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5A: Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions

SUMMARY

This document contains a non-exhaustive overview of the results of activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre and the results achieved in implementing the Decisions and Strategic Objectives of the World Heritage Committee since its 39th session (Bonn, 2015), and in particular on results of activities not otherwise covered in other working and information documents prepared for the 40th session. More information about all World Heritage Centre activities is available at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities>.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This document presents a report on the main activities conducted by the World Heritage Centre and their results since the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (Bonn, 2015). It follows the document format requested by the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee (Phnom Penh, 2013) to better reflect the Expected Result as it is defined in the Approved 37 and 38 C/5 Programme and Budget 2014-2017.
2. The report consists of a narrative part, complemented by a table and four annexes. The narrative part presents the current structure of the World Heritage Centre and the progress made in achieving the results defined by the 37 and 38 C/5. The table (point VI) presents activities in pursuit of the 5 Cs (Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building, Communication and Communities) with results obtained. Annex 1 contains the state of implementation of the decisions adopted by the 39th session. Annex 2 contains a list of meetings related to World Heritage. A report on the use of the World Heritage Emblem can be found under Annex 3. Annex 4 contains an inventory of World Heritage partnerships.

II. DUTIES, STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

3. The World Heritage Centre (hereinafter referred to as the “Centre” or the “Secretariat”) is headed by a Director (D-2 level), who is also the Director of the Division for Heritage. The post of Deputy Director of the Division for Heritage is currently under recruitment. The Centre comprises a Policy and Statutory Meeting Unit as well as five Regional Units, in charge of World Heritage properties in Africa, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America and Latin America and the Caribbean. Further to recent structural adjustments of the Culture Sector, the Administrative Unit of the Centre has been merged with the Administrative Unit of the Culture Sector. There are dedicated focal points for the World Heritage Centre within the integrated structure. The Conventions Common Services Unit (CCS) provides logistical support to all the Culture Conventions, including the *World Heritage Convention*.
4. Currently, the Centre comprises 26 established posts financed under the Regular Programme: One Director post (also for the Division for Heritage), one Deputy Director (under recruitment), 16 Professional posts and 8 General Service Staff posts. In addition, 33 positions are being financed through extrabudgetary/in-kind resources (including project appointments, secondment, JPOs, non-reimbursable loan) out of which 3 posts are located in the Administrative Unit (CLT/AO) and 3 posts are located in the Conventions Common Services Unit (CLT/CCS). Six of these positions are financed thanks to the generous support provided by the States Parties of China, Finland, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Turkey through secondment, JPOs/Associate Experts. It is to be noted that while the post of Deputy Director is formally included in the number of posts of the Centre, the denomination of the post is Deputy Director of the Division for Heritage and his or her responsibilities include also all other heritage conventions which are part of the Division for Heritage, as well as the Emergency and Preparedness Unit.
5. Detailed information on the final accounts of the World Heritage Fund for 2014-2015 and the implementation of the World Heritage Fund under the biennium 2016-2017 can be found under document WHC/16/40.COM/15.

III. THE EXPECTED RESULT

6. The activities of the World Heritage Centre support the Medium-Term Strategy (2014-2021), the Approved Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5 and 38 C/5) and Main Line of Action (1) "Protecting, conserving, promoting and transmitting culture, heritage and history for dialogue and development " which include Expected Result: "**Tangible heritage identified, protected, monitored and sustainably managed by Member States, in particular through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention**".
7. The Expected Result has six Performance Indicators (PI):
 - PI 1 Governing bodies of the 1972 Convention supported through the effective organization of statutory meetings;
 - PI 2 Number of World Heritage properties where capacity of staff is enhanced, including in collaboration with category 2 institutes and centers;
 - PI 3 Number of States Parties which develop new or revised Tentative Lists and percentage of nomination dossiers conforming to prescribed requirements;
 - PI 4 Number of World Heritage properties which contribute to sustainable development;
 - PI 5 Number of stakeholders contributing to conservation, thematic priorities and awareness-raising;
 - PI 6 Number of World Heritage properties where the balanced contribution of women and men to conservation is demonstrated.
8. Special attention is paid to UNESCO's two global priorities, Africa and Gender Equality, in all activities of the Secretariat.

