

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT ITS 126th SESSION

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Adoption of the agenda
(documents CE/126/1 prov. and CE/126/1 prov.suppl.rev.2)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the provisional agenda together with the supplementary provisional agenda,

Adopts the agenda of its 126th session as proposed in the provisional agenda with the inclusion of the proposal of Colombia on the Inter-Institutional Working Group on Tourism for Peacebuilding as item 15.

Annex: Final agenda

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Agenda item 3
Communication of the Secretary-General: Management vision for 2026-2029
(document CE/126/3)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the communication of the Secretary-General on her management vision for the period 2026-2029 (document CE/126/3),

1. *Welcomes* the management vision presented by the Secretary-General, as a preliminary indication of the strategic direction of her mandate, ahead of the more detailed proposals that will be presented to the Council for endorsement;
2. *Endorses* the three guiding principles that will frame the mandate: building new institutional Foundations, placing Member States at the core of the work of the Organization, and committing to depth and quality of delivery, in alignment with the agenda of UN reform initiatives;
3. *Endorses* the four priorities set out by the Secretary-General: Foundations, Collaboration, Capacity Building and Sustainability;
4. *Takes note* of the strategic assessment of the state of the Organization presented in the communication and supports prioritizing the Foundations as the immediate priority of the mandate and a vital investment in the long-term standing of the Organization, to be addressed with rigour and transparency;
5. *Welcomes* the Tourism Acceleration Fund initiative supported by the United Arab Emirates, announced by the Secretary-General during the 123rd session of the Executive Council in Segovia, as a transformative resourcing partnership for the implementation of this management vision; and
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:
 - (a) To present the deployment strategy of the Tourism Acceleration Fund to the Executive Council and the strengthened Programme of Work for the 2026-2027 biennium for endorsement and to consult the Council on the progress of the organizational structure of the Secretariat as that work matures;
 - (b) To continue the Foundations and reform programme launched during the first months of her mandate and to keep Members fully and regularly informed of progress; and
 - (c) To report at each session of the Executive Council until the 27th session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the recommendations of oversight bodies and on the broader accountability framework of the Organization.

Agenda item 4
Implementation of the General Programme of Work
(documents CE/126/4 rev.1 and CE/126/4 RC-1)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the programme activity report for the period October 2025 – April 2026,

1. *Takes note* of the activities implemented and the main achievements during the period;
2. *Welcomes* the significance of the Tourism Thematic Days celebrated at COP30 (Belém, Brazil) and the inclusion of a Plan to Accelerate Solutions (PAS) for the tourism sector under the UNFCCC High-Level Climate Champions Programme of Work;
3. *Takes note* the launch of Recipe of Change as a new initiative under the One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme, led by UN Tourism and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), to accelerate food waste reduction in tourism through private sector voluntary commitments and progress tracking;
4. *Endorses* the Women in Tourism Transport Action Plan, as presented in Annex IV;
5. *Also endorses* the UN Tourism initiative on the Mentorship Programme for African Women for 2026, implemented with the support of WITLAC, together with its Terms and Conditions as presented in Annex VI;

Having examined the Work Plan for the Agenda for Europe for 2026-2027, as presented in Annex V,

6. *Further approves* the Work Plan for the Agenda for Europe for 2026-2027 prepared by the Working Group of the Agenda for Europe and adopted by the 72nd meeting of the Regional Commission for Europe;
7. *Requests* the Working Group to work closely with the Secretariat on further defining the Work Plan; and

Having examined the report on the implementation of the Riyadh Declaration on the Future of Tourism,

8. *Takes note* of the activities implemented and the main achievements during the reporting period.

Agenda item 5
**Report on the preparations for the International Year of
Sustainable and Resilient Tourism 2027**
(document CE/126/5)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on the preparations for the International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism 2027,

1. *Takes note* of the progress achieved in the preparations for the International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism 2027;
2. *Endorses* the proposed vision, strategic objectives, implementation framework and roadmap for the International Year as outlined in the report;
3. *Approves* the establishment of the Steering Committee and the Terms of Reference as described in Annex I of the report;
4. *Also approves* the establishment of a dedicated project account to support the implementation of the International Year in accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 78/260;
5. *Further approves* the proposed logo and entrusts the Secretariat to prepare the related terms of use for the International Year;
6. *Supports* efforts to mobilize voluntary contributions and partnerships to facilitate the implementation of the International Year;
7. *Invites* the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to collaborate with UN Tourism in the preparation and implementation of the International Year, with a view to advancing a coordinated United Nations approach to sustainable and resilient tourism; and
8. *Encourages* Member States and stakeholders to participate actively in the preparation and implementation of the International Year.

