



UNWTO

CREATING SAFE TOURISM IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS



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Welcome esteemed delegates

It is our pleasure to welcome you to UNWTO on behalf of the XVII SEKMUN editions organizing committee. This committee will be moderated by Ana Johnson and Evan Brondel, members of the Chair. We are both extremely excited to be your chairs in SEKMUN 2023 and hope that you all are equally thrilled.

SEKMUN is a model debate that simulates the United Nations, and is structured to feel and work like these wonderful committees that keep our world at relative peace. Due to this each delegate (student) will speak on the behalf of the country that they are given and must act in the best interest of the country that they are representing. UNWTO, is a committee that is dedicated to finding and resolving all of the issues with tourism in order to allow people from around the world visit and experience the wonderful different cultures that there are. UNWTO was established in 1975, and in fact its headquarters are located in Madrid, Spain.

In our committee the two topics that delegates will talk about are *'Creating safe tourism in Hostile environments'* and *'Managing and developing sustainable tourism'* We consider both topics to have a great potential to create an amazing debate, where people from around Spain and the world can create strong relationships with each other. Therefore, we hope to see the most out of each and every delegate in this committee and to see various resolutions get passed.

Regards,

Ana and Evan

1. INTRODUCTION

Tourism has been one of the world's fastest growing economic sectors in recent years and has repeatedly proven its resilience in the face of a range of challenges and crises. It has also established itself as a key driver of global sustainable socioeconomic progress and development. This growth goes hand in hand with increasing diversification and competition among destinations as they contend to attract tourists looking for unique and authentic travel experiences.

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is a committee of the United Nations that specifically deals with issues that solely relate to tourism. Every committee in the UN has a set of goals that they attempt to fulfill, in this case UNWTO has three. They attempt to promote and ensure responsible sustainable, and universally accessible tourism to all.

Sadly, the tourism sector is impaired by ongoing and rising conflicts around the world due to the fact that in many areas these conflicts affect the countries so much that it not only forces people into poverty and famine but it also takes away a very large sector that many developing countries use to boost their economy.

- In countries such as Ukraine which is facing a unwarranted attack by their neighbors, has reportedly lost 4.7 Billion dollars in revenue that would go towards their country In order to continue to rise up their economy.

As you can see these issues clearly pertain to the goals of UNWTO because they blatantly address tourism which is why we are not only going to dive deeper into this topic once we are all seated together in SEKMUN.

2. CREATING SAFE TOURISM IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENTS

Since the tourism sector became juristically larger after the events of WW2 and the industrial revolution allowing for the creation of cars and planes UNTWO has been dedicated to preventing conflict and by doing so they created a set of Sustainability Development Goals. Because of this we are able to analyze how we could go about making tourism safer in these hostile environments.



SDG 10 – Achieve Reduced Inequality Within and among countries

Objective 10 deals with inequalities, which is one of the leading factors to conflicts around the world no matter how well of the country might be economically. Therefore by reducing these inequalities it makes the hostile environments a lot safer for tourism.



SDG 1 – End Poverty in all its forms everywhere.

Objective 1 deals with poverty, crime is typically higher in areas that are very poor this is because when a person is put in the position of steal to feed my family or not eat again (one example there are many more), it causes the person to attempt to make a decision to take care of their wellbeing. By reducing poverty and providing welfare checks and so on we are able to combat this issue because that way people see less need to steal and it allows these proverbial people become more.

There are many more reasons yet we see these as the two most important SDGs, thank you for signing up to SEKMUN and we can't wait to see you all in march

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