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SUMMARY

The AFRICA 2009 Programme, a partnership between the World Heritage Centre, ICCROM, CRATerre-EAG, and African cultural heritage organizations, is an instrument for carrying out the strategy of the World Heritage Committee for training immovable cultural heritage professionals in sub-Saharan Africa. 2000 marked the second year of activities of the programme which included a three-month course (28 August – 17 November 2000) and Directors' Seminar (13 – 17 November) in Porto Novo, Benin, and a seminar on documentation and inventory (9 - 15 October) in Livingstone, Zambia. Activities carried out in 2000 and activities foreseen in 2001 are set out in this document.

AFRICA 2009: Conservation of Immovable Cultural Heritage in Sub-Saharan Africa



FACT SHEET (2000-2001)

Background

AFRICA 2009 was developed as the operational step of the *Training Strategy for Immovable Cultural Heritage in Africa South of the Sahara* approved by the World Heritage Committee at its 20th session in Merida, Mexico in 1996. The programme is an instrument for carrying out the overall strategy of the World Heritage Committee for training immovable cultural heritage professionals in sub-Saharan Africa. The first three years of the programme 1999 – 2001 were conceived of as the pilot phase. 2001 will, therefore, be a very important year to assess the results obtained thus far and give an orientation for the future.

Partners

Partners in the programme are the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICCROM, CRATerre-EAG and African cultural heritage institutions. Support for the programme comes from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Riksantikvaren), the World Heritage Fund, and ICCROM.

Direct Target Beneficiaries

Target beneficiaries for the various activities include politicians and policy makers who control decisions on conservation of immovable cultural heritage; professionals and craftspeople involved in the planning, management, conservation, and maintenance of immovable cultural heritage; and communities, including women and youth, who are located in or near immovable cultural heritage sites.

Activities carried out in 2000

At the regional level (*Projet Cadre*), the following activities have been implemented or are under implementation during 2000:

- Regional three month course in Porto Novo, Benin, 28 August – 17 November (18 participants, French language);
- Directors seminar in Porto Novo, Benin, 13 – 17 November (15 participants + programme partners, French language);
- Seminar on documentation and inventory in Livingstone, Zambia, 9 – 15 October (21 participants, English language);
- AFRICA 2009 Coordination Committee meeting in Accra, Ghana, 3 – 4 June (7 participants);
- AFRICA 2009 Coordination Committee meeting in Porto Novo, Benin, 18 – 19 November (8 participants);
- Technical assistance in the form of books and computers;
- World Wide Web page updated as necessary, including hosting a page for the World Heritage Centre meeting on *Authenticity and Integrity in an African Context* held at Great Zimbabwe;
- Working meeting to develop a research agenda for dry stone masonry in southern Africa at Great Zimbabwe, 18 – 20 October (12 participants);
- Start of a research project on traditional maintenance practices on African sites (work will be ongoing in 2001)

At the *projets situés* level, the following activities have been implemented or are under implementation during 2000:

- Completion of a management plan and nomination dossier for the World Heritage List for the Kasubi Tombs site in Uganda;
- Ongoing work on a management plan and nomination dossier for the World Heritage List for James Island in the Gambia;
- Implementation of a seminar at the Kondoa Rock Paintings site in Tanzania in cooperation with the Government of Tanzania and SARAP to begin the process of nomination for the World Heritage List;
- Development of a project proposal for Eritrea (within the framework of a World Bank project) to explore the possibility of *projets situés* at sites in Eritrea;
- ongoing discussions with the Ghanaian authorities on the possibility of doing a management plan for the Asante Traditional Buildings World Heritage site.

Activities for 2001

Within the framework of the *Projet Cadre* the following activities are planned for the year 2001.