Performance Indicator 1: Statutory meetings

9. The *World Heritage Convention* has been ratified by 191 States Parties. Two more countries, South Sudan and Timor Leste, have taken steps to complete internal procedures for the ratification of the Convention and it is expected that they will shortly deposit their ratification instruments.
10. The Centre ensured the organization of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (Bonn, 2015). 41 documents were prepared by the Secretariat (32 working documents and 9 information documents) and dispatched on 15 May 2015 in compliance with the six-week statutory deadline, as well as on 29 May 2015 and 22 June 2015.
11. During the 39th session of the Committee, the Working Group on the revision of the *Operational Guidelines* discussed the proposal for an extensive revision of the *Guidelines* in conjunction with the outcomes of the Ad hoc-working group on working methods of the evaluation and decision-making process of nominations that was established by the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee. As a result, the Committee, at its 39th session, revised the *Operational Guidelines* and the Rules of Procedures of the World Heritage Committee. The Budget Working Group discussed matters related to the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund.
12. 24 new properties were inscribed on the World Heritage List and 141 reports on the state of conservation were examined.
13. The Decisions report was made available online on 17 July 2015 at the following address: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/39COM/>. Summary records as well as the video recording of the session are also available on the Centre's website.

14. By Decisions **39 COM 11** and **39 COM 13A**, the World Heritage Committee decided to extend the mandate of the Ad hoc-working group, to be coordinated by Turkey, to further discuss Paragraph 61 and the sustainability of the World Heritage Fund.
15. The Committee decided that the 40th session of the Committee will take place in Istanbul (Turkey) and elected the Chair of the Committee.
16. The Centre organized the 20th session of the General Assembly which took place at UNESCO Headquarters from 18 to 20 November 2015. Prior to the session, the Centre organized an Information Session for the States Parties, on 25 September 2015 on the subject of the application of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly with regard to election of Committee Members, as amended by the 1st Extraordinary session of the General Assembly in 2014. The General Assembly, at its 20th session, elected nine new members to the World Heritage Committee: Angola, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Indonesia, Kuwait, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe. The new members of the Committee were elected according to the amended Rules of Procedures which aim to achieve an equitable geographical and cultural representation on the World Heritage Committee through the allocation of seats by region (defined with reference to UNESCO's electoral groups). The Resolutions adopted by the 20th session of the General Assembly are available under <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/20qa/resolutions/>.
17. The Centre also organized the 11th Extraordinary Session of the Committee at UNESCO Headquarters on 19 November 2015. The working documents and decisions adopted during the 11th Extraordinary Session are available under <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/11EXTCOM>.
18. Through the organization of Orientation Sessions for Committee Members and information sessions for all States Parties, the Centre continues to support the preparation of Committee Members and States Parties for the forthcoming sessions of the Committee (Decision **35 COM 12B**) and to provide them with a better understanding of issues pertaining to Outstanding Universal Value and major statutory processes, such as the nominations process, reactive monitoring, and procedural matters. The first Orientation Session, led by the Chairperson of the 40th session, took place on 18 February 2016, with another one scheduled for 10 July 2016. An Information Meeting on the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee is scheduled on 14 June 2016.

Performance Indicator 2: Capacity-building

19. Capacity-building activities took place throughout all regions. In Africa, the partnership between the World Heritage Centre and the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF, a UNESCO Category 2 Centre) has been enhanced through the proclamation of 5th May as African World Heritage Day and the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the AWHF. Several regional capacity-building activities have been carried out throughout the continent, spanning from disaster-risk preparedness workshops, nomination workshops to workshops focused on entrepreneurship at World Heritage properties in Africa.
20. The Centre, with the support of the Government of Flanders, carried out a capacity development training focused on sustainable tourism in four African natural properties. World Heritage site managers and other tourism stakeholders for three natural World Heritage sites in Africa were trained: Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls (Zambia and Zimbabwe), Maloti-Drakensberg Park (South Africa and Lesotho) and Lake Malawi National Park (Malawi). Based on a toolkit specifically designed to develop sustainable tourism strategies at World Heritage sites, a series of training workshops were organized. The project resulted in the development of sustainable

tourism strategies and action plans for the sites. A tourism assessment is being conducted in Ngorongoro Conservation Area (United Republic of Tanzania) as part of the project. The project implementation support was provided by the African World Heritage Fund and the UNESCO Harare Office.

