

WTTC announces speakers for 22nd Global Summit in Saudi Arabia

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Riyadh : The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) has announced some of the confirmed speakers ahead of the organisation's 22nd Global Summit, which will be held from November 28 till December 1 2022 at the King Abdul Aziz International Conference Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The event's theme, "Travel for a Better Future," will focus on how the travel industry can positively impact the global economy, the planet and local communities across the globe. Speakers include both government officials and travel and tourism industry leaders. Of these leaders, speakers include Arnold Donald, Vice Chair for Carnival Corporation and WTTC Chair; Anthony Capuano, CEO of Marriott International; Christopher Nassetta, President and CEO of Hilton; Matthew Upchurch, President and CEO of Virtuoso, among others.

Government officials speaking during the event come from destinations around the world, such as Japan, Turkey, Bahrain, Portugal, Bahamas, Barbados, Austria and more. Three government officials from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will also participate in the event. "WTTC will arrive in Riyadh as tourism enters a new era of recovery. Bringing together global leaders from both the public and private sector, the Summit will be fundamental in building the better, brighter future the sector deserves," said His Excellency Ahmed Al Khateeb, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Tourism, who will participate in the event.

"There is no doubt our ambitious investment, sustainability and travel experience goals can be realised through global collaboration and WTTC's Global Summit in Riyadh will provide a platform for these important conversations, while ensuring visitors enjoy the hospitality and opportunities of one of the world's fastest growing tourism destinations." The event will welcome government speakers such as Rita Marques, Secretary of State for Tourism Portugal; Lisa Cummins, Minister of Tourism and International Transport Barbados; Isaac Chester Cooper, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments and Aviation Bahamas; Fatima Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism Bahrain; Susanne Kraus-Winkler, State Secretary for Tourism Austria; Mark Keam, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Travel and Tourism, National Travel and Tourism Office US; and the Lindiwe Nonceba Sisulu, Minister of Tourism South Africa. Government officials from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will join delegates at the Global Summit. They include Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud, Minister of Energy, Khalid Al-Falih, Minister of Investment, and others.