

1. General Debate: Statements and Registration of Speakers

The General Debate of the 20\textsuperscript{th} session of the UNWTO General Assembly will focus on: \textit{connectivity} and, more specifically, on \textit{the relation between tourism and air transport policies}.


Delegations wishing to take the floor during the General Debate are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat by email to assembly@unwto.org indicating “General Debate” in the subject by Thursday, 1 August 2013. The Secretariat will place their names on the speakers’ list on a ‘first-come, first-served’ basis so that the Debate may be organized as satisfactorily as possible.

Speakers are kindly requested to limit their interventions to a \textbf{maximum of five minutes} and to provide the Secretariat with a copy of their statement, at least 30 minutes before it is delivered.

2. Ministerial roundtable

A \textbf{Ministerial Roundtable on “Visa facilitation as a means to support tourism growth, socio-economic development and job creation” will be held} in the morning of Monday, August 26\textsuperscript{th}, prior to the opening of the Assembly.

The Roundtable aims to:

1. Assess advances and share experiences on national and regional visa facilitation policies and measures;
2. Identify key issues still restricting visa facilitation – technology, coordination with other ministries and agencies, processing capacity or limited advocacy – and how to address such obstacles;
3. Identify good practices and case studies; and
4. Open possibilities for cooperation between participating countries in the area of visa facilitation.

On the occasion, UNWTO will present its updated report on the level of Regional Visa Openness.

\textbf{Delegations wishing to participate} in the Ministerial Roundtable are kindly requested to communicate the name of the participating country representative by 10 August 2013 to Ms. Sandra Carvao, UNWTO Chief of Communications at scarvao@unwto.org.

3. Poster Competition

The deadline for entries for the 2013 Vettor Giusti Tourism Poster Competition has been extended until 31 July 2013.

To submit a poster, please visit http://lmd.unwto.org/en/2013vettorgiusticompetition. If you have any technical problems in uploading your poster, please contact media2@unwto.org.
4. Additional information

- **Online Registration before Thursday, 10th of August 2013** (please refer to the General Information Note available for download at [http://lmd.unwto.org/en/event/general-assembly-twentieth-session](http://lmd.unwto.org/en/event/general-assembly-twentieth-session)).

- **Participation**: Members that are unable to participate in the General Assembly are encouraged to be represented by their Embassy in the Republic of Zambia / Zimbabwe or by the Head of Delegation of another Member State from the region participating in the General Assembly.

- **Visa**: Please carefully review the Entry Formalities for Zambia and Zimbabwe as outlined in Section 12 of the General Information Note.

- **Credentials**: For ease of reference, a sample credentials letter is located in Annex 1 of the General Information Note.

- **Bilateral Meetings**: The Secretariat will be happy to assist Members in the organization of bilateral meetings with other delegations, at individual request.

- **Special Event: CME Breakfast**: Members are informed that a Breakfast for the Members of the Commission for the Middle East is being organized by the Host Country on 25 August, 9:00-9:45, at the Sun International Resort Hotel (Livingstone). All the delegates of the CME are invited to attend.

- **Side Event “Mobilizing Resources for tourism: UNWTO key initiatives”**: A breakfast side event will be organized on 28 August 2013 at 07:30-08:45 in Livingstone, Zambia (venue to be determined). It will provide an opportunity for UNWTO Members, and other interested partners, to hear and learn about current key initiatives and opportunities to mobilize funds for developing the tourism sector. The event will take the form of an interactive breakfast meeting introducing the UN Steering Committee on Tourism for Development (SCTD) members, brief interventions on activities of SCTD and partnerships with the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), as well as a presentation of the recently completed joint UNWTO-European Union “Guidebook on Sustainable Tourism for Development”, amongst other initiatives.

Co-organized by UNWTO (Institutional and Corporate Relations programme) and the UN Steering Committee on Tourism for Development (SCTD), composed by eight other UN entities (ILO, ITC, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP; UNESCO, UNIDO, WTO).

For more information about this event, please contact ssiv@unwto.org