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- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



Statute of the Tourism Development Council

Article 1

In this Statute, the following words shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

Statute: Statute of the Tourism Development Council.

TDC: Tourism Development Council.

Chairman: TDC's chairman.

Secretary General: TDC's secretary general.

Ministry: Ministry of Tourism.

Article 2

A council named the Tourism Development Council shall be established and shall be chaired by the Minister of Tourism. The TDC's offices shall be located on the Ministry's premises.

Article 3

The TDC aims to coordinate efforts to achieve tourism-related national goals and to develop the tourism sector. To this end, it shall assume the necessary powers and duties, particularly the following:

1. Coordinating with relevant ministries and government agencies to develop the tourism sector.
2. Coordinating with relevant ministries and government agencies to implement development plans and priority initiatives related to the tourism sector, and monitor their implementation.
3. Coordinating with relevant agencies to enable the private sector to invest in the tourism sector and provide it with the necessary support.
4. Coordinating with relevant ministries and government agencies to establish companies and sole proprietorships specialized in tourism in partnership with the private sector.
5. Coordinating with relevant ministries and government agencies to raise public awareness of the importance of developing the tourism sector.
6. Evaluating relevant activities and efforts of ministries and government agencies, and taking necessary action.

Article 4

- A. The TDC shall be composed of the Minister of Tourism, as chairman, and the following members:
1. A representative from the Saudi Tourism Authority.
 2. A representative from the Ministry of Interior.
 3. A representative from the Ministry of Culture.
 4. A representative from the Ministry of Transport.
 5. A representative from the Ministry of Sports.



6. A representative from the Ministry of Finance.
 7. A representative from the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs.
 8. A representative from the Ministry of Commerce.
 9. A representative from the Ministry of Investment.
 10. A representative from the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development.
 11. A representative from the Ministry of Economy and Planning.
 12. A representative from the Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture.
 13. A representative from the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah.
 14. A representative from the Ministry of Tourism.
 15. A representative from the General Entertainment Authority.
 16. A representative from the Public Investment Fund.
- B. The Chairman shall choose a vice-chairman from among the TDC's members.
- C. The rank of the TDC's members shall not be lower than Grade "Excellent" or its equivalent.
- D. The remuneration of the TDC's members shall be determined pursuant to an order by the Prime Minister.

Article 5

1. The TDC's meetings shall be held at its offices, and may, when necessary, be held elsewhere as determined by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
2. The TDC shall convene upon a call by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman at least once every three months. The TDC shall also convene if the need arises or if requested by at least one-third of its members. The call for the meeting, including its agenda, must be sent in writing at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting.
3. The TDC's meetings shall be deemed valid only if attended by the majority of its members, including the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
4. The TDC's decisions and recommendations shall be passed by the majority vote of attending members. In case of a tie, the meeting chairman shall have the casting vote.
5. The TDC may hold its meetings and vote on decisions remotely. Decisions and recommendations may be passed by circulation if two-thirds of the members vote in their favor, provided that all members vote on such decisions. Such decisions and recommendations shall be included in the minutes of the subsequent meeting.
6. The TDC may invite non-members to attend its meetings in a non-voting capacity.
7. A TDC member may not abstain from voting nor vote by proxy.
8. The TDC's deliberations, recommendations, and decisions shall be entered into minutes signed by the chairman of the meeting and attending members.
9. The TDC shall issue the rules and procedures relating to holding its meetings and determine the mechanism for making recommendations and decisions.

Article 6

1. The TDC may form standing or ad hoc committees from among its members



or others to carry out certain tasks. The formation decision shall designate its chairman and members and determine their powers and remuneration. Such committees may seek the assistance of non-members to carry out the tasks assigned thereto.

2. The TDC may, in the performance of its duties, seek the assistance of consulting firms, experts, specialists, and consultants.

Article 7

The TDC shall have a general secretariat. It shall report to the Chairman, be headed by a full-time secretary-general selected by the Chairman, and have a sufficient number of employees.

Article 8

The secretary-general shall manage all the secretariat's administrative, financial, and technical activities. He shall, in particular, assume the following powers and duties:

1. Organizing the work of the TDC and its committees.
2. Following up on the work carried out by the consulting firms, experts, specialists, and advisors, prior to submission to the TDC.
3. Following up on the work of the TDC's committees.
4. Notifying the relevant agencies of the TDC's decisions and recommendations, and following up on the implementation thereof.
5. Proposing the rules governing the secretariat's work and submitting the same to the TDC for approval.
6. Preparing reports on the TDC's work and achievements at the end of each fiscal year, and submitting the same to the TDC.
7. Forming committees to conduct relevant studies and research.
8. Representing the TDC before judicial and administrative authorities and other authorities; he may delegate such power to any person he deems fit.
9. Carrying out any other duty assigned thereto by the TDC.

Article 9

The TDC shall be allocated a budget (program) within the Ministry's budget.

Article 10

The employees of the TDC's secretariat shall be subject to the laws and regulations applicable at the Ministry.

Article 11

The Chairman shall submit to the Chairman of the Council of Economic and Development Affairs an annual report which shall include the TDC's achievements and the challenges it encountered and recommendations on overcoming such challenges.



Article 12

The Chairman shall issue the decisions necessary for the implementation of this Statute.

Article 13

This Statute shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force on the date of its publication.