Compendium of Best Practices in Sustainable (eco)Tourism

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Compendium of Best Practices for Promotion of Sustainable (eco)Tourism

In developing countries, including SIDS, with potentials for replication elsewhere...
Conservation
Addressing issues related to biodiversity and ecosystem.

Community
Enhancing the well-being of communities such as fair working conditions, social welfare, and capacity building.

Culture
Safeguarding cultural heritage while raising awareness of cultural diversity.

Commerce
Building the capacity to provide a stable source of income to the local.
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Wildlife Conservation
Conservation

- Supporting 3 local wildlife organizations fund raising and providing logistic support.
  Donating an aircraft to the organizations for aerial anti-poaching, monitoring, and research.
- Setting up the “Luangwa Conservation & Community Fund”.
- Using solar techniques
  Heating & lighting systems & water pumps
- Green Waste management
  "Worm Farm" turning waste into organic fertilizer, used for Bushcamp's tree planting programs under new eco-initiatives.
Community Strengthening
Community

- Sponsoring 2 local schools and over 250 students: building classrooms and staff houses.
- Providing long-term support for the Kakumbi Community Clinic.
- Partnering with Conservation Science Africa (CSA), to provide capacity building workshops and technical & educational support on livelihood and agricultural methods.
- Providing tuition to staff and their families through “Charity Begins at Home” Programme.
- Providing medical cost assistance through the Luangwa Safari Association Medical Fund (LSAMF).
- Initiating health education program to raise HIV awareness.
Culture & Commerce
- set up a Cultural Village in Mfuwe to promote rural Zambian culture learning.
- Supporting a local theatre group, SEKA, which performs human-wildlife conflict themed plays.
- Employing local population and buying locally, buying vegetables and herbs produced in Zambia by COMACO (Community Markets for Conservation).
Expert Group meeting on Sustainable Tourism: Ecotourism, Poverty Reduction and Environmental Protection

The objectives of the EGM are to:

1. take stock of development in ecotourism promotion and management and its contribution to sustainable development;
2. propose recommendations of good practice, ways and means to promote eco-tourism as a tool for fighting poverty and promoting sustainable development, including through financing, provision of tools and guidelines for tourism managers;
3. identify critical issues and priority areas of intervention in order to address unsustainable trends in tourism development.
4. identify potential areas or projects for international cooperation and partnerships.

It is expected that the recommendations emanating from this meeting will be of value to participating countries aiming to develop ecotourism potentials, including, among others, Small Island Developing States as well as other countries with coastal, mountainous or forest, lake or desert tourism attractions/resources.
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