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Millions of people missed chances to explore different places and embrace different cultures and customs. And the world lost out on opportunities for tourism to create jobs, support businesses, kick-start development, and to protect and preserve the very things we leave our homes to see.

**Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili
Secretary-General of the UNWTO**





Guiding tourism's recovery



Portugal Hosts UNWTO Crisis Committee



Tourism Back to 1990 Levels as Arrivals Fall by More than 70%



70% of Destinations Have Lifted Travel Restrictions, but Global Gap Emerging



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Innovation, safety and inclusivity to #RestartTourism. Leading by example, we traveled to Portugal where we hold the last meeting of the Global Tourism Crisis Committee in 2020. Looking ahead, UNWTO will keep guiding and uniting the sector for a resilient & sustainable recovery.



We connect the global tourism community. The Global Tourism Plastics Initiative has welcomed 26 new signatories as the tourism sector moves towards the #circular economy to reduce pollution and support a #sustainable recovery from COVID-19.



And we're back! The next #UNWTO - Google Acceleration program provides digital skills and tourism sector insights to #RestartTourism and help countries recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. This time with a focus on Egypt, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.



"Tourism has helped me be more open-minded. It tells a story to know more about people and their culture." Zizo Ndimeni joins #MyAfrica highlighting #tourism's power to bring understanding in #Africa and globally. You too, join us and tell YOUR story!



The 8th #UNWTO Travel Restrictions report is out! 70% of destinations have lifted travel restrictions, but global gap emerges. 152 destinations have eased #Covid19 related travel restrictions. 59 destinations keep their borders completely closed for international #tourism.



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