

## Tourism United for Climate Action

### Delivering on the Commitments of the Glasgow Declaration

*Side-event at the COP 28 UN Climate Change Conference*

5 December 2023

Time: 11:30 – 13:00hrs UAE time

Location: Blue Zone – Side Event Room 8 – Expo City Dubai

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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#### Programme

##### Opening:

- Ms. Zoritsa Urosevic, Executive Director, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
- UNEP – tbc

##### Keynote:

- H.E. Mr. Aziz Abdukhakimov, Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Republic of Uzbekistan - tbc

##### Panel Discussion:

- Mr. Crispin D’Auvergne, Programme Director, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
- Ms. Gloria Fluxà, Vice-Chairman & Chief Sustainability Officer, Iberostar Group and Vice-Chair of the World Travel and Tourism Council
- Ms. Inge Huijbrechts, Global Senior Vice President Sustainability, Security and Corporate Communications, Radisson Hotel Group
- Ms. Brune Poirson, Chief Sustainability Officer, Accor – tbc
- Mr. Glenn Mandziuk, CEO, Sustainable Hospitality Alliance
- Mr. Frederic Degret, CEO, NOAH ReGen

##### Moderator:

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

##### Presentation of Glasgow Declaration Implementation Report 2023:

- Ms. Virginia Fernández-Trapa, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Development of Tourism, UNWTO

## Theme and Objectives

The Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism represents a comprehensive framework for cooperative climate action by all stakeholders in tourism. It underscores the importance of mitigation, through its decarbonization pathway, while also recognizing the need to adapt to changing climatic conditions as well as the opportunities and resilience that integrated mitigation-adaptation approaches can deliver, through its regeneration pathway.

Since its launch in November 2021 at COP26, the Glasgow Declaration has successfully activated governments and industry stakeholders to work collaboratively at a sectoral level and beyond, increasing the number of signatories to more than 800.

The side-event “Tourism United for Climate Action – Delivering on the Commitments of the Glasgow Declaration” will showcase the tourism sector's capacity to enact concrete climate action, including measurement of tourism emissions, decarbonization strategies, regenerative approaches for destinations and innovative finance.

On the occasion, the UNWTO/UNEP/UNFCCC Policy Guidance to Support Climate Action by National Tourism Authorities which provides recommendations to integrate climate action in tourism policies and support the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions, will be released for public consultation.

The event will also introduce the concept of 'Net Positive Tourism', a regenerative approach that drives the tourism sector towards actively contributing to the restoration and resilience of ecosystems.

Selected signatories of the Glasgow Declaration and other key stakeholders will be provided a platform to illustrate: What has motivated them to take climate action; What they are actually planning and implementing; What they have achieved so far; What recommendations they have for those starting the journey; How the climate agenda in tourism connects to other challenges and opportunities to advance sustainability in tourism, e.g. biodiversity loss and pollution, social inclusion, etc.