Agenda item 6

Report of the subsidiary organs of the Council

(documents CE/126/6 rev.2, MPIC/SC/2025, MPIC/SC/2026, CTS/21/SumConcl., CTS/22/SumConcl., IWGCA/1/minutes, IWGCA/2/minutes, CE/126/PBC31 and CE/126/CMAM/9)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the reports of the following subsidiary organs of the Council:

- The Committee on Tourism and Competitiveness,
 - The Committee on Statistics,
 - The Committee on Tourism and Sustainability,
 - The Inter-Institutional Working Group on Tourism and Climate Action,
 - The Technical Committee on Tourism Online Education,
 - The Programme and Budget Committee, and
 - The Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership,
1. *Thanks* the members of its different subsidiary organs for the valuable results so far achieved;
 2. *Takes note* of the information and recommendations provided by the aforementioned subsidiary organs;
 3. *Encourages* them to carry out their proposed initiatives;
 4. *Invites* the Members to actively participate and support the committees by providing input to their endeavours;

Having read the Tentative Work Plan 2026-2027 of the Inter-Institutional Working Group on Tourism and Climate Action as shown in the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the working group (IWGCA/2/minutes), and having taken note of the suggestion of its Chair, Brazil, regarding Working Group member Türkiye's efforts to hold a Tourism Day at COP31,

5. *Approves* the Work Plan 2026-2027 of the Inter-Institutional Working Group on Tourism and Climate Action to be implemented on a voluntary basis and in accordance with the Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat, in consultation with the Working Group, to draft and dispatch a formal letter encouraging the holding of such Tourism Day addressed to the Presidency of COP31;

Having regard to the decisions and recommendations of the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership at its 9th meeting,

7. *Congratulates* Spain on its election as the Vice-Chair of the Committee for the period 2026-2027;
8. *Admits provisionally* the 12 candidates recommended by the Committee as Affiliate Members of UN Tourism, and requests the Secretary-General to present the provisionally admitted candidates to the General Assembly at its twenty-seventh session for ratification;
9. *Encourages* the Committee to continue its collaboration with the Board of the Affiliate Members and the Secretariat in strengthening the participation of Affiliate Members in the activities of the Organization and in supporting their contribution to the priorities of UN Tourism and its Member States; and

10. *Welcomes* the Committee's role as an institutional platform for dialogue between Member States, the Board of Affiliate Members, the wider Affiliate Membership community and the Secretariat, and encourages its continued consolidation in support of structured public-private collaboration within UN Tourism.

Agenda item 7
**Reform of the Organization: Progress on JIU
and OIOS recommendations**
(document CE/126/7)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the update on JIU and OIOS recommendations,

1. *Takes note* of the reports issued by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) referenced in the document and thanks both bodies for their insights;
2. *Approves* the acceptance and implementation status for each one of them, as proposed in Annex I of the document and requests the Secretary-General to report accordingly on them to the JIU;
3. *Notes with appreciation* the progress reported in Annex II;
4. *Considers* closed those recommendations that have been fully implemented; and
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep reporting yearly on this issue.

Agenda item 8(a)
**Financial situation of the Organization
for the period ended 31 March 2026**
(document CE/126/8(a))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the financial report for the period ended 31 March 2026,

1. *Approves*, as presented:
 - (a) the revised appropriations of the 2026 Regular Budget (RB) at 31 March 2026 (Annex I.A.1) without altering the total 2026 RB appropriations approved,
 - (b) the Plan of income and expenditure of the Regular Budget for financial year 2026 presented by the Secretary-General at 31 March 2026 (Annex I.A.4), taking note that budgetary transfers from staff to non-staff categories and among parts and sections may be required, and authorizes the Secretary-General to make them if needed within the approved appropriations,
 - (c) the voluntary and in-kind contributions received for corresponding projects implementation for the period ended 31 March 2026 (Annexes I.C.4 and I.C.5), and
 - (d) the co-financing projects with UN Tourism and donors' contributions for the period ended 31 March 2026 (Annex I.C.6 and I.C.7);
2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the submission of the interim provisional unaudited UN Tourism Statement of Financial Position at 31 March 2026 and the UN Tourism Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 31 March 2026 (Annex I.B.1);
3. *Thanks* the Members that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations, urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2026, and reminds Members to pay their contributions within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financial Regulations; and
4. *Supports* the Secretary-General's proactive approach for the settlement of current-year contributions and arrears in order to contribute towards the Organization's programme.

