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Provisional Annotated Agenda

Plenary Session

The 12th TPO General Assembly

Grand Ballroom

3F, Sheraton Saigon Grand Opera Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Friday, September 5, 2025

**Tourism Promotion Organization
for Global Cities (TPO)**

Agenda Item I: Adoption of the Agenda (Document no. 2025-GA12-01)

The provisional agenda was circulated on July 29, 2025. The Chair will invite members to adopt the agenda as proposed. In the meantime, any member wishing to propose amendments or additions to the agenda is encouraged to raise their request.

Agenda Item II: Report of the TPO Secretariat

a. Implementation of the activities for 2024-2025 (Document no. 2025-GA12-02)

The Secretariat reports on the activities and achievements carried out from 2024 to 2025, as detailed in Document no. 2025-GA12-02.

b. Draft Program of Work for 2026 (Document no. 2025-GA12-03)

The Secretariat presents the Draft Program of Work for 2026, which is to be reviewed and considered for approval at the 45th Executive Committee Meeting. Members are encouraged to take note of the proposed activities and begin making necessary arrangements for active participation in the programs planned for the upcoming year.

Agenda Item III: Report by the Chair of the Executive Committee

Since the 11th TPO General Assembly, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) has held three ordinary EXCOM Meetings and one Inter-sessional Meeting in writing, whose dates and venues were as follows:

- 42nd EXCOM Meeting (May 22, 2024, Busan)
- 43rd EXCOM Meeting (October 24, 2024, Taiping)
- Inter-sessional Meeting in writing (December, 2024)
- 44th EXCOM Meeting (May 14, 2025, Guangzhou)

The 45th EXCOM Meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2025, two days ahead of the Plenary Session of the 12th General Assembly in Ho Chi Minh City. The Chair of the Executive Committee reports the results of these Meetings.

a. Summary of the 42nd to 44th EXCOM Meetings (Document no. 2025-GA12-04)

An executive summary of key decisions and outcomes is presented in document 2025-GA12-04.

b. The 45th Executive Committee Meeting (September 3, 2025, Ho Chi Minh City)

b-1. Report of the TPO Secretariat

The Secretariat is to brief the Committee on the activities for 2025 and propose the adjustment of the budget for the remaining fiscal year. The Draft Program of Work for 2026 is proposed for consideration and endorsement. Additionally, the Committee is to deliberate on a proposal concerning the minor renewal of the official TPO logo.

b-2. Proposed Amendments to the TPO Statute

The Committee is to deliberate on two proposed amendments to the TPO Statute:

- Addition of a new article on Regional Meetings
- Addition of a new paragraph under Article 4 (Main Activities) to include tourism-related research

These amendments are to be submitted to the General Assembly for final approval under Agenda Item V.

b-3. Recommendation of the TPO Bureau Candidates and Appointment of the Executive Committee Members for the 2026-2027 term

The term of office of the current Bureau members (TPO President and Co-President cities) and Executive Committee Members is scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2025. The following Bureau candidates are to be recommended, and Executive Committee Members are proposed for consideration for the 2026–2027 term.

- TPO Bureau: President (Busan), Co-President (Gimhae)
- Executive Committee Members
 - Busan, Fukuoka, Guangzhou, Ho Chi Minh City, Ipoh, Jakarta, Samarkand, Sanya, Taichung

* The TPO Bureau shall be constituted as members of the Executive Committee ex officio.

b-4. Recommendation of Host Cities for Future TPO Meetings

The following candidate cities are proposed for recommendation to the General Assembly for final decision.

- 13th TPO General Assembly (2027): Gimhae, Pohang
- 11th TPO Forum (2028): Ulsan

Agenda Item IV: Membership Management (Document no. 2025-GA12-05)

The Secretariat reports to the General Assembly on changes that have occurred in the membership of the Organization since the 11th TPO General Assembly.

Agenda Item V: Proposed Amendments to the TPO Statute

To respond to evolving organizational needs, the Secretariat presents draft amendments to the TPO Statute. These proposed revisions are to be deliberated by the 45th Executive Committee Meeting and, subject to its endorsement, are submitted to the General Assembly for final approval.

a. New Article: Regional Meetings (Document no. 2025-GA12-06)

TPO Regional Meetings serve as key platforms for regional dialogue, coordination, and member consultation. The proposed amendment aims to formally incorporate Regional Meetings into the Statute, thereby clarifying their status, purpose, frequency, and procedural framework.

(Proposal) Decision on the proposed amendment to the TPO Statute

b. New Paragraph under Article 4 (Main Activities): Tourism Related Research
(Document no. 2025-GA12-07)

In line with the global trend toward evidence-based decision-making and data-driven policies, the Secretariat proposes adding a new paragraph under Article 4 of the TPO Statute. This amendment is intended to provide a statutory basis for enhancing the Organization’s research capacity. It would enable TPO to provide members with timely and reliable insights, support tourism policy and strategy development, and foster partnerships as well as sustainable funding opportunities.

(Proposal) Decision on the proposed amendment to the TPO Statute

Agenda Item VI: Result of the Leaders’ Conference: Adoption of the Ho Chi Minh City Declaration (Document no. 2025-GA12-08)

The mayors and representatives of the TPO members are scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 4, 2025, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, to discuss digital and green transformation in tourism under the title “Next-Gen Smart Cities: Cross-border Cooperation for Smart & Green Tourism.”

The Leaders' Conference is to address digital transformation practices, green tourism strategies, and the proposed TPO Green Horizon Platform initiative. The meeting aims to reach consensus on the Ho Chi Minh City Declaration for sustainable tourism cooperation.

(Proposal) Adoption of the Ho Chi Minh City Declaration

Agenda Item VII: Election of the TPO Bureau for 2026-2027 (Document no. 2025-GA12-09)

The term of office of the current Bureau members (TPO President and Co-President cities) is scheduled to conclude on December 31, 2025. In accordance with Article 13 of the TPO Statute, the Executive Committee is to review and recommend the following candidate cities. The General Assembly is invited to consider their endorsement and approval in accordance with the TPO Statute.

Candidates: (President) Busan

(Co-President) Gimhae

(Proposal) Decision on the TPO Bureau for 2026-2027

Agenda Item VIII: Venue for Future TPO Meetings

a. 13th General Assembly

Gimhae and Pohang have submitted official bids to host the 13th TPO General Assembly in 2027. In accordance with the approved host city selection guidelines, the Executive Committee is to deliberate on recommending that both cities present their proposals during the Plenary Session. The final host city is to be selected through a vote by participating member cities.

(Proposal) Selection of the host city for the 13th TPO General Assembly through a vote by the General Assembly.

b. 11th Forum

Ulsan Metropolitan City has submitted an official bid as the sole candidate to host the 11th TPO Forum in 2028. In accordance with the approved host city selection guidelines, the Executive Committee is to deliberate on recommending that Ulsan present its proposal during the Plenary Session. The host city is to be selected through a vote by participating member cities.

(Proposal) Selection of the host city for the 11th TPO Forum through a vote by the General Assembly.

Agenda Item IX: Other Matters