21. Training and capacity-building activities were organized to support the States Parties of the Asia and Pacific region in the implementation of the Convention: A regional meeting on the serial transnational World Heritage nomination of the Silk Roads was organized in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in November 2015. The participants adopted the Almaty Agreement paving the way forward for the Silk Roads World Heritage Serial and Transnational Nomination. A Pacific meeting was organized in Suva, Fiji, in December 2015 to review the current Pacific World Heritage Action Plan (2010-2015); to develop and approve a regional World Heritage Action Plan for the Pacific (2016-2020); and to enhance regional cooperation through Pacific World Heritage Network. It included capacity-building component, and several thematic issues such as conservation and management, climate change, risk preparedness and sustainable tourism were presented by experts and regional partners and discussed during the meeting.
22. The Centre undertook capacity-building activities at the national and regional levels in the Arab States region, including activities in cooperation with Field Offices, the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (a UNESCO Category 2 Centre) and the Advisory Bodies. These activities are critical to strengthen the capacities of national institutions for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*, and of national civil servants and professionals for an effective conservation and management of World Heritage sites, as well as for local communities, especially in countries affected by conflict.
23. For the Europe and North America region, the Central, Eastern and South-Eastern regional capacity-building strategies are currently being tested within the framework of a project agreement between the Centre and the Georgian authorities. The objective is to enhance the institutional and technical capacity of the national and local authorities, including the development of capacities for ministries and municipalities in identifying exceptional sites, and to protect properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List in Georgia. This project will ensure long-term planning and the reinforcement of management mechanisms required to address sustainable heritage protection and development needs in the future. This project is seen as a model for future capacity-building activities in the region.
24. Furthermore, the collaboration between the Centre and the Russian Heritage Institute to enhance the capacities of the site managers and local communities in the region was reinforced. The Russian authorities submitted a proposal for the establishment, in Moscow, of a Category 2 Centre related to World Heritage to enhance the capacity of staff at World Heritage properties, other World Heritage stakeholders, as well as young people and communities.
25. The Centre also provided backstopping to Field offices on issues pertaining to urban heritage or cultural landscapes and participated in capacity-building projects organized by Field offices such as the “Sustainable Development Capacity Workshop on the Management of UNESCO designated sites: World Heritage sites and Biosphere Reserves” organized by the Venice Office.
26. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the Centre organized a technical support mission to the Lucio Costa Centre for Capacity-Building on Heritage Management, a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (December 2015). This mission was undertaken in view of developing a Pilot

Module for the implementation of the capacity-building strategy for World Heritage in South America.

27. Furthermore, the Centre convened a workshop on compliance at the Galapagos Islands for site managers from the Galapagos National Parks, Malpelo Flora and Fauna, and Cocos Islands National Park in July 2015. The workshop aimed to share best practices, build the overall capacity of these sites in view of strengthening of fisheries compliance, and reinforce the sense of community among site managers.

Performance Indicator 3: Nominations

28. The Committee, at its 39th Session (Bonn, 2015), inscribed 24 new properties on the World Heritage List: 23 cultural and one mixed. It also approved the extension of three properties already inscribed on the List. Among the newly inscribed properties are seven cultural landscapes: With these new additions the number of properties recognized as cultural landscapes on the World Heritage List reaches 95, which amounts to 9% of the properties inscribed on the List.
29. Out of the 27 nominations (24 new properties and three extended properties), seven (i.e. 25%) are situated on the territory of current Committee members. Six nominations were referred and three deferred. Two nominations were withdrawn. In several cases, the recommendations given by the Advisory Bodies were not followed:
 - Five Referrals became Inscriptions
 - Four Deferrals became Referrals
 - One non-inscription became Deferral
30. At the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee, no property from the Africa region was inscribed, while two properties from the Arab region, seven properties in the Asia-Pacific, as well as twelve properties from the Europe and North-America region and three properties in the Latin America and Caribbean region were inscribed.
31. The States Parties of Jamaica and Singapore had their first properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.
32. As a result of the Decisions relating to the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the List and the decisions on nominations of properties to the World Heritage List, the Committee decided to inscribe three properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger:
 - Hatra, Iraq
 - Old City of Sana'a, Yemen
 - Old Walled City of Shibam, Yemen

