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The Secretariat of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) presents its compliments to the CICA Member States and, in addition to the Secretariat's Note 14-5/450 of 23 July 2021, has the honour to forward herewith the English versions of the draft concept paper of the meeting of the heads of tourism departments of the CICA Member States, as well as the draft program and agenda of the meeting of the experts of tourism departments of the CICA Member States.

*Enclosure:
as stated, on 5 p.*

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the CICA Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nur-Sultan, 27 July 2021



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Секретариат Совещания по взаимодействию и мерам доверия в Азии (СВМДА) свидетельствует свое уважение государствам-членам СВМДА и имеет честь, в дополнение к ноте Секретариата 14-5/450 от 23 июля 2021 года, направить английские версии проекта концепции ко встрече глав туристических ведомств государств-членов СВМДА, а также проектов программы и повестки дня заседания экспертов туристических ведомств государств-членов СВМДА.

*Приложение:
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на 5 л.*

Секретариат пользуется случаем, чтобы возобновить государствам-членам СВМДА уверения в своем высоком уважении.

город Нур-Султан, 27 июля 2021 г.



**ГОСУДАРСТВА-ЧЛЕНЫ
СОВЕЩАНИЯ ПО ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЮ И
МЕРАМ ДОВЕРИЯ В АЗИИ**

Азиядағы өзара іс-қимыл және сенім шаралары кеңесінің (АӨСШК) Хатшылығы АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттеріне өзінің зор ілтипатын білдіре отырып, 2021 жылғы 23 шілдедегі № 14-5/450 нотаға қосымша ретінде АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттердің туризм мекемелері басшыларының кездесуіне қатысты ағылшын тіліндегі тұжырымдама жобасын, сондай-ақ АӨСШК мүше мемлекеттердің туризм мекемелері сарапшыларының кездесуінің бағдарламасы мен күн тәртібінің жобасын жолдауды өзіне мәртебе санайды.

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аталған, 5 п.*

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Нұр-Сұлтан қаласы, 2021 жылғы 27 шілде

**АЗИЯДАҒЫ ӨЗАРА ІС-ҚИМЫЛ ЖӘНЕ
СЕНІМ ШАРАЛАРЫ КЕҢЕСІНІҢ МҮШЕ
МЕМЛЕКЕТТЕРІ**

Concept Paper

of the Meeting of the Heads of Tourism Departments of the Member States
of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)
(21-22 November 2022, Dushanbe)

The Republic of Tajikistan, as the coordinator and presiding state in the tourism area of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, plans to hold a meeting of the heads of tourism departments of the CICA Member States on 21-22 November 2022 at the National Library of Dushanbe

I. Introduction

Nowadays, the tourism sector, as the most important area of interaction between countries, became a factor of global integration processes, as well as a means of stimulating external economic relations. Tourism contributes to the development of international communications, trade exchange, transport, insurance operations, services related to capital investment, science and technology, as well as cultural ties, information and advisory services, which, in turn, encourage public diplomacy, promoting the rapprochement of nations and their cultures.

In view of the above, the adoption of the concept paper of cooperation among the CICA Member States in the area of tourism deserves special attention.

In accordance with the CICA Catalogue of Confidence Building Measures adopted at the CICA Ministerial Meeting in October 2004 and the Cooperative Approach for the Implementation of the CICA Confidence Building Measures approved at the Meeting of the Senior Officials Committee in March 2007, the Republic of Tajikistan took the initiative to coordinate confidence building measures among the CICA Member States in the area of tourism.

Taking into account the scale of the tasks set by the CICA Member States in the field of tourism development, it seems relevant and necessary to hold a meeting of experts and then a meeting of the heads of tourism departments of the CICA Member States.

It should be noted that the meeting of the expert group of tourism departments of the CICA Member States must be held at least one month before the meeting of the heads of tourism departments.

II. Date and venue

November 2022, the National Library of Dushanbe.

III. Organizers and participants

Organizers: Committee for Tourism Development under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Co-organizers: CICA Secretariat.

