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## **Global Roundtable: Towards low carbon and climate resilient tourism**

**17 February 2026**

**Morning session: 9:30 AM CET – 11:30 AM CET (4:30 PM CST – 6:30 PM CST)**

**[Register here for morning session on 17<sup>th</sup> February](#)**

**26 February 2026**

**Afternoon session: 4:00 PM CET – 6:00 PM CET (10:00 AM EST – 12:00 AM EST)**

**[Register here for afternoon session on 26<sup>th</sup> February](#)**

On the occasion of the UN [Global Tourism Resilience Day](#), the One Planet Global Roundtable will explore how tourism can advance low carbon and climate resilient development, building on the recent multilateral progress and the outcomes of COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

Over the past years, tourism has gained increased recognition within the global climate agenda. At COP29 in Baku (Azerbaijan), governments adopted the [Declaration on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism](#), reinforcing political commitment and identifying implementation pathways. This momentum was further advanced at COP30, where attention shifted towards delivery and the scaling of integrated solutions.

The One Planet Global Roundtable will examine how tourism can operationalise low carbon and climate resilient development, by jointly addressing mitigation, adaptation and circular economy approaches, including regenerative practices, through policy frameworks and action at destination and industry levels.

Bringing together leaders from policy, academia and the private sector, the roundtable will provide a platform for knowledge exchange and peer learning, highlighting progress and lessons to accelerate the implementation and scaling of solutions for a low carbon and climate resilient tourism future.

The Global Roundtable is organized by UN Tourism, with support of UN Environment Programme.

### **Objectives:**

- Consolidate multilateral progress: Reflect on how outcomes from COP29 and COP30 are shaping climate action in tourism, with a focus on translating political momentum into implementation towards COP31.
- Advance integrated delivery: Exchange experiences across One Planet initiatives and beyond, highlighting policies, tools and solutions which are being operationalised at destination and business level.

For more information: <https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/programmes/sustainable-tourism/glasgow-declaration/towards-low-carbon-and-climate-resilient-tourism>



## 17 February 2026 - Morning Session (9h30 AM CET – 11h30 AM CET)

### **Opening Remarks (5 min)**

- Mr. Shijun Liu, Executive Director, UN Tourism
- Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head of One Planet Secretariat, UNEP

### **High-level Address: The Imperative of Climate-Resilient Tourism Development (5 min)**

- H.E. Mr Ibrahim Thoriq, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Maldives

### **COP30 Recap: Main Takeaways from the Tourism Days (10 min)**

- Mr. Dilyor Khakimov, Director, Institutional Relations, Partnerships and Advocacy, UN Tourism
- Mr. João Viegas, Advisor, Minister of Tourism of Brazil (video)
- Ms. Julie Cheetham, CEO, Travalyst

### **Report Release for Public Consultation: Regenerative Approaches to Climate Action in Tourism (30 min)**

Moderator: Mr. Willy Legrand, Professor of Hospitality Management at IUBH International University of Applied Sciences

- Ms. Susanne Becken, Professor of Sustainable Tourism and Director, Griffith Institute for Tourism
- Mr. Jeremy Smith, Climate Action and Sustainable Tourism Expert

### **Panel Discussion: Exploring the Low Carbon & Climate Resilience Potential of a Circular Economy (40 min)**

Moderator: Ms. Virginia Fernández-Trapa, Programme Coordinator, Climate Action and Circularity, UN Tourism

#### Panellists:

- Ms. Maria Whittaker, Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer, ABRA Group (Avianca, Gol & Wamos airlines)
- Dr. Susanne Etti, General Manager Climate, Intrepid Travel
- Ms. Patricia Dueñas, Circular Economy Global Lead, Iberostar Hotels & Resorts

### **Questions and Answers (10 min)**



## 26 February 2026 - Afternoon Session (4h00 PM CET – 6h00 PM CET)

### Opening Remarks (5 min)

- H.E. Ms Shaikha Alnuwais (tbc) / Mr. Shijun Liu, Executive Director, UN Tourism
- Mr. Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head of One Planet Secretariat, UNEP

### High-level Address: Enhanced Governance for Climate Action in Tourism (10 min)

- H.E. Mr. Gustavo Feliciano, Minister of Tourism, Brazil (tbc)
- H.E. Mr. Charles Fernandez, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Transportation and Investments, Antigua & Barbuda (tbc)

### Towards COP31: Plan for Accelerated Solutions in the Tourism Sector (10 min)

- Mr. João Viegas, Advisor, Minister of Tourism of Brazil
- Mr. Dilyor Khakimov, Director, Institutional Relations, Partnerships and Advocacy, UN Tourism
- Ms. Juliana Bettini, Senior Tourism Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (tbc)

### Country Spotlight (in Spanish, with Zoom translation): Implementing Climate Action Plans in Mexican States (30 min)

Moderator: Mr. Heitor Kadri, Director, Regional Office for the Americas, UN Tourism

#### Panellists:

- Ms. María del Carmen Villareal, Secretary of State for Tourism, Nuevo León (tbc)
- Ms. Adriana Vega, Secretary of State for Tourism, Querétaro (tbc)
- Mr. Bernardo Cueto, Secretary of State for Tourism, Quintana Roo (tbc)

### Panel Discussion: Practical Solutions for a Climate Resilient Tourism Future (50 min)

Moderator: Mr. Jeremy Smith, Climate Action and Sustainable Tourism Expert

#### Panellists:

- Mr. Narendra Ramgulam, Tourism Specialist, Caribbean Tourism Organization
- Mr. Josep Rodríguez López, Strategic Projects Head, Tourism Department, Barcelona (tbc)
- Mr. Bruno Wendling, Presidente Fundtur, Mato Grosso do Sul Tourism Foundation (tbc)
- Ms. Paloma Zapata, CEO, Sustainable Travel International
- Mr. Matheus Mendes, Portfolio Manager, Green Initiative (tbc)
- Mr. Darin Graham, Climate Reporter, Skift

### Questions and Answers (10 min)