Agenda 8(b)
UN Tourism Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025
(document CE/126/8(b))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the UN Tourism Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the unqualified (positive) opinion of the External Auditor that the UN Tourism Financial Statements for the year ended 2025 present, in all material respects, a true image of the net assets and financial situation of UN Tourism as at 31 December 2025, as well as of its performance and cash flows corresponding to financial year ended on such date, in conformity with the applicable regulatory framework for financial reporting (identified in Note 2 of the financial report), and in particular, with the accounting principles and criteria contained therein;
2. *Approves* the UN Tourism Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 and notes with appreciation the implementation of the new IPSASs in line with the UN system-wide accounting policy guidance;
3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Secretary-General's financial report for the year ended 31 December 2025 showing the analysis of the budgetary performance of the Regular Budget, the discussion of the Organization's financial performance and position including its net assets/equity, assessed contributions, and the after-service employee benefits (ASEB) analysis, as well as other information presented in the document and its annexes;
4. *Approves*, as presented in the report:
 - (a) the Secretary-General's proposals to allocate the 2025 RB budgetary cash surplus (EUR 1,777,816) as follows: (i) EUR 1,000,000 to the General Fund to increase the RB programme of work operating activities in the forthcoming biennium 2028-2029, and (ii) EUR 777,816 to the General Fund to increase the funding of the after-service employee benefits (ASEB) liability in line with the UN Tourism ASEB liabilities funding strategy (CE/110/4(d) approved by decision CE/DEC/4(CX),
 - (b) the Regular Budget appropriation transfers (EUR 410,552) in accordance with Financial Regulations 5.3(a) and 5.3(b) without altering the total 2025 RB appropriations approved, and
 - (c) the voluntary and in-kind contributions received for the period 2025 for corresponding projects implementation and the cofinancing projects with UN Tourism and donors' contributions for the period 2025;
5. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General continue in 2026 her approaches to Members that owe contributions to the Organization in order to secure their payment; and
6. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Programme and Budget Committee (Peru and Switzerland, respectively) and the External Auditor (Spain) for the work carried out.

Agenda item 9
Membership status
(documents CE/126/9(I) and CE/126/9(II))

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the information provided on the membership status of the Full Members of the Organization,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Secretary-General for her proactive efforts in engaging non-member States in the activities of the Organization and for the progress made with Iceland and Suriname;
2. *Welcomes* the intention of the Government of Suriname to initiate the process of accession to membership in UN Tourism and encourages the Secretariat of the Organization to work closely with the authorities of the country to complete all procedural requirements to proceed with the formal application for membership;

Having examined the report containing updated information on the Members falling under provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules,

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the comprehensive information contained in document CE/126/9(II) and its annexes;
4. *Thanks* the Members (Full and Associate) that have made the necessary efforts in order to fulfil their financial obligations, urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 2026 as well as contribution arrears from previous year(s), and reminds them to pay their contributions within the time period stipulated by regulation 7(2) of the Financial Regulations; and
5. *Endorses* the payment plan submitted by Full Member Liberia, in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/783(XXVI) and recommends a favourable resolution by the General Assembly at its forthcoming twenty-seventh session.

Agenda item 10
Human resources
(document CE/126/10)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the human resources report;
2. *Acknowledges* the work carried out by the personnel of the Organization in service of its mandate, particularly in view of the rising demands placed on the Organization and its limited resources;
3. *Notes* that a number of matters described in the report relate to actions initiated or concluded before the commencement of the mandate of the current Secretary-General, and that the Secretary-General will report, as appropriate, on institutional developments concerning human resources governance and accountability at a future session of the Council, in accordance with the applicable rules;
4. *Encourages* Member States to send concrete proposals to the Organization for the financing of Junior Professional Officers;
5. *Welcomes* the Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at UN Tourism Events;
6. *Encourages* Member States to send to the Organization, Officials on Loan, especially in view of the rising demands of the Organization with its limited resources; and
7. *Decides* to elect Lithuania and Brazil as full members to the UN Tourism Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2026-2027.

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Agenda item 11
Report of the Ethics Officer
(document CE/126/11)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report,

Thanks the Ethics Officer for his report on the activities carried out from 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2026.