Participants: CICA Member States, CICA Observer States, CICA Secretariat,

representatives of other international organizations, experts and researchers of sustainable tourism, representatives of tourism companies and associations.

IV. The main goals of the meeting:

The main purpose of the meeting is to create a platform for discussion, exchange of experience, analysis of potential opportunities for expanding cooperation in the field of tourism and to ensure practical proposals for the development of the industry.

Objectives:

As part of the meeting of the heads of tourism departments of the CICA Member States, it is planned to:

- discuss the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on the tourism sector of the Member States, measures taken by governments to alleviate the impact of the pandemic and the prospects for the development of the industry in the post-pandemic period;
- discuss measures to improve the safety of movement of tourists (excursionists) along routes associated with an increased risk to life and health, damage to property;
- exchange information on measures to ensure the safety of tourists;
- discuss the prospects for interaction and further development of regional cooperation in the field of tourism, in particular the identification of new tourist routes in different directions;
- exchange experience and discuss the prospects for ecotourism;
- define a common vision of the need to create joint projects, in particular business projects in the CICA space;
- enhance cooperation between tour operators and tourism associations, as well as facilitate the establishment of direct contacts and networking between the relevant institutions of the CICA Member States;
- exchange experience on introducing innovations in key areas of the tourism industry;
- exchange experience and information among the CICA Member States on best practices in the field of marketing and promotion of national tourism products;
- create a favorable environment for event participants to sign memoranda and agreements in the field of tourism.

V. Arrangements and modalities

1. The meeting of the heads of tourism departments of the CICA Member States will be organized in the city of Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan (preliminary venue is the National Library of Tajikistan).

2. The meeting of experts will be organized a month before the meeting of the heads of tourism departments of the CICA Member States.

3. Agenda of the meeting of the heads of tourism departments (the draft document will be sent 1-2 months before the meeting through diplomatic channels).

4. The final program of the meeting will be sent 1 month before the meeting through diplomatic channels. A preliminary draft program is enclosed herewith.

5. The program of the meeting of the heads of tourism departments will provide for speeches by the participants of the meeting.

To effectively prepare the meeting of the heads of tourism departments, we propose to hold a preliminary meeting of the expert group in the format of a videoconference in the second half of September 2022 and the final meeting of experts in Dushanbe in October 2022.

Please inform the organizers and the CICA Secretariat about the contact details of the representatives by the end of 2021.

AGENDA
of the Meeting of the Experts of Tourism Departments
of the CICA Member States

(Dushanbe, National Library, 6-7 October 2022)

6 October 2022

1. Approval of the agenda of the meeting;
2. On further steps to strengthen and develop cooperation in the field of tourism within the framework of CICA;
3. On the implementation of the Joint Action Plan for 2022-2023;
4. On minimizing and overcoming the effects of the new coronavirus pandemic on the tourism activities of the CICA Member States;
5. On the creation of a Special Expert Group on Responding to Tourist Challenges of the CICA Member States;

7 October 2022

6. On the preparations to the Meeting of the Heads of Tourism Departments of the CICA Member States;
7. On the draft Agenda, Protocol and Information Statement for the Meeting of the Heads of Tourism Departments of the CICA Member States;
8. On the date and place of the next meeting of experts;
9. Signing of the final Protocol.

PROGRAM
of the Meeting of the Experts of Tourism Departments
of the CICA Member States
(Dushanbe, National Library, 6-7 October 2022)

6 October (Thursday)

- 09.30 - arrival at the National Library of Tajikistan, Dushanbe
- 10.00-13.00 - Meeting of the Experts of Tourism Departments of the CICA Member States
- 13.00-14.00 - break
- 14.30-17.00 - Meeting of the Experts of Tourism Departments of the CICA Member States

7 October (Friday)

- 09.30 - arrival at the National Library of Tajikistan, Dushanbe
- 10.00-13.00 - Meeting of the Experts of Tourism Departments of the CICA Member States