Information provided by Georgia about the following topic discussed in the Capacity-building Programme on Tourism Statistics, I Workshop - Vienna, 1-4 April 2008

TOURISM SATELLITE ACCOUNTS (TSA): Developments, state of the art

1) About the existence of an interinstitutional technical team for the development of the TSA Project. If that’s the case, please indicate the institutions involved and identify the person / coordinator responsible for the TSA Project. About the interest of developing a TSA in your country.

AS Associates worked out National Tourism Development and Investment Plan for Georgia funded by USTDA. One of the strategic parts of the document is how to launch Tourism Satellite Accounts System.

Nowadays, we are paying particular attention to cooperate with other entities to start project realization.

2) Initiatives already taken for launching the TSA Project.

We are following Tourism Development and Investment Strategy. At present, there are no initiatives undertaken by us.

3) Expectations around the TSA Project.

- Tourism contribution to the national economy
- Industries that benefit from tourism
- Government tax revenue generated by tourism activity
- How tourism demand matches supply
- Employment generated by tourism activities