

**DECISION ON THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL WORKING
GROUP ON TOURISM AND THE AGENDA 2063
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The Executive Council,

- 1. TAKES NOTE** of the Seychelles Final Communique of the Meeting of the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism held in Seychelles to define targets and the contribution of the tourism sector to the achievement of the aspirations of the African Agenda 2063;
- 2. ENDORSES** the following recommendations contained in final Seychelles communique of the meeting of the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism:
 - a) Enhance the importance and profile of Tourism in the AU Decision making structures and processes;
 - b) Operationalize the STC on Transport, Transcontinental and interregional infrastructures, Energy and Tourism on a platform for the development of tourism in the continent;
 - c) Make Africa the preferred destination for Tourism;
 - d) Create an African brand of tourism;
 - e) Continue consultations under the auspices of the African Union in order to strengthen the role of tourism in an political and socio-economic development of the continent in the context of Agenda 2063;
 - f) Strengthen the essential role of the RECs, the private sector and the civil society in tourism.
- 3. COMMENDS** the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism for the diligent work done and the concrete results of their meeting which has provided clear guidelines for a long-term development strategy for the tourism sector in Africa and especially for realising its substantive contribution to the accomplishment of the African Agenda 2063;
- 4. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the desire of the Ministers responsible for tourism to engage the high-level policy organs of the African Union on the agenda of the continent's tourism sector;
- 5. REQUESTS** the Commission to implement the recommendations of the Ministerial Working Group on Tourism and provide periodic reports to the Working Group.