At the same time Los Katíos National Park, Colombia, was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger. In light of these decisions, there are currently 48 properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

33. The World Heritage List currently counts 1031 properties of which 802 are cultural, 197 natural and 32 mixed.
34. Further to the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee, which saw no inscription from the African region on the List, the Centre organized several working sessions with the respective Advisory Bodies and the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) to examine ways to organise and harmonise upstream support to States Parties. These consultations culminated in a meeting on 9

September 2015 to help clarify the roles and responsibilities of the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies and AWHF with a view to providing enhanced upstream support. It was also decided that the World Heritage Centre would organise an annual consultation and facilitate the preparation of a partnership framework to improve the delivery of upstream process in the region. Also as a result of these efforts, out of six nomination dossiers submitted until February 2016 (Angola, Benin, Chad, Eritrea, Ghana, South Africa), only one was considered incomplete. Furthermore, two tentative lists were updated for the Africa region.

35. The Centre continues to place strong emphasis on supporting States Parties in the process of updating Tentative Lists and in the elaboration of nomination files of properties from the Arab Region, especially for natural heritage and underrepresented heritage. The assistance focuses on the technicalities of the preparation of a nomination dossier but also highlights the utility of the nomination process as a tool to collect information, bring stakeholders together and serve as a basis for efficient and sustainable conservation of the nominated properties. Several sites, among which Casablanca (Morocco), Sanganeb Atoll and Dugonab Bay (Sudan) and Abraj Al Kuwait (Kuwait) have benefited from this assistance. Concerning underrepresented heritage, the Arab States Unit has also developed, since July 2012, an initiative to safeguard modern heritage in the region and organized an international conference in Kuwait (December 2015) on urban heritage conservation, with a focus on the role of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in safeguarding modern heritage in the Arab States.

Performance Indicator 4: Sustainable development

36. The General Assembly of the States Parties adopted at its 20th session the Policy for the integration of a sustainable development perspective into the processes of the *World Heritage Convention* (Resolution **20 GA 13**, hereafter WH-SD policy), which has been developed over the last years. It had been presented to and endorsed in principle by the Committee at its 39th session, commented by all States Parties and fully aligned with the 2030 Agenda as adopted in September 2015, before being presented to the 20th session of the General Assembly.
37. The operational implementation of the WH-SD policy requires concerted action of all World Heritage stakeholders. Next steps will involve the revision of the *Operational Guidelines* to translate the principles expressed in the policy into actual operational procedures, as well as the development of capacity-building programmes and tools. However, in accordance with the Resolution **20 GA 13**, this will take place after the Committee, at its 40th session, has clarified the scope and structure of the future Policy Guidelines (see Document WHC/16/40.COM/12).
38. A more detailed list of activities in the implementation of the WH-SD Policy is contained in document WHC/16/40.COM/5C.
39. The World Heritage Centre organizes, with the support of the United Republic of Tanzania and the People's Republic of China, an international conference entitled "Safeguarding African World Heritage as a Driver Development" to be held in Arusha (Tanzania) from 31 May to 3 June 2016. The conference will address questions related to the conservation and protection of World Heritage in Africa and issues related to fast-paced development and the need for integration of sustainable development policies in national policies.
40. Furthermore, an exhibition entitled "African World Heritage: a pathway to development" was organized at UNESCO Headquarters from 12 to 31 May 2016 to raise awareness about the added value of heritage conservation to sustainable development in Africa.

