



**DRAFT WORK PROGRAM FOR THE SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE
OF TOURISM MINISTERS**

Banjul, Republic of The Gambia

04-05 December 2013/01-02 Safar 1435H

Theme of the Conference: Fostering Wealth Creation through Tourism Development

Day One

Wednesday, 04 December 2013

09:00-10:00

Registration

10:00-10:45

Opening ceremony: (Plenary)

- Recitation of the verses of The Holy Quran
- Opening of the Session by the Chairman of the Seventh Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers
- Election of the Bureau
- Statement by the Head of Delegation of the Republic of The Gambia

10:45-11:00 Health break

11:00 – 13:30 **Working Session I** (closed)

- Adoption of the Draft Agenda and the Work Programme
- Report by the Secretary General on implementation of Resolutions on Tourism Development
- Reports by relevant OIC institutions (SESRIC, IRCICA, ICDT, ISESCO, ICCIA etc.)
- Discussion of the Reports

- The Mechanism and Criteria for the selection of OIC City of Tourism;
- The Mechanism and Criteria for the award of OIC Seal of Excellence for Handicrafts;

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 – 17:00 Working Session II

- The proposal by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the establishment of “the Heritage Centre for Islamic Countries.”
- Draft Agenda and Work Programme of the 8th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers
- Any Other Business

Day Two:

Thursday, 05 December 2013

11:00-13:00 Working Session III

- Consideration of the Report and Draft Resolution
- Closing of Senior Officials’ Meeting

Local programme s will include:

- (i) *The Gambia Market Place: an exhibition of the Gambian art, fashion, music and cuisine*
- (ii) *A boat cruise on River Gambia.*