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ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE

**INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON TOURISM**

VIRTUAL, July 28, 2023

(Approved by CIDI during the regular meeting held June 13, 2023)

1. **Background**

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedures for the Inter-American Committees of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), the purpose of the Inter-American Committees of CIDI is to coordinate the implementation of inter-American ministerial dialogue in their respective areas of competence by following up on the agreements entered into at the meetings of ministers and/or high-level authorities of their sector, identify relevant multilateral initiatives, and contribute to the execution of policies of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the area of partnership for development in accordance with the Comprehensive Strategic Plan of the Organization.

The General Guidelines for Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of CIDI provide that the purpose of the Inter-American Committee Meetings are to “(i) Assess progress and implementation of ministerial mandates (implementation of Action Plan and Work Plan); (ii) analyze regional and world trends on the topic, and assesses the pertinence of OAS work in the areas of focus; (iii) agree on the topic(s) for the next Ministerial meeting and give the Secretariat guidelines for the drafting of the preliminary Annotated Agenda; and, to (iv) receive formal announcements to host the next Ministerial meeting…”

1. **Purpose of the Meeting**

The purpose of the Third Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Tourism (CITUR) is to: (i) Assess progress and implementation of ministerial mandates of the Declaration of Paraguay (2021) and the CITUR Work Plan 2022-2024; (ii) Gather input from member states, similarly mandated international organizations, academia, and relevant private sector partners to analyze regional and world trends on sustainable tourism development and assesses the pertinence of OAS work in the areas of focus; (iii) Give the Secretariat input and guidelines for drafting a white paper, an informative document emanating from the inputs and consultations, which in turn will inform the next ministerial meeting theme and agenda; iv) Receive guidance and recommendations from member states to adjust the CITUR 2022-2024 Work Plan, if necessary; and, v) Receive any formal announcements to host the next ministerial meeting.

1. **PROPOSED TOPICS**

The proposed topics for the draft agenda for the Third Regular Meeting of the CITUR are the following:

1. **Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Schedule of the Meeting**. According to Article 24 of Rules of Procedures for the Inter-American Committees of CIDI, a Draft Agenda and Draft Schedule to organize the sessions and deliberation of the meeting will be considered for approval .

**2. Duration of the Meeting.** Member states will consider for approval the hours allocated for the meeting.

**3**. **Progress report on the implementation of the mandates and commitments of the Declaration of Paraguay and the CITUR Work Plan 2022-2024**.

Pursuant to Article 9 of the Rules of Procedures for the Inter-American Committees of CIDI, the General Secretariat of the OAS will provide support to the CITUR as Technical Secretariat.

The Technical Secretariat of the CITUR will present a report of the results and progress on the implementation of the Declaration of Paraguay “**Toward the Reconstruction and Rebuilding of Tourism Post COVID-19**,**”** adopted at the Twenty-Fifth Inter-American Congress of Ministers and High-level Authorities of Tourism held on October 6, 2021, and the CITUR Work Plan 2022-2024, approved by the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies on July 12, 2022.

**4. Sharing of knowledge and good practices on topics of interest and priorities identified by the member states and reflected in the Declaration of Paraguay and the CITUR Work Plan 2022-2024.**

Member states and CITUR partners will share information, good practices and proposals undertaken as part of the implementation of the Declaration of Paraguay and the CITUR Work Plan 2022-2024. The topics include the following:

* 1. Mitigating Climate Change and Harnessing Sustainable Tourism for Development in the Americas
  2. Promoting Regenerative and Resilient Tourism in OAS Member States as a Catalyst for Post COVID-19 Tourism Recovery in Local Communities in the Americas
  3. Adoption and Implementation of Technologies and Tourism for the Future in the Americas
  4. Enhancing the Capacity of Small and Medium-sized Tourism Enterprises (SMTE) as the Centerpiece for Tourism Development in the Americas
  5. Promoting Sustainable Indigenous Tourism to Enhance Development in Local Communities

**5. Summary of input and guidelines to the Secretariat for drafting a white paper to inform the next ministerial meeting theme and agenda**

Member states will provide recommendations to the Secretariat for drafting a white paper to inform the next ministerial meeting theme and agenda.

**6. Other matters**

Delegations can raise any other issues for consideration of the meeting or share announcements as relevant.

1. **EXPECTED RESULTS**

It is expected that the Third Regular Meeting of the CITUR will provide a space to gather information on regional and world trends on sustainable tourism, identifying sectoral challenges, gaps, and opportunities to be addressed by ministers. Specifically: (i) topics for the next ministerial meeting and guidance to the Secretariat for the preparation of the white paper; (ii) analysis of progress on the implementation of ministerial mandates and recommendations to adjust the Work Plan.

**E. STRUCTURE OF THE MEETING**

The Third Regular Meeting of the CITUR will convene sectoral authorities ­of tourism represented at the technical level and/or permanent missions to the OAS. Other relevant organizations and stakeholders of the CITUR will be invited to provide input in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Inter-American Committees of CIDI. The meeting will be conducted in plenary session with the participation of delegations from all OAS member states.

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