Three Month Course in English – Scheduled to take place in Mombasa, Kenya at the premises of the Programme for Museum Development in Africa (PMDA) from May through July 2001, the course will be aimed at senior managers responsible for immovable cultural heritage in their Ministries of Culture or other national organizations charged with conservation of cultural heritage. The course is the third in a series and will be based on those carried out in 1999 in Mombasa and 2000 in Porto Novo, Benin. It will emphasize interactive participation rather than a typical lecture hall format and will include field trips. The 2001 course will be designed around a hands-on management planning exercise at a site or sites in Mombasa (which is on Kenya's tentative list). Topics for the course may include:

- introduction/familiarization of participants with heritage found throughout the region;
- introduction to conservation theories and terminology;
- participatory management of immovable heritage sites;
- legal and administrative issues related to conservation;
- mechanisms for sustainable cultural tourism;
- documentation and inventory;
- partnership, fundraising, and communication.

The total cost of the three month course has been estimated at approximately **US\$ 195,000**.

Thematic Seminar in a French Speaking Country – Following on the thematic seminar on documentation and inventory held in Zambia from 9 – 14 October 2000, a seminar will be held in a French speaking country. The topic and location will be decided during the Directors Seminar in Porto Novo from 13 – 17 November 2000. Further details will be available at the time of the 24th Session of the World Heritage Committee in Cairns, Australia. Attendance is expected to be approximately 20 - 25 professionals. The total cost of this seminar has been estimated at approximately **US\$ 50,000**.

Programme of Research – Following on the work carried out in 2000, it is expected that the following activities will be carried out:

- the first phases of the research programme developed during the Working meeting to develop a research agenda for dry stone masonry in southern Africa at Great Zimbabwe;
- continued work on the research project on traditional maintenance practices on African sites.

Other research projects may also be developed during 2001. The total cost of the research programme has been estimated at approximately **US\$ 25,000**.

Technical Assistance, Networking, and Promotional Activities – Providing technical assistance and creating a strong network of communication are important goals of the programme. The programme will therefore set aside funds for small technical assistance grants to institutions in the region for computers and other equipment necessary for better management of immovable heritage sites. The programme will also promote networking by regularly updating its World Wide Web page with substantive information and through the publication of a newsletter, seminar proceedings, and other research of interest. The total cost

of technical assistance, networking, and promotion has been estimated at approximately **US\$ 40,000**.

Evaluation Seminar – As 2001 will mark the end of the pilot phase of the AFRICA 2009 programme, an evaluation seminar will be necessary to assess progress, identify new needs, and give new orientations to the programme in order to take it into its next 3 year period. This seminar will be attended by approximately 25 Directors of Cultural Heritage Institutions in Africa and will be bilingual. The total cost of this seminar has been estimated at approximately **US\$ 80,000**.

Coordination Meetings – The Coordination Committee is made up of 4 professionals from sub-Saharan Africa and one member each from ICCROM, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and CRATerre-EAG. The committee will undergo its first change in 2000 with the election of 2 new French speaking members. Elections for new English speaking members will take place in 2001 and will correspond with the with the evaluation seminar. The current chairman of the committee is Dr. George Abungu, Director General of the National Museums of Kenya. The purpose of the Coordination Committee is:

- to give a general policy direction to the programme;
- to assist the secretariat in making decisions of importance to the programme;
- to review the progress of activities of the programme.

The biannual meetings cost **US\$ 15,000**.

Perspectives for the Year 2001 – In addition to the range of activities to be carried out in 2000, it is important to keep in mind the following perspectives regarding AFRICA 2009:

- as recommended by the Directors Seminar in Mombasa, links with the World Heritage Global Strategy will be consolidated (already the programme has been/is involved in work on 3 nomination dossiers);
- although most of the funding for 2001 has already been raised, there is still a need to raise additional funds in order to assure all activities can be carried out, ICCROM in coordination with the other partners of the programme are currently working to ensure that the programme can be fully implemented in 2001. A strategy is also under development to ensure funding for subsequent phases of the programme;
- as recommended by the Directors Seminar in Mombasa, there will be a need to introduce new activities that respond to the needs of the region as funding and manpower become available. The evaluation seminar planned for 2001 will be tasked, not only with looking at past activities, but in helping to shape activities for the following three years based on the changing needs of the region.