Inputs to the SG report "Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21"

A. Follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

UN Tourism periodically prepares reports for the UN General Assembly on the "Promotion of sustainable and resilient tourism including ecotourism for poverty eradication and environment protection" and on "Sustainable tourism and sustainable development in Central America",- which serve as a basis for subsequent resolutions on the same topics-, on the implementation of sustainable tourism programs and policies to promote the contribution of tourism to the sustainability agenda.

UN Resolution A/RES/77/178 Promotion of sustainable and resilient tourism including ecotourism for poverty eradication and environment protection which builds on report A/77/219 of the same title, recognizes that sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, is a transversal activity which can contribute to all three dimensions of sustainable development and to the achievement of the SDGs, including by promoting economic growth, reducing poverty, creating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and accelerating the shift towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production. It also recognizes that sustainable consumption and production in tourism aims to increase net welfare gains from economic activities by improving resource use and reducing ecosystem degradation and pollution along the entire tourism value chain, stressing the need to ensure the integration of sustainable consumption and production in the tourism sector.

B. Sustainable Consumption and Production:

UN Tourism has continued to lead the implementation of the One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme, one of the six programmes of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, adopted in 2012 whose mandate has been extended until 31 December 2030, pursuant to UN A/RES/76/202 Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21.

One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme

As the lead of the Sustainable Tourism Programme of the One Planet network, UN Tourism is committed to advancing sustainable consumption and production patterns (SCP) in collaboration with UNEP. The programme contributes to positioning circularity and sustainable consumption and production as key strategies to address the challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. By leading the implementation of the Programme, UN Tourism has supported translating

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the complexity of SCP into actionable areas for tourism stakeholders, bringing added value to more than 900 members, and generating dialogue between environment and tourism stakeholders.

Main achievements:

- Due to its overall importance to economies and societies, as well as its unique multiplier effects and potential to accelerate sustainable consumption and production (SCP), tourism has been identified as a high-impact sector in the newly adopted Global Strategy on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- The Programme focuses on accelerating climate action and circularity in the tourism sector and provides the umbrella for the implementation of initiatives such as the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism and circular economy through the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative, and has also developed the Sustainable Food Systems in Tourism.
- The Programme operates two voluntary commitment initiatives: **the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative (GTPI) and the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism (GD)**. The GTPI requests its signatories to take ambitious commitments on circular economy of plastics and track progress of their implementation annually. The Glasgow Declaration requests tourism industry stakeholders to develop climate action plans (and track their implementation) in support of global goals of halving emissions by 2030 and reaching net-zero by 2050 and aligned with five key pathways: measure, decarbonize, regenerate, collaborate and finance. As of 31st December 2023, GTPI secured more than 220 signatories (73 new signatories in 2023) and GD secured 868 signatories (80 new signatories in 2023). Additionally, the programme operates a work stream on sustainable food systems in the tourism sector, that addresses issues such as sustainable procurement of food, food waste prevention and awareness raising.

  o **Global Tourism Plastic Initiative (GTPI):**
    - A pilot workstream around the identification and effective introduction of reusable alternatives to phase out unnecessary and problematic plastic packaging and items in the operations of tourism businesses.
    - Publication of the GTPI 2022 annual report.

  o **Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism:**
    - Inclusion of the GD in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as one of the initiatives in the Global Climate Action Platform.
    - Publication of Glasgow Declaration Implementation Report 2023 – Advancing Climate Action: The Report presents the results of a systematic review of all progress updates received from signatories.
    - Publication of the Policy Guidance to Support Climate Action by National Tourism Administrations to assist governmental agencies dedicated to tourism including National Tourism Administrations (NTAs) and National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) in the development of tourism climate action policies and initiatives to support the low-carbon transition for tourism.
    - Empowerment and knowledge sharing on climate action: the Global Roundtables

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o **Sustainable Food Systems in Tourism**:
  - Publication of the Global Roadmap for Food Waste Reduction in the Tourism Sector.
  - Publication of Procuring Food Sustainably factsheets on the climate footprint of food; the water footprint of food; fish and seafood; meat and dairy; organic produce; fair trade products; eating habits and strategies and plans.

o **Achieving the Sustainable Development Goal through Tourism – Toolkit of Indicators for Projects (TIPs)**: This publication (or here) was developed in partnership between the UN Tourism and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), is a comprehensive resource designed to guide users in aligning tourism development projects with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while also advocating SCP models of operation. It also serves to encourage the integration of sustainable tourism practices into policies, financing frameworks, and business operations. By embracing the SDGs through the lens of tourism, the toolkit aims to enhance awareness, collaboration and the positive impact of the sector in realizing the 2030 Agenda and creating a more sustainable and inclusive future.

High-level advocacy:

- The official side event in May 2024 in Antigua and Barbuda "Regenerative Tourism for Resilience: Policy, Practice and Finance" during the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States.
- The official side event in May 2024 in Antigua and Barbuda "UN actions to advance sustainable development of SIDS through tourism: fostering sustainable and circular solutions" during the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States.
- Official side event during UN Climate Change Conference (UNCCC) COP28 in Dubai in November 2023: The side-event "Tourism United for Climate Action – Delivering on the Commitments of the Glasgow Declaration"
- Exhibit at the COP28 in Dubai in November 2023: Climate Action in Tourism Transforming the Way We Travel: The Glasgow Declaration provided the opportunity for the signatories to present their climate action plans and activities within the framework of the Declaration pathways during COP28 Exhibit Area.
- Side event at G20 India in Goa in June 2023 "Towards a circular economy of plastics in tourism – the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative".
- Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution- INC2 in Paris in May 2023 'Solutions from the One Planet Network to Curb Plastic Pollution' to create a legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution.

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