



AGREEMENT  
ON  
THE FIELD OF TOURISM  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
NIGERIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
COTE D'VOIRE

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REPUBLIC OF COTE D'VOIRE ON THE FIELD OF TOURISM**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Government of the Republic of Cote *D'Ivoire* hereinafter referred to as the "Contacting Parties").

**DESIROUS** of expanding and enhancing bilateral co-operation between the two countries on a lasting and long term basis; and

**GUIDED** by the desire to strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries;

**DETERMINED** to develop and facilitate tourism based on the principle of equality, mutual benefit and full respect for the sovereignty of each other, **HAVE AGREED** as follows:

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## **ARTICLE 1**

### **SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation in the field of tourism between their two countries through:-

- i) The exchange of Tourism and Travel Trade Officials, Organizations, association, Youths and Students;
- ii) Tourism information and Statistics;
- iii) Films and Publicity/Exhibition materials;
- iv) Scientific researchers and Experts in Tourism
- v) The materials referred to in sub article (iii) shall be exempted from Custom duty provided they are not for commercial purpose.
- vi) Manpower development.

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## **ARTICLE 2**

### **EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate their respective peoples to mutually recognize each other's culture and to organize regular exchange programme in all areas of tourism.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **JOINT MARKETING**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and co-operate in Joint Marketing and Promotion of domestic and International tourism.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **INVESTMENT**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate the following:

- i) Tourism Investment;

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- ii) Resort development and commercialization of waterways (Cruise Tourism) between the two countries.
- iii) Exchange of information and experiences in privatization of hotels and tourism enterprises.
- iv) Exchange Programme in Capacity Building related to French/English Languages.
- v) Any other form of investment agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The contracting Parties shall endeavor to:

- i) Promote tourism without compromising the environment, indigenous culture and value systems;
- ii) Promote the development of eco-tourism.
- iii) Take all appropriate steps to ensure the protection of the environment in the course of promotion of tourism.

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## **ARTICLE 6**

### **TRAVEL FACILITATION**

To further develop tourist traffic, the contracting parties shall endeavor to ease entry formalities and Custom clearance procedures.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT SECTORIAL COMMISSION**

1. The Contracting Parties agree to establish a Joint Sectoral Commission to examine the implementation of this Agreement, to discuss the issues that might arise from the application of this Agreement and to make all the necessary recommendations for the achievement of its goals.
2. This Joint Sectoral Commission shall meet every two years alternately in Nigeria and Cote D'Ivoire to monitor the development of bilateral tourist relations and co-operation and the setting up of the programme for the subsequent period.

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3. The Joint Sectoral Commission shall, whenever necessary, establish working groups and appoint experts and advisers to attend the meetings.

### **ARTICLE 8**

#### **EXISTING OBLIGATIONS**

This agreement shall not affect the validity of the execution of any existing obligations arising from other international tourism Agreements, Conventions and Treaties concluded by either of the Contracting Parties prior to the present Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 9**

#### **COMPETENT AUTHORITY**

1. The government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria hereby designates the Federal Ministry in-charge of Tourism and Culture and the Government of Cote D'Ivoire hereby designates the Ministry in-charge of Tourism and Handicrafts as the appropriate organs for the

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purpose of implementing this Agreement and other matters relating thereto.

2. Each Party shall have the right to designate in writing, at any time, any other appropriate body, organization or Ministry in place of any of the ones already designated in the preceding paragraph.

### **ARTICLE 10**

### **SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through negotiations between the Contracting Parties.

### **ARTICLE 11**

### **AMENDMENT**

Any amendment to, or revision of this Agreement shall be made by mutual consent in writing and shall come into force under the same terms required for the entry into force of this agreement.

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## **ARTICLE 12**

### **ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

1. This Agreement shall come into force on the date of receipt of the last notification by which the Parties inform each other, through diplomatic channels, that their respective constitutional requirements for giving effect to the present Agreement have been fulfilled.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall automatically be extended for subsequent periods of one year each unless either Party seeks its termination by giving written notification at least six (6) months prior to its expiration.
3. The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the validity and obligations under any arrangement and/or contract commenced under this Agreement, and such existing arrangement contract or unfinished projects shall be carried onto completion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the under signed being duly authorized by their respective Government have signed this Agreement.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS



Done at.....in two original texts in  
English and French Languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of  
The Federal Republic of Nigeria

For the Government of the  
Republic of Cote D'Ivoire

Signature/Date.....  
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Signature/Date.....

Designation: *Hon. Minister*.....

Designation:.....