



Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre

Call for Presenters

2nd Tourism Resilience Summit of the Americas: Tourism Resilience for Sustainable Development

October 9-10, 2019

**The University of the West Indies Regional Headquarters
Kingston, Jamaica**

The Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC) invites academics, practitioners, consultants, scholars, researchers, policymakers and other stakeholders to participate in the '2nd Tourism Resilience Summit of the Americas'. The summit will be held on October 9, 2019 in Kingston, Jamaica at The University of the West Indies Regional Headquarters under the theme '*Tourism Resilience for Sustainable Development*'. On October 10, the GTRCMC will be hosting a half-day workshop on 'Sargassum Solutions for the Americas'.

Background

Knowing how to be 'resilient' has now become a critical component of destination management. Indeed, in the last year, the GTRCMC, located at The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, has played an important part in making this connection. In the last five years, there have been several initiatives aimed at building the 'climate resilience' of destinations worldwide – *Tourism Climatic Resilience*. Many of these initiatives have reportedly contributed to advancing the objectives of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Despite the successes however, there is much more which needs to be examined and understood about tourism climatic resilience. Under the theme, 'Tourism Resilience for Sustainable Development' the 2nd Tourism Resilience Summit of the Americas will examine and further explore the experience, best practices, and lessons learnt from tourism climatic resilience experiences around the world. More specifically, the objectives of the summit will be to:

1. Examine and showcase the lessons learnt from tourism climatic resilience experiences.
2. Examine emerging issues surrounding tourism climatic resilience and sustainable development. Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to the connection between tourism climate resilience and:
 - Corporate Social Responsibility
 - Leadership

- Collaboration and Partnerships
 - Risk Management Solutions
 - Legal and Regulatory Frameworks
 - Communications and the Media
 - Crisis Management
 - Tools and Systems
 - Capacity Building
 - Research and Development
 - The Use of Digital Technologies
 - The Sargassum Threat
3. Provide models of transferable best practices in tourism climate resilience to be implemented in other destinations.

It is expected that the papers from the summit will help to shape policy and strategic frameworks globally, specifically as it relates to enhancing the resilience of world-wide destinations. Selected papers will also be published in the 'Journal of Tourism Resilience'.

Summit Co-Chairs

- Minister the Hon Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism for Jamaica.
Ministry of Tourism, Jamaica

- Professor Lloyd Waller, Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre, The University of the West Indies, Mona

Important Dates

- Submission Deadline: August 25, 2019
- Acceptance Decisions: September 5, 2019
- Summit: October 9, 2019
- Summit Workshop - 'Sargassum Solutions for the Americas': October 10, 2019

Abstract Submission

An abstract/proposal between 300 to 500 words, clearly summarizing the purpose and outcomes, should be submitted to gtrcmc.info@gmail.com by the August 25 deadline. All abstracts must be submitted in English and include your name, affiliation, and the theme or issue from above that most closely reflects your presentation.

For further information, please contact gtrcmc.info@gmail.com