



CAP/CSA/30/13_Place and date

**UNWTO COMMISSION FOR EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
UNWTO COMMISSION FOR SOUTH ASIA
Thirtieth Joint Meeting
Nadi, Fiji
19 June 2018**

Item 13 of the Provisional Agenda

**PLACE AND DATE OF THE THIRTY-FIRST JOINT MEETING OF
THE TWO COMMISSIONS**

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General submits to the Joint Meeting of the two Commissions information related to the place and date of its 31st Joint Meeting

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PLACE AND DATE OF THE 31st MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION

It is recalled that as a result of a unanimous decision taken in 2005 by the Commission for South Asia (CSA/46) and the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP/42), joint meetings of the two commissions are to be held on a rotational basis i.e. alternating from countries in South Asia to countries in East Asia and the Pacific.

Following this decision, the host countries of the CAP-CSA joint meetings have been alternating from East Asia and the Pacific to South Asia and vice-versa as detailed in the table below.

Name of the joint meeting	Place	Year
20 th CAP-CSA	Kobe, Japan	2008
21 st CAP-CSA	Tehran, Iran	2009
22 nd CAP-CSA	Hanoi, Vietnam	2010
23 rd CAP-CSA	Colombo, Sri Lanka	2011
24 th CAP-CSA	Chiang Mai, Thailand	2012
25 th CAP-CSA	Hyderabad, India	2013
26 th CAP-CSA	Legazpi, Philippines	2014
27 th CAP-CSA	Bandos, Maldives	2015
28 th CAP-CSA	Nara, Japan	2016
29 th CAP-CSA	Chittagong, Bangladesh	2017

The forthcoming 30th joint meeting will be held in Nadi, Fiji on 19 June, 2018.

As the 30th CAP-CSA will take place in the East Asia and the Pacific, in accordance with the rotational rule, the 31st joint meeting of the two commissions scheduled for the first half of 2019 will have to be hosted by a member country from the Commission for South Asia (CSA). In this regard, it is recalled that a note verbale (annexed to this note) was sent to members of the two commissions to inform them about Bhutan's presentation of its candidature as host of the 31st joint meeting. Please see the annex to this note for details.

It is further recalled that the decision on the place and date for the 31st meeting of the two commissions will be taken during the 30th meeting of the two commissions in Nadi, Fiji. Thereafter, at the beginning of 2019, the UNWTO Secretariat will have to sign an agreement with the host country on the legal and financial requirements for organising the 31st joint meeting on the basis of the UNWTO agreement template sent to member States of the two commissions on 19 April 2018.



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NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization presents its compliments to the member States of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and Pacific (CAP) and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CSA), and has the honour to inform them that **Bhutan** has **presented** (as evidenced in the **attached note**) **its candidature to host the 31st joint meeting** of the two commissions in 2019.

Recipients of this note are reminded that the decision on **the** place for the 31st joint meeting of the **two** commissions shall be taken during discussions on agenda item 13 of the Provisional Agenda for the 30th Joint meeting which is scheduled to be held in Nadi, Fiji, on 19 June 2018.

The Secretariat of the World Tourism Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the member States of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CSA) the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN
TO THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN**

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The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bhutan presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), in Madrid and has the honour to convey the proposal of the Royal Government of Bhutan to host the *31st Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and the UNWTO Commission for South Asia (CAP-CSA) 2019 in Bhutan.*

The Embassy shall appreciate if the above proposal could be kindly circulated to the Member States for their concurrence.

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Bhutan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations World Tourism Organization, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Brussels, 30 April 2018

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