

FOR DECISION

Agenda item 12

**Election of the Members of the World
Committee on Tourism Ethics**

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Executive summary

The World Committee on Tourism Ethics (WCTE), a subsidiary body of the General Assembly, is composed of a chairperson and eight members who are appointed by the General Assembly. Additionally, three alternates are designated as reserves.

With a view to ensuring the continuity of the work of the Committee, and in accordance with resolution 636(XX) of the General Assembly, the membership of the WCTE is renewed by half every two years for a four-year term. In this regard, four vacant positions are to be filled on the occasion of the 23rd session of the General Assembly.

A total number of 29 nominations have been received at the Secretariat by the deadline 31 May 2019 in response to the call launched in March 2019 by means of a communication of the Secretary-General addressed to Full, Associate and Affiliate Members of the Organization.

The Selection Board established by the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 607(XIX) has the task of selecting and proposing the names of the candidates to the General Assembly for endorsement. The Board met in Saint Petersburg prior to the 23rd session.

Action by the General Assembly

DRAFT RESOLUTION¹

The General Assembly,

Having considered the proposal of the Selection Board (composed of the President of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Executive Council and the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members, the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel of the UNWTO) with regard to the four members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics for the period 14 September 2019 until the 25th session of the General Assembly in 2023,

1. *Takes note* that, in accordance with resolution 706(XXII), the Chair Pascal LAMY as well as the Members I Gede ARDIKA, Jean Marc MIGNON, Ron OSWALD and Rosette Chantal RUGAMBA, and the Alternates Hiran COORAY, Günnur DIKER and Suzy HATOUGH will continue their respective mandates until the 24th session of the General Assembly in 2021;
2. *Endorses* the proposal of the Selection Board; and
3. *Appoints* the following individuals as members of the Committee for the period from 14 September 2019 until the 25th session of the General Assembly in 2023:

¹ This is a draft resolution. For the final resolution adopted by the Assembly, please refer to the Resolutions document issued at the end of the session.

- (a) Mr. Luis Fernando JIMÉNEZ GUZMAN (Colombia)
Senior Lecturer in Tourism, University Externado de Colombia and former Secretary General of Colombian National Tourism Board
- (b) Mr. Lawal Mohammed MARAFA (Nigeria)
Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- (c) Mr. Hiroaki MATSUURA (Japan)
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Health Economics and Demography, Shoin University
- (d) Ms. Gabriela TIGU (Romania)
Full Professor, Business and Tourism Faculty, Bucharest University of Economic

4, *Decides* that, consequently, the composition of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics is as follows:

Chair: Mr. Pascal LAMY (2017-2021)
Former Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Members:

Mr. I Gede ARDIKA (2017-2021)
Former Minister of Tourism of Indonesia

Mr. Luis Fernando JIMÉNEZ GUZMAN (2019-2023)
Senior Lecturer in Tourism, University Externado de Colombia and former Secretary General of Colombian National Tourism Board

Mr. Lawal Mohammed MARAFA (2019-2023)
Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Resource Management, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Mr. Hiroaki MATSUURA (2019-2023)
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Health Economics and Demography, Shoin University

Mr. Jean-Marc MIGNON (2017-2021)
Former President, International Social Tourism Organisation (ISTO)

Mr. Ron OSWALD (2017-2021)
Former General Secretary, International Union of Food, Agricultural, Hotel, Restaurant, Catering, Tobacco and Allied Workers' Associations (IUF)

Ms. Rosette Chantal RUGAMBA (2017-2021)
Managing Director of Songa African Tourism Company, Rwanda

Ms. Gabriela TIGU (2019-2023)
Full Professor, Business and Tourism Faculty, Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Alternate Members:

Mr. Hiran COORAY (2017-2021)
Chairman, Jetwing, Sri Lanka

Ms. Gunnur DIKER (2017-2021)
Adviser to the President, Association of Turkish Travel Agents (TÜRSAB)

Ms. Suzy HATOUGH (2017-2021)
CEO of Dar Al-Diafa for Tourism Human Resources Development Consultancy, Jordan

I. Introduction

1. The World Committee on Tourism Ethics is a subsidiary body of the General Assembly. Pursuant to resolution 607(XIX) of 2011, the Committee is composed of a chairperson and eight members who are appointed by the General Assembly in their personal capacity for four years and their term of office may be renewed only once.
2. The resolution further states that the members are appointed by half every two years in order to ensure continuity of work.
3. It is recalled that the twenty-second session of the General Assembly in 2017 re-appointed Pascal LAMY as Chairman of the Committee, renewed the terms of I Gede ARDIKA, Jean Marc MIGNON and Ron OSWALD, and appointed Rosette Chantal RUGAMBA as a new member of the Committee (A/RES/706(XXII)). The mandates of the Chairman and these four members will end in 2021.
4. The General Assembly in 2017 further confirmed Hiran COORAY, Günnur DIKER and Suzy HATOUGH to continue as alternates for four additional years, until 2021. The alternate members are called upon to replace members who resign between two sessions of the General Assembly or who otherwise cease to be available to participate as members of the Committee.
5. Consequently, the twenty-third session of the General Assembly is invited to appoint four new members in replacement of the four outgoing members.

Replacement of the outgoing members of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

6. Resolution 607(XIX) also establishes that a Selection Board, composed of the President of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Executive Council and the Chair of the Board of the Affiliate Members, the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel of UNWTO, is the body entrusted with submitting recommendations to the General Assembly on the appointment of new members of the Ethics Committee.
7. By virtue of this same resolution, on selecting and appointing the members of the Committee, account shall be taken of the need for a balanced composition of this body from a regional, gender and sectorial perspective, and for a diversification of the qualifications and personal status of its members, from the economic, environmental and social and legal viewpoints.
8. On this occasion, the Selection Board has met prior to the twenty-third session of the General Assembly to examine the 29 nominations received at the Secretariat for the four vacant seats on the Committee, and subsequently provided the recommendation to the General Assembly on the appointment of the following candidates:
 - Mr. Luis Fernando JIMÉNEZ GUZMAN (Colombia)
Senior Lecturer in Tourism, University Externado de Colombia and former Secretary General of Colombian National Tourism Board
 - Mr. Lawal Mohammed MARAFA (Nigeria)
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