Global Roundtable on Climate Action in Tourism

Supporting climate-resilient tourism development

17 February 2025

Morning session: 9:30 AM CET – 11:00 AM CET (4:30 PM CST – 6:00 PM CST)
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Afternoon session: 4:00 PM CET – 5:30 PM CET (10:00 AM EST – 11:30 AM EST)
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On the occasion of Global Tourism Resilience Day, the Global Roundtable will reflect on the key milestones from COP29 Thematic Day on Tourism. In Baku, governments and stakeholders emphasized the urgent need to advance the climate-resilient development of tourism, adopted the COP29 Declaration on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism and acknowledged the Glasgow Declaration Initiative, which runs within the framework of the One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme, as a tool for climate action implementation.

The discussions will build on the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change's definition of climate-resilient development, which is one that integrates both mitigation and adaptation, and aim to set the stage for greater action at COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

Bringing together leaders from policy, academia and the private sector, this roundtable will spotlight progress, share scientific research and climate action planning experiences to inspire actionable solutions and innovation for a more sustainable and resilient tourism future.

The Global Roundtable is being organized by the World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism), in collaboration with the State Tourism Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Tourism of Brazil, and with support from the UN Environment Programme.

Objectives:

- Highlight COP29 achievements: In Baku, the COP29 Declaration on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism was launched and has now been endorsed by 62 governments reflecting their high-level political commitment to climate action.

- Exchange knowledge across participants: The Glasgow Declaration Initiative continues to drive implementation and has so far catalysed the development of 381 climate action plans. Invited signatories will share insights about their planning process.

- Pave the way forward: COP30 offers an opportunity to accelerate climate action efforts by scaling up solutions and policy instruments that can ensure long-term sustainability and resilience.

Morning Session (9h30 AM CET – 11h00 AM CET): Programme
Opening remarks (5 min) - Ms. Zoritsa Urosevic, Executive Director, UN Tourism - Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head of One Planet Secretariat, UNEP
Celebrating COP29 achievements (5 min) - Mr. Kanan Gasimov, Head of Administration, State Tourism Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Presentation: Linking City Climate Planning with Tourism Strategy in Dublin (10 min) - Dr. Sabrina Dekker, Climate Action Coordinator and Mr. Barry Rogers, Head of Dublin City Tourism Unit
Report release: Supporting Climate Action Planning in Tourism Destinations – A review of literature and tools for local authorities (5 min) - Dr. Dirk Glaesser, Director, Sustainable Tourism and Resilience, UN Tourism
Panel discussion (50 min): **Supporting climate-resilient tourism development** Co-Moderators: Ms. Virginia Fernández-Trapa, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Tourism and Resilience, UN Tourism and Mr. Jeremy Smith, Independent Climate Expert Panellists: - Ms. Gunay Bayramova, Head of Division, Tourism Policy and Strategy, State Tourism Agency of Azerbaijan - Ms. Gwen Raez, Strategy Lead, Visit Scotland - Ms. Flora Leroy, Senior EU Programmes Officer, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) - Ms. Judy Kepher-Gona, Director and Mr. Dominic Wanjiru, Climate Action Officer, Sustainable Travel & Tourism Africa - Ms. Alexandra Michat, Director of Sustainability, EXO Travel - Ms. Ruth Franklin, Co-Founder and Director, Secret Paradise Maldives
Questions and Answers (15 min)

Afternoon Session (4h00 PM CET – 5h30 PM CET): Programme
Opening Remarks (5 min) - Ms. Zoritsa Urosevic, Executive Director, UN Tourism - Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head of One Planet Secretariat, UNEP
Paving the way to COP30 (10 min) - Ms. Ana Carla Lopes, Vice Minister, Ministry of Tourism of Brazil - Mr. Caio Martins Franco, Chief of Staff of Vice Minister Office, Ministry of Tourism of Brazil
Presentation: Costa Rica's Climate Action Plan for Tourism (10 min) - Ms. Mariana Garita, Head of Certifications and Social Responsibility in Tourism, Costa Rica Tourism Board
Report release: Supporting Climate Action Planning in Tourism Destinations – A review of literature and tools for local authorities (5 min) - Dr. Dirk Glaesser, Director, Sustainable Tourism and Resilience, UN Tourism
Panel discussion (45 min): **Supporting climate-resilient tourism development** Co-Moderators: Ms. Virginia Fernández-Trapa, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Tourism and Resilience, UN Tourism and Mr. Jeremy Smith, Independent Climate Expert Panellists: - Ms. Verònica Enríquez Morera, Manager of Strategy and Knowledge and Ms. Cristina Bajet, EU Project Manager, Directorate General for Tourism of the Catalan Government - Mr. Finn Johnson, Destination Stewardship Manager, Oregon Coast Visitors Association - Dr. Roberto Klabin, Founder and Owner, Caiman, Pantanal - Mr. Jamie Sweeting, Vice President, Social Enterprise & Responsible Travel, G Adventures - Mr. Paul Cripps, Managing Director, Amazonas Explorer
Questions and Answers (15 min)

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