GSTC Sustainable MICE Course

live sessions (90 minutes/session – total of 4 sessions)		
1 st session	 Introduction to the GSTC and GSTC MICE Criteria GSTC Criteria Section A: best practices in sustainable tourism management approaches. 	Learning Goals: Understand the roles of the GSTC and the GSTC Criteria. Become familiar with sustainability management principles and discuss best practices.
2 nd session	 GSTC Criteria Section B. Social and Economic Benefits: understanding the socioeconomic impacts of tourism activities, and on effective strategies for reducing negative impacts. GSTC Criteria Section C. Cultural Heritage: how tourism businesses and destinations can minimize negative impacts, maximize benefits to local communities and protect cultural heritage through sustainable tourism. 	 Learning Goals: Understand issues and challenges related to the socioeconomic impacts of tourism and the impact of tourism on local cultural heritage. Learn about sustainability practices that effectively address the socioeconomic impacts of tourism. Learn about best practices on reducing negative impacts of tourism activities on local cultural heritage.
3 rd session	GSTC Criteria Section D. Environmental Benefits and Impacts: key strategies for reducing tourism's environmental footprint are presented, and practical action steps in implementing sustainable resource management and conservation practices	Learning Goals: Learn about best practices on reducing footprint and positively contributing to conservation.
4 th session	 GSTC Criteria Section D Continued Breakout Group Session: Applying the GSTC Criteria – minimizing the negative impact, maximizing the positive impact. 	Learning Goals: Learn about best practices on reducing footprint and positively contributing to conservation. Discuss how to maximize tourism's benefits for communities, visitors, local cultures, and the environment through sustainability practices.

