Research Title: Assessment of Accessibility Tourism Capabilities in the Egyptian Tourism Market

Abstract

Accessibility Tourism is considered one of the promising types of many countries as it yields a considerable income which helps move the national income. The number of special needs in the world is estimated at 500 million individuals. The Arab World can harbour 10% of that number. The research problem is that for Egypt to take a slice of that number of tourists certain prerequisites must be fulfilled before they even land on Egyptian soil. Airport facilities, tourist buses, hotel accommodation and their tours around places of interest must all be designed in such a way to make things easy for special needs tourists. The research deals mainly with special conveniences in tours coaches and five star hotels as they reflect an important aspect of the tourist private sector. Observation, benchmarking list had been gathered in Questionnaire forms and distributed to assess the present state of affairs with the aim of bridging the gap between what is and what should be to provide special needs tourists with accessible, comfortable tours. The research came up with very important recommendations. Concerning the tours coaches it should have electric lifts for people of wheel chairs and a place to park their wheel chairs in the bus as well as audio visual board to spread the information Concerning the 5 star hotel, there should be a parking area for people of special needs, law reservation and reception desks for people on wheel chairs and enough space in guest bedroom.