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# AlUla Framework for Inclusive Community Development through Tourism

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### **OVERVIEW**

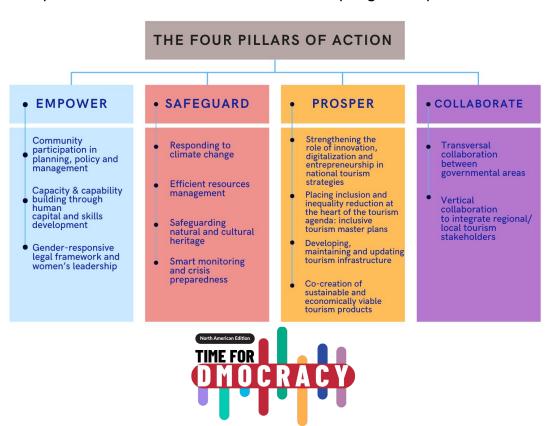
Although tourism plays a significant role in society, the benefits of tourism frequently are not felt by the destination community or are not taken full advantage of to support inclusion, tackle relocation, and foster cohesion. The UNWTO developed the <u>AlUla Framework for Inclusive Community Development through Tourism</u> to guide governments and tourism stakeholders on how they can effectively use tourism as a means for attaining inclusive community development. The framework also has been developed to support the prioritization of tourism in community development efforts so that the benefits of tourism are dispersed fairly and efficiently throughout destination communities.

#### INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH TOURISM

Application of the AlUla Framework for Inclusive Community Development through Tourism should result in benefits particularly for underdeveloped destinations, micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), and disadvantaged groups such as unemployed residents, women, youth, people with disabilities, and Black, indigenous, and people of color. For the benefits to come to fruition, policies must focus on the following nine (9) key issues:

- 1. Capacity building for jobs and opportunities.
- 2. Promoting the role of women in communities.
- 3. Fostering innovation, digitization and entrepreneurship.
- 4. Empowering of local communities.
- 5. Providing infrastructure and services.
- 6. Communities as champions of nature and heritage preservation.
- 7. Tourism for all.
- 8. Decent work and formalization.
- 9. Public-private-community development, towards a new governance model.

The AlUla Framework for Inclusive Community Development through Tourism proposes the following four (4) pillars of action and their associated programs/potential interventions:





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