41. The project “Sustainable Development and Community Involvement Initiatives (SDCI) for the Implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*”, financed through the Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust, has been launched in Pakistan and Bangladesh to revitalise income-generating crafts in local communities through activities related to World Heritage conservation. In coordination with the donor, two World Heritage properties were selected for these pilot projects: the “Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur” (Bangladesh), where the project is implemented by the UNESCO Office in Dhaka and the “Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta” (Pakistan), where the project is implemented jointly by the World Heritage Centre and the UNESCO Office in Islamabad, in co-operation with the Sindh government and the Heritage Foundation in Pakistan. With the support of international ceramics experts, the project aims to develop local capacities and improve the quality of glazed tiles and ceramics for use in conservation projects, which should in turn generate substantial income for the communities of ceramic artisans living in and around the properties.
42. As part of the second phase (2014-2017) of the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust project “Strengthening the Conservation and Management of Lumbini, the Birthplace of the Lord Buddha, World Heritage Property (Nepal)”, the April 2016 Lumbini International Steering Committee meeting was jointly organized by the Nepali authorities and UNESCO, bringing together officials of the Nepali Government, representatives of the local authorities, international experts, representatives of UNESCO and the donor country, various NGOs, and representatives of the Buddhist community from Lumbini and Kathmandu. The meeting was opened by the Director-General of UNESCO as part of her official visit to Nepal and aimed to identify solutions towards a holistic approach to property management and the adequate linking of preservation imperatives and development requirements
43. In the Arab States region, the Centre, with the UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector, organized a regional meeting on institutional challenges in the Arab States for the management of natural heritage in December 2015. The meeting aimed to raise awareness about natural heritage in the region and to mobilize institutional support for its protection and management. Participants of the meeting, institutional partners, public actors and NGOs in the Arab States recommended to seize the opportunity of COP22 (7-18 November 2016 in Morocco) to prepare a regional ministerial commitment on natural heritage.
44. The Centre also organised a regional meeting to strengthen the role of local communities in the management and conservation of World Heritage sites in the Arab States, which took place at “Banc d'Arguin National Park” (PNBA) in Mauritania from 27 to 29 March 2016. The meeting, which was organized in collaboration with the PNBA, aimed at raising awareness on the WH-SDP and strengthening the active and effective participation of local communities in the management, promotion and protection of cultural and natural properties in a sustainable development perspective.
45. In 2016, the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the International Committee of Qhapaq Ñan, launches the implementation of the trans-national project “Support to the reinforcement of the participative management structure of the Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”. This project involves six States Parties (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) and aims to achieve sustainable conservation and management of the World Heritage property “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”. The project focuses on two main intervention axes: (i) on one side the development of monitoring systems of the state of conservation of the property, its integrity, management and risk preparedness and (ii) on the other side the capacity-building of national and local

actors for the management and public use of the property, the development of Heritage Impact Assessments and the conservation of earthen and stone structures, as well as the elaboration and implementation of relevant plans and strategies at national level. The project constitutes a contribution to the further development of sustainable and community-based tourism activities and, more largely, to the sustainable development of the six countries concerned.

Performance Indicator 5: Conservation, thematic priorities and awareness raising

46. A total of 141 state of conservation reports, including 46 related to properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger, were prepared by the Centre together with the Advisory Bodies, and examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 39th session. The Centre and Advisory Bodies have followed up closely on the state of conservation of these World Heritage properties and, where relevant, worked together with the States Parties towards defining the parameters for and implementing a Desired state of conservation for the removal of these properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger. The dialogue and exchange established by the Centre, the Advisory Bodies and experts from States Parties have helped to reduce the number of cases which could have represented a threat to the Outstanding Universal Value of the properties.
47. At its 39th session, the Committee also adopted a compulsory format for the reporting by the States Parties on the state of conservation of their properties. This format was included as Annex 13 of the *Operational Guidelines*.
48. For activities in the Africa region, the European Commission is supporting a new phase of the Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI) with 5 Million Euro over the course of three years. The new project phase was launched in March 2016 and aims at improving the representation of natural World Heritage sites in the region and reinforcing the management of forest sites in Cameroon, Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo and Gabon that are likely to be recognized for their Outstanding Universal Value. This new phase will reinforce UNESCO's support to States Parties in Central Africa and to regional institutions for the conservation of biodiversity and natural heritage.
49. In the Asia and Pacific region, Emergency Assistance was granted to two World Heritage properties "Chief Roi Mata's Domain" (Vanuatu) and "Kathmandu Valley" (Nepal). In Vanuatu, the Vanuatu Cultural Centre with support of the Centre, carried out an emergency assessment of the impact of cyclone Pam on the World Heritage property from 16 to 26 April 2015, along with activities to enhance local capacities for site management to mitigate the damages caused by the natural disaster. In Nepal, in addition to the Emergency Assistance (US\$ 74,940) granted from the World Heritage Fund further to the earthquake of April 2015, several UNESCO extra-budgetary projects have been approved and are currently being implemented for the post-earthquake emergency safeguarding, conservation and rehabilitation process of the Kathmandu Valley.
50. Technical advisory missions at East Rennell in the Solomon Islands (November 2015) and a stakeholders' consultation meeting in Sanya, China (February 2016), were carried out to prepare the Desired State of Conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger. Both activities were financed from the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust and the Government of Flanders (Belgium). The meeting was organized by the International Centre on Space Technology for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST), a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO which had conducted an analysis of East Rennell's forest cover over the last 20 years and established baselines for key parameters such as forest cover and land use in areas outside of the World Heritage property.

