

## Call for Expression of Interest

<b>Post Title:</b>	Expert on Tourism Law	<b>Duty Station:</b>	Home-based
<b>Reference:</b>	UNWTO/HHRR/CFE/08/ROME/2026	<b>Start Date:</b>	As soon as possible
<b>Operational Department:</b>	Regional Office for the Middle East	<b>Duration:</b>	5 months
<b>Functional Department:</b>	Office of Legal Affairs and International Standards	<b>Deadline for Applications:</b>	<b>28 May 2026</b>
<b>Contractual Status:</b>	Expert Contract		

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### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The **World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism)** is the United Nations agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable, and universally accessible tourism. As the leading international organization in the field of tourism, UN Tourism promotes tourism as a driver of economic growth, inclusive development and environmental sustainability and offers leadership and support to the sector in advancing knowledge and tourism policies worldwide.

UN Tourism is currently looking for an **Expert on Tourism Law** for its **Tourism Law Observatory for the Middle East (ME Observatory)**.

The Tourism Law Observatories are innovative digital platforms hosted by the UN Tourism Secretariat to systematically collect, analyse, update and disseminate tourism legislation at the regional level. Supported by a network of academic collaborators, they were endorsed as a Flagship Initiative of the UN Tourism Programme of Work 2024–2025 by the 25th General Assembly (Resolution 757(XXV)). Their objective is to promote the progressive harmonization of tourism legislation and the development of smart regulation for the sector.

Currently, one Observatory is operational in the Americas through the Tourism Law Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC Observatory), established in collaboration with the IDB and hosted by UN Tourism's Thematic Office in Montevideo, Uruguay. A second Observatory is currently being established in the Middle East (ME Observatory), approved by the Executive Council at its 123rd session (Decision 3(CXXIII)) within the framework of the UN Tourism Regional Office in Riyadh.

To achieve its objectives, the ME Observatory relies on the "Turismo LEX" database, which compiles and systematizes tourism-related legislation across the Middle East. The database covers international conventions and treaties, national and subnational legislation, as well as recommendations and other non-binding instruments. It is structured by thematic areas, type of instrument, geographical scope and stage in the regulatory cycle, providing stakeholders with access to summaries, classifications and, where available, full legal texts.

Under the operational supervision of the Director, Regional Office for the Middle East and functional supervision of the Director, Office of Legal Affairs and International Standards the Expert will be responsible for services, which will include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Develop, in coordination with the academic collaborators, a clear methodology defining the scope of information to be collected, timelines, classification criteria, and procedures for uploading content to the Turismo LEX database. The methodology should include mechanisms to ensure continuous updating.
2. Ensure the accurate review, storage, and systematization of tourism-related legislation from ME countries in the Turismo LEX database, in line with the agreed methodology and deadlines. This includes both "Tourism regulations" and "Other regulations affecting tourism."

3. Propose, where necessary, improvements or adjustments to the existing classification fields within the Turismo LEX database.
4. Conduct a comparative analysis of the status of tourism legislation across ME Member States, identifying key trends, similarities, and differences in accordance with the criteria and methodology established by UN Tourism.
5. Draft a blog post summarizing the main results and findings for publication on the ME Observatory's platform.
6. Performs other duties as assigned.

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## REQUIREMENTS

**Academic** Advanced university degree (master's degree or equivalent) in law, international relations, political science, economics, business administration or a related field. A first-level university degree in combination with qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

**Experience**

- A minimum of five years of relevant professional experience providing legal, policy or technical expertise in one or more of the following areas: law, international relations, tourism, project or programme management, or related fields;
- Demonstrated experience in legal or policy analysis, research and drafting, including the preparation of analytical reports or advisory outputs.
- Demonstrated experience in tourism law is an asset.

**Languages**

- Fluency in English and Arabic is essential;
- Good working knowledge of another of the official languages of the Organization (French, Arabic, Chinese, or Russian) is an asset.

**Computer Skills**

- Computer literacy in Microsoft Office software and Windows 11.

**Other Skills and Competencies**

- Familiarity with international and regional tourism regulations and agreements, and institutional frameworks is required;
- Proven experience working with international organizations, UN entities, or governmental and non-governmental organization, particularly on issues related to tourism law, regulation, or public policy;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including strong drafting and analytical abilities;
- Strong organizational skills and ability to deliver high-quality outputs independently and within agreed timelines;
- Computer literacy in Microsoft Office suite.

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**Remuneration and Other Conditions** The selected candidate will receive a lump sum of **USD 16,000**, to be paid in 3 tranches and is expected to provide an output of 60 working days within the contractual period. Where applicable, travel and accommodation for missions would be paid as an all-inclusive lump sum. The Expert shall be in possession of a major global medical insurance coverage to be paid by him or her.

**Application Procedure** Interested applicants are requested to complete the [Online UN Tourism Personal History Form](#). Please note that UN Tourism will only accept applications received through our web-based system. Applications sent by other means (e.g. post, email, etc.) or received after the deadline indicated above, will not be taken into consideration.

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- Candidates who do not receive any feedback within three months of the deadline should consider their application as unsuccessful.
  - Short-listed candidates may be asked to take a competitive exam and/or interview as part of the final phase of the selection process. These candidates will be contacted directly for this purpose.
  - **There is no guarantee either that the initial contract will be renewed or that a career appointment within UN Tourism will subsequently be offered. Any extension beyond the advertised duration is subject to the availability of funds and necessities of service.**