

## **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LEADS THE REGIONAL TOURISM PROMOTION AND INTEGRATION AGENDA DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER OF 2022.**



During the transition ceremony, Mr. Roberto Alvarez, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic said "We meet today in a spirit of brotherhood and unity for an event of great importance for the Pro Tempore Presidency of the Central American Integration System (SICA) fills us with confidence as it demonstrates that the spirit of regional integration grows in a region united by geography, identity and common interest".



Mr. Iván Eskildsen, Minister of Tourism of Panama said "Panama's Pro Tempore Presidency was undoubtedly historic for several reasons. During our period, we developed a work agenda focused on strengthening the regional tourism sector, promoting the regional tourism offer and integrating local communities. Today I would like to reiterate once again our commitment, our unrestricted support to the new Pro Tempore Presidency assumed by the Dominican Republic and above all that we continue working as brotherly Central American countries".

For his part, Mr. David Collado, Minister of Tourism of the Dominican Republic said "Today we receive this presidency with great humility and dedication. In this opportunity we want to learn from all the countries, from the cultural richness, from the experience of each of the destinations so that at the end of this Pro Tempore Presidency we will have a much stronger Central American region".



The handover ceremony took place in the presence of his counterparts Mr. William Rodríguez, Minister of Tourism of Costa Rica; Mrs. Anasha Campbell, Minister of Tourism of Nicaragua; Mrs. Yadira Gómez, Minister of Tourism of Honduras; Mrs. Anayansy Rodríguez, Minister of Tourism of Guatemala. Also in attendance were Mr. Eddie Herrera, representative of the Minister of Tourism of Belize; Ms. Carolina Cerna, representative of the Minister of Tourism of El Salvador. Ms. Carolina Briones, Secretary General of CATA, also participated.



In congruence with the strategic lines outlined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, the Ministry of Tourism will support actions that will stimulate and facilitate the sustainable development of tourism in Central America, promoting the responsible recovery of tourism post COVID, promotion, tourism marketing and tourism intelligence system.