At this occasion, the management and conservation of the property were discussed and proposals for the future work plan were presented, involving stakeholders from East Rennell, experts from HIST and other international experts.

51. In the Arab region, several countries continue to face conflicts that tremendously damaged its built heritage, including World Heritage properties. The World Heritage Centre continues to mobilize all possible efforts for the safeguarding of this heritage, notably through extrabudgetary projects for Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen, and reflect on the planning of the recovery phase. In particular, the Centre, together with the UNESCO Doha Office and ICOMOS, supports the restoration of the al-Qasimi neighbourhood in the Old City of Sana'a. Furthermore, the Centre provides support to conservation projects in Yemen, Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestine, in collaboration with the UNESCO field offices.
52. In the Europe and North America region, the UNESCO Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest is an example of a thematic approach in heritage conservation that is proposing new forms of action to promote social cohesion and peaceful interactions among cultures. The Cycle of Regional Thematic Consultations, launched in February 2016, is considered as a valuable tool for the exchange of experiences and dialogue between all stakeholders concerned. It aims at developing a thematic paper proposing to States Parties general guidance regarding the management of their cultural and natural heritage of religious interest, as requested by the World Heritage Committee. The first Thematic Expert Consultation focused on South-Eastern and Mediterranean Europe highlighted that, as resulted from the second cycle of Periodic Reporting, 64% of the properties in the region included elements of religious interest. In the long-term, this UNESCO initiative is intended to integrate a number of guiding principles into policies at the local, national, regional and international levels so as to contribute to the rapprochement of cultures.
53. In Georgia, a number of operational conservation projects are currently being implemented with the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation (NACHP) and the World Bank to provide assistance for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*. These projects include conservation activities and capacity building for national bodies and communities and for the revision of Tentative Lists, taking into account thematic approaches such as urban heritage and the implementation of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation and the Sustainable tourism programme. Advice and guidance are also provided at the request of the States Parties such as the Upstream advice provided for the Stonehenge, and Associated Sites (see table for more details).

Performance Indicator 6: Gender equality

54. As one of the two Global Priorities of UNESCO, Gender Equality has been largely reflected in the activities of the Centre. The January 2016 issue of the World Heritage magazine was dedicated to Gender equality (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/78/>). The magazine deals with a broad overview of gender bias in the early days of the *World Heritage Convention*, male/female parity in examining nominations, attributed gender roles in the preservation of World Heritage properties, and includes several case studies from World Heritage properties across the regions.
55. In Africa, gender equality has increasingly been addressed both in the planning of workshops, in implementation of the conservation projects and management of the World Heritage properties. For example, the initiative "Engaging Local Communities in the Stewardship of World Heritage" (COMPACT) included a focus on gender. Gender balance was ensured throughout the implementation of the

project “Testing the How To Guides in the destination management field of four Africa Nature Sites” with a total of 12 training workshops organized in 2015.

56. In the Arab region, the Amman Field Office, jointly with UN Women, launched a project “Empowerment of rural women through the management and preservation of the archaeological site of Umm el-Jimal” in Jordan. The site is included in Jordan's Tentative List and the project encouraged women to participate in training and awareness-raising activities to make the best use of the site's cultural values and its environment to ensure an economic benefit.
57. Furthermore, the Centre is promoting a gender-balance approach by encouraging the involvement of women in training workshops and expert meetings. For example, during the regional meeting on local communities held in Banc d’Arguin (Mauritania) from 27 to 29 March 2016, the role of women in the management of the property was highlighted.
58. Two publications of the Centre on Periodic Reporting for Europe and North America respectively highlighted the importance of gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*, providing sex-disaggregated data with regards to stakeholders involved in World Heritage and referring to the relevant chapter “Achieving gender equality” of the WH-SD Policy.
59. In the Latin America and Caribbean region, a project at City of Cuenca, Ecuador, mobilized women and youth for the transmission of artisanal techniques to preserve earthen architecture. This project successfully demonstrated the important role played by women in the transmission of conservation technics. It responded to the need to ensure the protection and conservation of World Heritage properties through the enhanced participation of the communities, more particularly women, in the preservation of properties in Latin America and the Caribbean.

