



وزارة السياحة
Ministry of Tourism



Project Title: Development of the Tourist e-Visa System

UNFCCSF Outcome: Knowledge-based equitable and sustainable economic development, underpinned by innovation and improved infrastructure

SP Outcome: Strengthen effective, accountable and inclusive governance

CPD Output: Knowledge-based, equitable sustainable economic and social development

Implementing Partner: UNDP

Responsible Partner: Ministry of Tourism

Narrative

This Engagement Facility intends to facilitate UNDP Saudi Arabia's strategic support to the Ministry of Tourism in establishing a comprehensive e-visa system for the ultimate objective of increasing the contribution of tourism to the GDP. This includes a capacity development programme for the key clusters of stakeholders dealing with the e-visa system. The 4 key clusters of stakeholders are Ministry of Tourism, the Passports Department, tour organizers, and accommodation firms.

Programme Period 2017-2021
Atlas Award ID: 00128855 (Project 122718)
Start Date: 1 August 2020
End Date: 31 July 2021
Management Arrangement: DIM

Total Resources Required

Allocated Resources: \$1,333,334

- Government \$1,333,334
- Other (UNDP) 0

Agreed by:

Government:
Name: Farouq A. Al-Khuzaim
Title: Vice-President for Support

Signature:

Date:

UNDP:
Name: Adam Bouloukos

Title: UNDP Resident Representative

Signature:

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National Context

The Ministry of Tourism in the Kingdom is the responsible authority for organizing and developing the tourism sector, raising its potentials and overcoming its barriers. It is an important driver for the national economy, in accordance with the Kingdom's priorities and comparative advantages. Ministry of Tourism is entitled - without prejudice to the competencies and responsibilities of other authorities - to take all necessary actions in order to achieve its goals, which include the following:

1. Proposing the general policies for tourism development, and the required plans and programs, and supervise their implementation, in coordination with the relevant authorities.
2. Issuing licenses for tourism activities in accordance with the relevant regulations, organizing those activities and monitoring their performance.
3. Developing tourism destinations in accordance to the goals of the Tourism Development Strategy, in coordination with the relevant authorities. These authorities may develop the destinations under their supervision after coordination with the Ministry.
4. Evaluating infrastructure projects for tourism sites in the various regions of the Kingdom and setting the necessary programs to complete them in cooperation with the relevant authorities.
5. Conducting a comprehensive survey of tourism areas and components in the Kingdom, updating them periodically in cooperation with the concerned authorities, and evaluating the tourism potential of each region, and discussing them with the District Council.
6. Overcoming the obstacles facing the tourism activity and providing facilitations and incentives to its investors.
7. Participating with the relevant government agencies in preserving public tourism places and destinations.
8. Coordinating of efforts between government agencies and others in the interest of achieving the Ministry's objectives.
9. Planning the tourism manpower; In cooperation with the relevant authorities.
10. Developing and implementing media plans related to tourism; To encourage tourism investment and promote the tourism traffic, in coordination with the relevant authorities.
11. Establishing and managing a database for tourism monitoring and development in the Kingdom, in coordination with the relevant authorities.
12. Cooperation and exchange of experiences with counterparts from other agencies in other countries, and with regional and international tourism organizations and specialized houses of expertise inside and outside the Kingdom; in accordance with the legal procedures.
13. Encouraging the private sector to establish tourism planning, development and investment companies
14. Carrying out research, studies, registration, and documentation and encouraging scientific research in the field of tourism.
15. Raising awareness of the importance of domestic tourism through books, brochures, magazines, specialized periodicals, and other means.
16. Organizing exhibitions, meetings, seminars and conferences related to tourism; In accordance with the relevant legal provisions.
17. Representing the Kingdom in regional and international organizations, bodies, forums, and conferences related to the Ministry's jurisdiction.

Schedule of Payments

| Payments | Amount in US\$ | Contributor |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Payment due in August 2020 | 1,000,000 | Government of Saudi Arabia |
| Payment due in January 2021 | 333,333 | |
| Total | 1,333,333 | |