Agenda item 12
Report on the Regional and Thematic Offices
(documents CE/126/12 rev.1 and CE/126/12 Add. 1)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on status of the Regional and Thematic Offices, as well as Addendum 1 thereto,

1. *Takes note* of the agreement between the Government of Morocco and UN Tourism on the provisional implementation of the Host Country Agreement concerning the Thematic Office on Innovation for Africa;
2. *Encourages* the Government of Morocco to complete all remaining procedures required to allow the entry into force of the Host Country Agreement concerning the Thematic Office on Innovation for Africa;
3. *Encourages* the Secretariat to continue to pursue the consultative process with Uruguay on the extension of the Cooperation Agreement between UN Tourism and the Ministry of Tourism of Uruguay beyond February 2027 and to report any progress made to the next session of the Executive Council;
4. *Takes note* of the Agreement between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the World Tourism Organization on the establishment of the Thematic Office on Tourism on the Silk Road in Samarkand done on 8 November 2025, and of the cancellation of the Agreement between the Parties done on 2 July 2025;
5. *Encourages* the Secretariat to continue to pursue the consultative and negotiation process with the Government of Uzbekistan on the financial and administrative requirements for the establishment of the Thematic Office on Tourism on the Silk Road in Samarkand pursuant to the mandate received by the General Assembly in its resolution 785(XXVI), in accordance with the legal and operational framework adopted in said resolution;
6. *Takes note* of the signature on 20 November 2025 of the Memorandum of Cooperation between UN Tourism and the Japan Tourism Agency concerning the financial contribution for the operation and maintenance of the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific in Japan;
7. *Notes* that the reform process of the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific in accordance with the conditions and criteria applicable to Category I entities pursuant to the mandate received by the General Assembly in resolution 656(XXI) with a view to integrating it fully into the legal and institutional framework of UN Tourism remains ongoing;
8. *Recalls* the mandate received from the General Assembly in resolution 785(XXVI) that any legal, financial and administrative arrangements concerning the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific become legally binding for both UN Tourism and Japan in accordance with the conditions and criteria applicable to Category I entities adopted in resolution 656(XXI) for its full integration into UN Tourism's legal and institutional framework as a Category I entity;
9. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue discussions with the Government of Japan on the reform of the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific, and to report periodically to the Executive Council on progress made;



10. *Takes note* of the results of the consultations held with the members of the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific (CAP) and the Commission for South Asia (CSA), pursuant to resolution 785(XXVI) of the General Assembly, regarding the distribution of roles between the Regional Office approved in principle for Shanghai and the Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific in Japan;
11. *Considers* that the consultations requested by the General Assembly in resolution 785(XXVI) have been completed;
12. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to prepare, finalize and sign, in collaboration with the Government of China, the Host Country Agreement for the establishment of the Regional Office in Shanghai, provided that it is in full compliance with the legal and operational framework governing UN Tourism Regional and Thematic Offices adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 785(XXVI); and
13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Executive Council at its next session on the progress made.

Agenda item 13
Report on the Affiliate Membership
(document CE/126/13)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report of the Affiliate Membership on its main outcomes since the 124th session of the Executive Council,

1. *Thanks* the Chair of the Board of Affiliate Members, the Secretariat, and the Affiliate Members and Public-Private Collaboration Department for the report and commends the Affiliate Members on the activities successfully carried out and on their valuable contribution to the fulfilment of the mission of UN Tourism;
2. *Encourages* the Secretariat to continue expanding Affiliate Membership through a more targeted, sustainable, and entity-based network expansion that adds value to membership;
3. *Emphasizes* the importance of strategic partnership between public and private stakeholders to enhance knowledge creation and thematic leadership through private sector expertise;
4. *Invites* the Board of Affiliate Members to continue working with the Committee on Matters Related to Affiliate Membership to strengthen the participation of Affiliate Members in the activities of the Organization; and
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further strengthen the cooperation of Affiliate Members with Member States.

Agenda item 14
**Place and dates of the 127th, 128th and 129th
sessions of the Executive Council**
(document CE/126/14)

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on candidatures and procedures for the selection of venues of the Executive Council sessions up to the 27th session of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* to hold its 127th session in the United Arab Emirates during the second semester of 2026, on dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the host country;
2. *Decides* to hold its 128th session in Peru during the first semester of 2027, on dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the host country; and
3. *Decides* to hold its 129th session in the Dominican Republic during the second semester of 2027, within the framework of the 27th session of the General Assembly, on dates to be agreed upon between the Secretariat and the host country.

Agenda item 15
**Proposal by Colombia: Inter-Institutional Working Group
on Tourism for Peacebuilding**
(documents CE/126/Supp/1 and CE/126/1 prov. suppl. rev.2)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the proposal of Colombia to create a working group aimed at strengthening and consolidating tourism for peacebuilding,

1. *Takes note* of the proposal; and
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to work with Colombia on the preparation of a report defining the objectives, terms of reference, and necessary resources to ensure the viability and proper functioning of the Working Group, within the Organization's legal framework and Programme of Work.