IV. DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

60. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk reduction – 2015-2030, adopted in March 2015 by the UN General Assembly, includes for the first time a number of important references to culture and heritage, thus recognizing the essential relationship between different aspects of culture, resilience, and disaster risk reduction. It also builds on a number of earlier efforts such as the 2007 UNESCO Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction at World Heritage properties, and numerous UNESCO-led capacity-building initiatives, as well as the efforts undertaken by UNESCO to include culture as a chapter in the interagency Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).
61. However, while the concern for heritage has become prominent in global Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) agendas, there is a strong need to move from written provisions towards concrete action. The existing gap between policy and implementation was discussed during the side event on “Cooperation for Resilient World Heritage Cities” (3 July 2015) in Bonn, on the occasion of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee. During the event, which focused on the role of local governments in reducing disaster risk in World Heritage cities, it became apparent that the concerned authorities often lack adequate tools to successfully implement heritage-sensitive DRR measures and thus implement the Sendai Framework in relation to culture and heritage.
62. Over the past year, the Secretariat has worked in partnership with the UN International Strategy on Disaster Risks (UNISDR), ICOMOS and ICCROM to develop a series of initiatives aimed at assisting Member States in implementing

the heritage-related provisions of the Sendai Framework. A comprehensive proposal has therefore been elaborated, which aims to:

- Increase commitments to build local-level resilience;
- Measure local resilience and heritage risks;
- Build capacities of local governments with a focus on managing cultural heritage;
- Develop resilience action plans and provide technical assistance for the implementation of these plans in urban areas of cultural and heritage importance.

This proposal, the implementation of which is estimated to cost around US\$ 6 million, is currently being finalized and will be presented in the near future to potential donors.

63. In parallel, the Secretariat has provided over the past year technical and financial support to the authorities of countries affected by major disasters to enable the assessment of the damage, the identification of priority recovery needs and the implementation of urgent safeguarding measures. This was the case for example at the World Heritage properties “Kathmandu Valley” (Nepal), “the Roi Mata Chief Domain” (Vanuatu) and more recently “Levuka” (Fiji). At the time of writing of the present report, Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNAs) were conducted for the first two sites, which enabled UNESCO to integrate a heritage component within the larger international process for humanitarian relief and aid to recovery.

V. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS

Culture Conventions

64. The Director of the Division for Heritage and the World Heritage Centre, who is the Chair of the Culture Conventions Liaison Group (CCLG), continued to undertake efforts to reinforce synergies among the six Culture Conventions. The CCLG met to review working methods, planning for statutory meetings and coordinate funding and resource mobilization.
65. Discussions also included reviewing the effectiveness of the Conventions Common Services Unit (CCS). The Centre continues to benefit from the services of the CCS Unit, which functions within the Culture Sector since its restructuring in mid-2014, under the supervision of the Director of the Division for Heritage. A review of CCS will be undertaken mid 2016 in order to assess the achievement of objectives, the workload and the functioning of the unit. The review will seek to generate findings and recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the current arrangements of the functions entrusted to the CCS unit and is expected to further define the synergies and provide guidance for the future.
66. Following preliminary work at the 38th session of the Committee to cooperate with other Conventions, the first meeting of all Chairpersons of the six UNESCO Culture Conventions (1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two (1954 and 1999) Protocols; 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property; 1972 Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage; 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage; 2003 Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage; and 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions) took place on

