

ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)

23RD MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND 1ST PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE 3RD MEETING OF MINISTERS OF TOURISM OF THE GREATER CARIBBEAN (TMM-3) Managua, Nicaragua, June 28th - 29th, 2012

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA REV.1

Day 1	23RD MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration of Participants
9:00 - 9:15 am	I. <u>Opening Ceremony</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Remarks by the Chairman of the Special Committee for Sustainable Tourism, Honourable Minister Mario Salinas, Minister of the Nicaraguan Institute for Tourism.• Remarks by the ACS Representative
9:15 - 9:30 am	II. <u>Approval of the Agenda and Procedural Matters</u> <p>The Meeting will consider the Draft Agenda as presented by the Secretariat and address other procedural matters regarding its deliberations.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/SCST-23/WP/PA ACS/2012/SCST-23/WP/PA/Ann</p>
9:30 - 9:45 am	III. <u>Report of the Chairman on their proposed Work Plan for the 2012 fiscal year</u> <p>The Chairman will present his considerations for the advancement of the Work Programme of the ACS Sustainable Tourism Directorate.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to consider the report by the Chairman.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/SCST-23/CR</p>
9:45 - 10:15 am	IV. <u>Report of the Directorate of Sustainable Tourism on the Status of the ACS Sustainable Tourism Work Programme</u> <p>The DST will present a brief report on the activities of the Sustainable Tourism Directorate since its 22nd Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism Meeting, including the status of the 2012-2013 ACS Sustainable Tourism Work Programme approved at that meeting.</p> <p>The Meeting will be invited to consider the report by the Secretariat.</p>

Reference documents : **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.01**
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.02
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.03
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.05
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.06

10:15 - 10:30 am

Coffee Break: Brief break for the departure of Media and Special Guests

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

V. Presentation and discussion on the advances and way forward concerning the ACCD

- Presentation on the Current Situation of Cruise Tourism in the Caribbean and Central America. The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) and the Central American Tourism Integration Secretariat (SITCA) will offer presentations on the current state of cruise tourism in their respective sub-regions and related interventions in this regard.
- The representative of Nicaragua in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Working Group for the Establishment of the Association of Caribbean Cruise Ship Destinations (ACCD-WG) will present a report on the progress made since the 3rd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group (ACCD-WG-3).
- The Directorate will present its observations on possible next steps in the advancement of this project. The focus of this presentation will be in response to the recommendations and decisions emanating from the ACCD-WG-3 with respect to the operational framework as well as feedback received from Member States to the draft documents generated by the ACCD consultancy.

The meeting will consider the presentations and provide recommendations and appropriate actions.

Reference documents: **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.04A**
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.07
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.08
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.09

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Delegates Luncheon

2:00- 3:15 pm

VI. Presentation and discussion on the Programme for the Promotion of Multi-Destination Tourism

- The DST will present the proposal developed with the Directorate of Trade, Development and External Economic Relations (DTDEER) for the convening of a Regional Symposium on Cruise Tourism and Entrepreneurial Strengthening in the Greater Caribbean. This event will gather stakeholders related to the Tourism Industry, International Trade and Small Business Development organisations to explore

approaches for strengthening the linkages between the tourism sector and the opportunities for trade and entrepreneurship it generates.

Reference Documents: **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.10**

- The DST will present the proposal for the hosting/convening of the 2nd **Forum of Airlines and Tourism Executives for the promotion of Multi-destination Tourism in the Greater Caribbean** on the margins of the Latin American and Caribbean Commercial Aviation Industry (ALTA) Airline Leaders Forum, which will be held in Panama City, Panama, November 14-16th, 2012.

Reference Documents: **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.11**

The Meeting will be invited to consider the presentations and provide recommendations on the way forward.

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Coffee Break

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

VII. Presentation and discussion on the progress and way forward for the Programme for the Establishment of the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Greater Caribbean (STZC).

- The DST will present on the advances made and new initiatives to advance the establishment of the Zone, to include the STZC News letter, development of the STZC website and establishment of the STZC Steering Committee (SSC), intended to direct and support the STZC network.
- The representative of Nicaragua will discuss progress made with the proposal to link the STZC Sustainable Tourism indicators with the World Bank Competitiveness Indicators and attainment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

The Meeting will be invited to discuss the presentations.

Reference documents : **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.12**
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.13

4:00 – 5:00 pm

VIII. Presentation on the advances made concerning the Programme for the Promotion of Languages and Cultures of the Greater Caribbean.

- The DST will report on the advances made towards the establishment of the Centre for the Promotion of Languages and Cultures of the Greater Caribbean (CPLC) to include the meetings and activities of the CPLC Working Group as well as its outreach efforts for donor funding in support of project execution.

The Meeting will be invited to consider the presentations and provide recommendations on the way forward.

Reference documents: **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.04B**
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.15
ACS/2012/SCST-23/WP.01

7:00 – 9.00 pm

Cocktail

Day 2

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9:00 – 10:00 am

IX. Presentation and discussion on the progress and way forward for the Programme for the Establishment of the Regional Tourist Safety and Security Network (RTSSN)

- The DST will present on the progress made and new initiatives developed to advance the establishment of the RTSSN, namely:
 - (i) Hosting of annual Capacity Building Workshop on Tourism Safety and Security;
 - (ii) Institutionalisation of National Tourism Police Units.

The Meeting will be invited to consider the report and the proposed actions.

Reference documents : **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.16**
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.17

10:00 - 10:15 am

Coffee Break

10:15 – 12:30 pm

X. Discussion on the convening of the 3rd Meeting of Ministers of Tourism of the Greater Caribbean (TMM-3)

As approved at the SCST-22 Meeting, the 3rd Meeting of Ministers of Tourism

of the Greater Caribbean (TMM-3) will be held in 2013. The Directorate will present considerations for hosting to include the determination of the proposed Theme, Agenda, Drafting of the Ministerial Declaration, and logistical details such as the Preparatory process, Date and Venue.

Reference documents: **ACS/2012/SCST-23/WP.02**
ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.19

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 – 2:30 pm

XI. Road to the Fifth ACS Summit

The Secretariat will present its considerations to the Draft Declaration and Plan of action as it pertains to Fifth ACS Summit of Heads of State and/or Governments.

The meeting will be invited to provide recommendations to the drafts.

Reference documents: **ACS/2012/SCST-23/INF.18**

2:30 – 2:45 pm

XII. Discussion on the Date and Venue of the 24th Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism (SCST-24)

The Meeting will decide on the proposed agenda, date and venue for the SCST-24 meeting.

2:45 – 3:00 pm

XIII. Parting Words of the Director of Sustainable Tourism

The Director of Sustainable Tourism will deliver parting words to the meeting in view of the imminent end of her tenure at the ACS, effective March, 2013.

3:00 – 3:30 pm

XIV. Any Other Business

The Meeting will discuss any other business that is relevant to the meeting.

3:30 – 3:45 pm

XV. Approval of the Procedure for the Draft Rapporteur's Report

The Meeting will consider the procedure to request the DST, in coordination with the Rapporteur, to undertake the preparation of the Draft Report in the three languages and to distribute it to meeting participants for further comments. The Meeting will commit to return their comments and suggested changes in the required timeframe.

3:45 – 4:00 pm

XVI. Closing Remarks