

ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)

**24TH MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE TOURISM (SCST-24)
AND 2ND PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE 3RD MEETING OF MINISTERS OF
TOURISM OF THE GREATER CARIBBEAN (TMM-3)**

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, July 16-17, 2013

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA REV.1

DAY 1

8:30 - 9:00 am

Registration of Participants

9:00 - 9:30 am

I. Opening Ceremony

- Welcome remarks by the Chairman of the Special Committee for Sustainable Tourism, Hon. Karine Roy-Camille, President of the Martinique Committee on Tourism
- Welcome remarks by the Hon. Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Tourism, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- Remarks by H. E. Ambassador Alfonso David Múnera Cavadía, Secretary General of the ACS
- Remarks by Mr. Julio Eduardo Orozco Pérez, Director of Sustainable Tourism of the ACS

9:30 - 9:50 am

Coffee Break: Break for Press Conference and the departure of Special Guests

9:50 – 10:00 am

II. Approval of the Agenda and Procedural Matters

- The Meeting will consider the Draft Agenda as presented by the Secretariat and address other procedural matters regarding its deliberations.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/WP/PA**
ACS/2013/SCST-24/WP/PA/Ann

10:00 – 10:15 am

III. Report of the Directorate of Sustainable Tourism on the Status of the ACS Sustainable Tourism Work Programme 2012-2013

- The DST will present a brief report on activities and progress since its 23rd Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism Meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to consider the report by the Secretariat.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.01**
ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.02
ACS/2013/SCST-24/WP.01

10:15 - 10:45am

IV. Presentation of the Chairman on the proposed Work Programme for the 2014-2015 Biennium

- The Chairman will present considerations for the advancement of the Work Programme of the ACS Directorate of Sustainable Tourism (DST).

The Meeting will be invited to consider the report by the Chairman.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/CR**

10:45 - 11:45 am

V. Presentation and discussion on the Programme for the establishment of the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Greater Caribbean (STZC)

- Presentation by Mr. Jürgen Bluhm, Director of Fair Travel Programme on the Fair Travel Programme.
- The ACS Legal Adviser will present on the status of ratifications to the STZC Convention and Protocol and will outline the process to ratify the STZC instruments.
- A representative from the Regional Council of Martinique will present on the advancements made regarding the project on the Regional Cooperation Mechanism (RCM) component of the STZC.
- A representative from the Republic of Nicaragua and the Secretariat will present the project proposal to implement the STZC Indicators in Ethnic and Indigenous Communities of the Greater Caribbean linked to attainment of the Millennium Development Goals stemming from a proposal presented by Nicaragua in their capacity as Chair of the SCST.
- The DST will present a project proposal for a Conference in the Republic of Guatemala in November, 2013 to promote the STZC and discuss Sustainable Tourism Best Practices within the Region.

The Meeting will be invited to discuss the presentations.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.03**
ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.04
ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.05
ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.06

11:45 - 12:15 pm

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

- The DST will provide an update on the project developed with the Directorate of Trade, Development and External Economic Relations (DTDEER), Cruise Tourism and Entrepreneurial Strengthening in the Greater Caribbean: Opportunities for Women.
- The DST will provide an update on the hosting of the **Regional**

Meeting of Airline Executives and Tourism and Transport Authorities which will be held in collaboration with the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) and the Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA), in Cancun, Mexico on November 13th, 2013.

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

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/WP.02**

12:15 – 1:00 pm

VII. Presentation and discussion on the Programme for the Promotion of Languages and Cultures of the Greater Caribbean

- The DST will report on the status of the Student Exchange project for Language and Cultural Immersion.

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

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.07**
ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.08

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Delegates Luncheon

2:00 – 2:30 pm

VIII. Presentation and discussion on the Programme for the Promotion of Safety and Security in the Tourism Industry

- The DST will present on the progress made regarding the following:
 - (i) Hosting of Capacity Building Workshops on Tourism Safety and Security;
 - (ii) Tourism Vigilance Program engaging the Youth;
 - (iii) ACS-CTO-SITCA Research paper: Regional Perspectives on Tourism Safety and Security.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.09**

2:30 – 3:15 pm

IX. Discussion and Presentation on Cooperation with International and Regional Agencies in the area of Sustainable Tourism

The DST will provide a report of on-going and new initiatives developed to enhance cooperation with regional and international agencies, namely:

- Meeting of Regional Agencies on Sustainable Tourism which was held in Managua, Nicaragua on February 18th, 2013.
- Updating the Memorandum of Understanding between the UNWTO and the ACS.
- Proposal to the French Development Agency for a Research project on

Professional Training in Tourism.

- The CTO Sustainable Tourism Product Specialist, Ms. Gail Henry will provide an update on Joint ACS-CTO Activities..

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.10**
ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.11
ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.12

3:15 – 4:00 pm

X. ACS Fifth Summit and 20th Anniversary Celebrations

- A representative from Haiti will present on the outcomes of the Fifth ACS Summit including the proposals made by Haiti as it pertains to the Sustainable Tourism Work Programme.
- The DST will provide a brief report on the area of Sustainable Tourism in the Plan of Action of Pétiion-ville and will inform of the activities planned for the 20th Anniversary of the ACS which will be celebrated in Mexico in 2014.

The meeting will be invited to discuss the presentations.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.13**

Day 2

9:00 – 10:00 am

XI. Finalisation of the STWP 2014-2015 Biennium

- Presentation by Ms. Lorraine Mangwiro, Regional Representative/Head of Office, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
- The DST will present the proposed Work Programme for the 2014-2015 biennium to be approved by the Meeting.

The Meeting will be invited to present considerations to the Work Programme.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/WP.01**

10:00 - 10:15 am

Coffee Break

10:15 – 10:45 am

XII. Discussion on the Convening of the 3rd Meeting of the Ministers of tourism of the Greater Caribbean (TMM-3)

- The Representative from the Nicaragua Tourism Institute will present considerations regarding the hosting of TMM-3.

Reference documents: **ACS/2013/SCST-24/INF.14**

- 10:45 – 11:00 am **XIII. Discussion on the Date and Venue of the 25th Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism (SCST-25)**
- The Meeting will decide on the date and venue for the SCST-25 meeting.
- 11:00 – 11:30 am **XIII. Any Other Business**
- The Meeting will discuss any other business that is relevant to the meeting.
- 11:30 – 11:45 am **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.
- 11:45 – 12:00 pm **XVI. Closing Remarks**