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Exploring safe travel in the age of vaccines #RestartTourism



2020: Worst Year in Tourism History with 1 Billion Fewer International Arrivals

Destinations worldwide welcomed 1 billion fewer international arrivals in 2020 than in the previous year, due to an unprecedented fall in demand and widespread travel restrictions.



Global Tourism Crisis Committee Meets Again to Explore Safe Travel in Age of Vaccines

The meeting focused on the integration of vaccines into a harmonized approach to safe travel and launching a coordinated effort to boost confidence in the sector.



Opportunities for Women in Tourism **Increasing Across Middle East**

The Regional Report on Women in Tourism in the Middle East, released today by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, highlights the progress that has been made, as well as opportunities to further advance gender equality in the sector.



Secretary-General Pololikashvili **Nominated to Lead UNWTO for Four More** **Years**

The Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has expressed its continued support for Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili. Meeting in Madrid, its members nominated him to continue leading the United Nations specialized agency for four more years.

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United in #tourism!

The **Global Tourism Crisis Committee** met to advance solid plans to #RestartTourism in a harmonized way:

- Vaccination certificates
- Digitalization
- Testing protocols

Coordinated to boost confidence in the sector.



The [#UNWTO Executive Council](#) has voted for Secretary-General [Zurab Pololikashvili](#) to lead [#UNWTO](#) for four more years, with Members backing his vision for the [‘restart and rethink’](#) of tourism.
The election concluded the [113 #UNWTOEC](#) where we advance and lead the [#RestartTourism](#).



Tomorrow in [#Madrid](#)! The [#UNWTO](#) 113 Executive Council, kicks off with the meeting of the Global [#Tourism Crisis Committee](#) – the 1st in 2021. UNWTO Members are committed to lead the way with actions:

- [Recommendations for Action](#)
- [Tourism Recovery Technical Assistance Package](#)
- [Global Guidelines to Restart Tourism](#).

[With innovation, sustainability and safety at the heart of everything we do, we’re hard at work coordinating efforts to ensure a sustainable](#)



Today is a turning point for tourism’s recovery! Our [Global Tourism Crisis Committee](#) meets for the first time in 2021 to build the road ahead focused on the safe [#RestartTourism](#) with:

- [Coordination](#)
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