Expert Group Meeting for the Global Sustainable Development Report

Tourism sustainability

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The 12 aims of sustainability in tourism have been defined by the UNWTO as: economic viability, local prosperity, employment quality, social equity, visitor fulfillment, local control, community wellbeing, cultural richness, physical integrity, biological diversity, resource efficiency, and environmental purity.

Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC), hosted by UNWTO, has developed the Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria which consist of 40 criteria for hotels and tour operators, as well for destinations, divided into four main areas: sustainable management, and socioeconomic, cultural, and environmental impacts.

Global Partnership for Sustainable Tourism (GPST), 2011: UNWTO, UNEP, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNDP, UNIDO, as well as national governments, nongovernmental organization, and businesses. The goal: to make sustainability principles part of the mainstream of tourism policies, development, and operations.
The Future We Want- Rio+20 (2012) –
V. Framework for action and follow-up –
A. Thematic areas and cross-sectoral issues-
Sustainable tourism

- **principle outcomes**: emphasis on sustainable tourism’s importance for creating decent jobs and generating trade opportunities;

- **recognized needs**:
  - to support sustainable tourism activities and relevant capacity building that promote environmental awareness, conserve and protect the environment, respect wildlife, flora, biodiversity and ecosystems and cultural diversity, and improve the welfare and livelihoods of local communities, particularly in developing countries.
  - to encourage investment in sustainable tourism, including eco-tourism and cultural tourism, which may include creating small- and medium-sized enterprises and facilitating access to finance, including through microcredit initiatives for the poor, indigenous peoples and local communities in areas with high eco-tourism potential.
Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) (2000): sustainable tourism has had demonstrable direct impacts on goals: 1 (poverty), 3 (gender), 7 (environment), and 8 (partnerships).
- e.g. tourism policy framework for Central America emphasizes reduction of the poverty through tourism, promoting small and micro businesses, ensuring environmental sustainability.

Mediterranean region


- 2012 MED Report Toward Green Growth in Mediterranean Countries with the aim to:
  - mainstreaming the environment in the development agenda,
  - green growth;

- UNEP/MAP:MSSD/Blue Plan: Towards an observatory and a „quality label„ of tourism sustainability in the Mediterranean;
The pressures from tourism settlements

- Water consumption
- Wastewater production
- Waste production
- Noise
- Energy Consumption
- Urban sprawl (loss of natural ecosystems, soil degradation and biodiversity reduction, landscape derogation)
- Urban quality of life
- Beach erosion
- Sea water quality (Loss of marine biodiversity)

The impact of tourism on landscapes, biodiversity, quality of the urban environment and natural resource quality (mainly beaches) depends on the development model and the extent to which rules and restrictions have been applied.
Tourism and economy and society

• Tourism and economy: the GDP generated by tourism, tourism sustainability-destination sustainabilily (destination management), tour operators

• Investment in tourism:
  - impacts to quality of life
  - destination management models
  - impacts to urbanization (hotel capacities, residential capacities, mixed use resorts)

• Tourism and employment
Responses

- Sustainable destination management
- Controlled urbanization (conservation by concentration; “smart” urban development)
- Green growth-green jobs
- ICZM tools
- Rural development and tourism sustainability and diversification
- Landscape development and tourism diversification

• Integration into GSDR that would tend to contribute to greening the national tourism policies and to the improvement of the national sustainable development policies;
• Priorities identified by the GSDR should serve as the platform for creating the partnerships (policy decision makers-governments, civil/NGO sector, scientist, business sector), with the special attention to the capacity building programmes.
Priority Actions

- Maximizing the productivity of natural assets while dealing with trade-offs
- Managing coastal areas to maximize ecosystem services and sustainable tourism
- Moving towards sustainable urbanization:

  - Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) introduce set of instruments for ensuring that coastal resources are used in a sustainable manner. ICZM relies on a number of measures to achieve its goals, including institutional coordination; physical limits on coastal development; integration of environmental concerns into the regulation of agriculture, fisheries, tourism, mining, energy production, and infrastructure development in coastal zones; creation of protected areas where appropriate; wider public participation in the ICZM process; and awareness raising, training, and research
Controlled urbanization
Set back:

France – 100m from 1979
Spain – 100m from 1988
Israel – 100m from 1983
Italy – 300m, Sardinja from 2010 -2km
Croatia- 100m from 2004
Montenegro – creates the coastal set back zone
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SECTORAL CHARACTERISATION

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT (hotels, residential tourism, mixed use resort); TCCA;

SOCIO-ECONOMIC

AGRICULTURE – ATTRACTIVENESS

DEMOGRAPHIC POTENTIAL
National Strategy ICZM

ICZM Plan

Action PLAN

OPEN SPACE CONCEPT
(Article 8.3 ICZM Protocol)
Coupling results of relevance for rural development and Development and protections of Coastal landscapes

Content and models for development of open spaces
(e.g. Projects on agriculture development, recreational and leasure activities, brownfields sanation)

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Open Areas: Rural development and Landscape development

• SCP/green entrepreneurship
• Eco/nature-based tourism
• Organic/traditional/non-intensive agriculture
TYPES OF LANDSCAPE CHARACTERS
SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR AGRICULTURE
NON BUILT ASSESSMENT

non built buildable (development) area
OPEN SPACE CONCEPT

1. PROTECTED AREAS
2. OPEN SPACES
   a) natural areas
   b) rural areas
3. SETTLEMENTS
4. OTHER AREAS =
   a) buildable (development) areas
   out of settlements + b) open areas