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An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Nice, France. The image shows a wide sandy beach along the coast, with a promenade and palm trees. In the background, there are numerous multi-story buildings, including a prominent white building with a dome. The word 'NEWS' is overlaid in a white box on the left side of the image.

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[International tourism exceeds expectations with arrivals up by 52 million in 2013](#)

International tourist arrivals grew by 5% in 2013, reaching a record 1,087 million arrivals, according to the latest UNWTO World Tourism Barometer. Despite global economic challenges, international tourism results were well above expectations, with an additional 52 million international tourists travelling the world in 2013. For 2014, UNWTO forecasts 4% to 4.5% growth - again, above the long term projections. [Read more +](#)

[Dr. Tej Vir Singh awarded the UNWTO Ulysses Prize for the Creation and Dissemination of Knowledge](#)

Dr. Tej Vir Singh, professor and Founding Director of the Centre for Tourism Research & Development (CTRD) in India, has been named winner of the 2013 UNWTO Ulysses Prize for Excellence in the Creation and Dissemination of Knowledge. The Award honors outstanding members of the academia for their significant contribution to the development of tourism education and research.

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[UN General Assembly: Tourism can foster sustainable development in Central America](#)

Sustainable tourism is an ally of poverty eradication in Central America and the three dimensions of sustainable development - social, economic and environmental - as reflected in the UN resolution on "Sustainable tourism and sustainable development in Central America". The 193-member UN General Assembly adopted the resolution unanimously during its 68th session. This represents an important step towards mainstreaming sustainable tourism in the international development agenda and the post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (New York, USA, 22 December 2013). [Read more +](#)



Support for Development of Inclusive Markets in Tourism in Uganda

Based on the success of the UNWTO/UNDP project for the formulation of a Tourism Policy and Master Plan for Uganda, UNWTO, in collaboration with UNDP, is supporting the Ugandan Government in the development of inclusive markets in tourism. The project focuses on the participation of the poor and local communities in the tourism sector as entrepreneurs, employees and consumers aiming to empower them to increase benefits from the tourism industry and improve their livelihoods through access to labor and markets, and increased opportunities for decent work and incomes.

[Read more about this project here +](#)



- [International Seminar on Tourism Destinations Management in Cultural Heritage Sites, 17-18 February 2014, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic](#)

- [Tourism as a key Sector for Development in Island States, 19-20 February 2014, Nassau, Bahamas](#)



The Impact of Visa Facilitation in ASEAN Member States

Following the work prepared for the APEC high-level policy dialogue on travel facilitation in October 2013, this new UNWTO/WTTC report outlines the impact of visa facilitation policies within the ASEAN Region, identifying the potential economic gains for ASEAN Member States from visa policy improvements.

[Learn more about the report here +](#)