

TRANSFORMING TOURISM FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Side-event of the One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme at COP25

(led by UNWTO in collaboration with UN Environment and the governments of France and Spain)

Tuesday, 3rd December 2019

11:30 – 13:00 hrs

IFEMA, Blue Zone, Hall 4, Room 6

Provisional agenda

Transforming tourism for climate action requires embracing a low carbon pathway with awareness and optimization as key elements. Awareness: through measurement and disclosure of the emissions related to tourism activities and the setting of evidence-based targets. Optimization: through instruments and strategies to scale-up mitigation and adaptation in the tourism sector with all stakeholders having to play a role.

In this side-event, policy makers will discuss their strategic approaches to transform the tourism sector. The report "Transport related CO_2 emissions of the tourism sector – modelling results" will be launched and provide the basis for discussion as it forecasts transport related emissions of the tourism sector to 2030 against a current ambition scenario.

Opening remarks

- Ms. Patricia Espinosa, Executive-Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Panel discussion

Moderator:

Dr. Dirk Glaesser, Director, Sustainable Development of Tourism, UNWTO

Panelists:

- Ms. Isabel Oliver, Secretary of State for Tourism of Spain
- Ms. Brigitte Collet, French Ambassador for Climate
- Mr. Wills Agricole, Principal Secretary for Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles

Closing remarks

Mr. Manuel Butler, Executive Director, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Note: Official language English. Simultaneous translation available into Spanish and French.