

Tourism statistics

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The report of the World Tourism Organization on tourism statistics

Thank you Mr. /Madame honourable chair and distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. Malaysia would like to welcome the report and appreciate the effort made by World Tourism Organization Committee on Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account.
2. With regards to the role of the Committee on Statistics and the Tourism Satellite Account, Malaysia has conducted the Domestic Tourism Survey in 2007 and IRTS2008 was used as reference manual. Malaysia has also been providing data to UNWTO for Compendium of Tourism Statistics publication. Malaysia looks forward to implement the statistical framework for measuring sustainable tourism that considers the economic, environmental and social dimension and the relevant spatial levels (global, national and subnational).
3. Malaysia agreed and supported the development of the statistical framework for measuring sustainable tourism by the World Tourism Organization to improve the quality, availability and comparability of tourism statistics. Currently, Malaysia compiles secondary data annually on tourism statistics likes number of tourist arrivals by country of residence from Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board.
4. The development of the statistical framework for measuring sustainable tourism and a compilation guide for tourism satellite accounts (TSA) are supported by the UNWTO and should extended to the United Nations to realign with the central of framework System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008. Similarly to the preparation of a technical note linking SEEA and the TSA should expand the committee expert group of SNA 2008.
5. Capacity-building for measuring sustainable tourism and in particular, tourism statistics, the TSA and their linkages should expand to other continent especially in the Asia and the Pacific region.

Thank you Mr/Madame Chair. (Thank you for your attention).