

## **Draft Regulations concerning the Interstate Coordination Council for Joint Accommodation Classification System in the Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan**

### **I. General Provisions**

1.1. Interstate Coordination Council for Joint Accommodation Classification System in the Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the Council) is created to coordinate joint efforts of the two countries aimed to develop tourism activities, improve quality standards in the hospitality sector while expanding accommodation facilities, increasing visitor satisfaction levels and assisting in creation and establishment of a successful regional tourism brand.

1.2. The Council is a regional cooperation body under the Kyrgyz-Kazakhstan Intergovernmental Council for Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor (ABEC) established between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

1.3. In its operations, the Council shall be guided by the agreements and decisions made within the CAREC framework, as well as by these Regulations.

### **II. Council Functions**

The Council has the following functions:

2.1. Defines the strategy, main directions, and prospects of development of the Joint Accommodation Classification System (ACS) of the Kyrgyz Republic and Kazakhstan and makes decisions to pursue its improvement.

2.2. Coordinates joint efforts of the National Coordinators and monitors their activities on a regular basis.

2.3. Facilitates exchange of legislative, regulatory, methodological and other information in the field of ACS.

2.4. Addresses common issues between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Kazakhstan regarding the use of joint ACS.

### **III. Council Rights**

To carry out its functions, the Council is entitled to:

3.1. Manage and coordinate the creation and use of unified, including recommendations on its design, regular updates of classification criteria, and their adaptation to the local landscape.

3.2. Following the established procedure, to request for information from National Coordinators on the issues within its scope of competence.

3.3. Establish permanent or temporary Working Groups as needed and take measures to ensure its performance.

3.4. Facilitate hearings of the reports by the Chairpersons of the National Coordinators and draft appropriate proposals for improving unity.

3.5. To consider proposals of the National Coordinators as related to the development of cooperation on legal and intellectual property protection.

3.6. Develop and approve the Rules for operations, as well as introduce required changes

#### **IV. Procedure for establishing the Council**

4.1. The Council is composed of:

- one representative from each National ACS Coordinator;
- one representative from an industry association;
- one representative from each type of accommodation provider;
- one representative from the government body
- one representative from the consumers' rights organization

When nominating persons replacing members of the Council, this must be accompanied by relevant DoA.

A representative of the Asian Development Bank may become a member of the Council with the right of deliberative vote.

4.2. The chairmanship of the Council shall rotate for a term not to exceed one year, unless otherwise specified by resolution of the Council.

The preceding and succeeding Chairpersons of the Council are deemed as Co-Chairs to the current one. During the temporary absence of the Chairperson of the Council, his/her duties shall be performed by one of Co-Chairs.

The Chairperson organizes the works of the Council, leads its meetings, and ensures compliance with the Rules of Procedure.

#### **V. Organization of Works**

5.1. Meetings of the Council shall be held at least once a year. Extraordinary meetings may be called as necessary.

An extraordinary meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Chairperson on his/her initiative or at the suggestion of at least three Council members.

5.2. Decisions of the Council are legally competent if more than half of the Council members are represented during the meeting.

5.3. The place of the meetings is determined by prior agreement of Council members.

5.4. The Council reports annually to \_\_\_\_\_ providing information about its activities.

5.5. Representatives of interested Agencies and Organizations, including international ones, may attend the meetings as observers, as agreed by the Council.

5.6. Decisions of the Council are advisory in nature and reached by consensus.

5.7. Coordination of activities is the responsibility of the National Coordinators

5.8. Pre-reads for regular meeting of the Council are sent to the members by the National Coordinators at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## **VI. Closing Provisions**

6.1. The expenses associated with organization of Council meetings shall be borne by the relevant authorities of the Host State.

6.2. The Parties shall bear their own expenses related to the participation of their representatives in the meetings of the Council.