

Tourism, Sustainable Urbanization and Poverty Alleviation

Description of event:

Tourism is the fastest growing economic sector in terms of foreign exchange earnings and job creation. It can provide developing countries with the means to develop sustainable urbanization and fight urban poverty. At the same time, tourism can have a destructive impact on nature, social networks, and cultural heritage. Although the relationship between tourism and the environment has long been established (ecotourism), the one between tourism and (sustainable) urbanization has largely been ignored. This event will link these three themes and show how they can benefit each other.

Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT in cooperation with various partners.

Description of organization:

UN-HABITAT's Sustainable Cities Programme promotes sustainable urban environmental management and planning in various cities around the world.

Partner organizations:

UNEP / DTIE, sustainable tourism section (Paris)
WTO (World Tourism Organisation)
NGO's
national and local governments

Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Tariq Kabbage, Mayor of Agadir, Morocco
Mr. Nana Ato Arthur, Mayor of Elmina, Ghana
Ms. Giulia Carbone, UNEP/DTIE, sustainable tourism section
Mr. Kwadwo Ohene Sarfoh, Municipality of Elmina, Ghana
Mr. Dawid de Villiers, World Tourism Organisation (WTO)

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