

United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

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About United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

- It is the United Nations agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.
- Functions: It serves as a global forum for tourism policy issues and encourages the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.
- It was established in 1975.
- Members: Membership of the UNWTO includes 159 countries.
- Official languages: The official languages of UNWTO are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.
- Organisation structure:
 - General Assembly: It is the principal gathering of the World Tourism Organization. It is composed of full members and associate members. It meets every two years.
 - Executive Council: It is UNWTO's governing board. It is composed of 35 members elected by the General Assembly in a ratio of one for every five full members. It meets at least twice a year.
- Headquarter: Madrid, Spain

Key facts about Best Tourism Villages initiative

- It was launched in 2021 by UNWTO.
 - It is part of the UNWTO Tourism for Rural Development Programme.
 - The programme works to foster development and inclusion in rural areas, combat depopulation, advance innovation and value chain integration through tourism and encourage sustainable practices
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Q1) What is the United Nations?

It is an international organization founded in 1945 to promote peace, security, and cooperation among member countries. The United Nations works on a wide range of issues, including diplomacy, humanitarian aid, human rights, and sustainable.

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