the occasion of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee. The meeting was opened by the Director-General of UNESCO and led by the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee. The statement made at the occasion underlined the “strategic importance of embracing and building upon our cultural and natural heritage, in all its diversity”, addressing heritage protection in conflicts and the links to the 2030 agenda (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1305>). As a follow-up, the 3rd session of the Subsidiary Committee to the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention took Decision 3.SC/4.3 and requested a joint meeting of its Bureau with the Bureau of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. This meeting took place on 7 December 2015 at UNESCO (<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/illicit-trafficking-of-cultural-property/subsidiary-committee/joint-bureaus-meeting/>). The meeting focused on an exchange of relevant information on the destruction of cultural heritage in armed conflict and relevant information on the organization of awareness raising and training of military, police and customs forces on the protection of cultural heritage in times of armed conflict and fight against the illicit traffic of movable heritage. The meeting furthermore encouraged “the Director-General to hold the meeting of all Chairpersons of the six cultural conventions on the occasion of the Fourth Session of the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention (UNESCO, September 2016)”.

67. Furthermore, the World Heritage Committee, at its 39th session, welcomed the “reflections on the interaction between the *World Heritage Convention* and the 1954 Hague Convention and its Second Protocol (1999)” and requested the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, in consultation with the Secretariat of the Hague Convention “to consider options for further developing concrete synergies and coordinating reporting mechanisms between the *World Heritage Convention* and the Second Protocol (1999) of the Hague Convention (1954) for the next revision of the *Operational Guidelines* in 2017 and while revising the Periodic Reporting Format during the Reflection Period towards the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting” (Decision **39 COM 11**). More information about the Reflection on Periodic reporting and synergies with the 1954 Convention and other relevant instruments is included in document WHC/16/40.COM/10A. The current “List of Cultural Property under Enhanced Protection” contains 10 sites, all of them being World Heritage cultural sites (<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/armed-conflict-and-heritage/protection-of-cultural-property/enhanced-protection/>). Finally, the reflection on best practices of Periodic Reporting led to a review within the CCLG of the periodic reporting processes of all six Conventions which will be useful for streamlining and best use of electronic tools.

Biodiversity-related Conventions

68. Since the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee, the World Heritage Centre has a sustained collaboration with the other international biodiversity-related conventions and programmes, including in the context of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG). For example, on the occasion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit (25-27 September 2015), the BLG members released a joint statement, recalling that Biodiversity and Sustainable Development are inextricably linked and highlighting how the biodiversity-related conventions can contribute significantly to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1359>). At the BLG meeting of 16 September 2015 (Geneva, Switzerland), the World Heritage Centre was represented by the Secretary of the UNESCO Man and Biosphere (MAB) programme. This meeting reviewed recent and upcoming meetings under the conventions, highlighting issues of strategic importance to the BLG (<https://www.cbd.int/blg/>). On 2 February

2016, the World Heritage Centre participated in a BLG teleconference regarding cooperation and synergies.

69. Within the framework of the UNEP-led project aiming at further enhancing cooperation, the World Heritage Centre contributed to the production of an outcome document entitled "Elaboration of Options for Enhancing Synergies among Biodiversity-related Conventions" (http://www.unep.org/about/sqb/cpr_portal/Portals/50152/Abridged%20Options%20paper.pdf) as well as a publication entitled "Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity- related conventions at national and regional levels" (<https://nationalmeasynergies.wordpress.com/the-sourcebook/>).
70. The Secretary of the *World Heritage Convention* and the Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) met in Paris in December 2015, in the margins of the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to further discuss synergies between the two conventions and possible joint activities (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1419>). As part of these activities, the World Heritage Centre further engaged in the on-going process launched by the CBD-COP decision X/11 establishing a Party-led process aimed at supporting Parties to all biodiversity-related conventions in enhancing synergies and improving efficiency among the conventions, with a view to enhancing their implementation at all levels. In this context, the World Heritage Centre, as well as members of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee (Lebanon, Peru, Poland, Tanzania, the Philippines) and a representative of the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee were invited to take part in a workshop on "Synergies among the Biodiversity-related conventions", held at the Palais des Nations, UN office at Geneva (Switzerland), from 8 to 11 February 2016. The workshop brought together all seven Secretaries, and members of Bureaux or standing committees of the 7 biodiversity-related conventions and other designated officials to represent the Parties to the respective conventions, maintaining regional balance. The workshop considered a number of thematic areas that hold potential for Parties to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions (Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAP); institutional arrangements for cooperation at the national and regional levels including country-level institutional arrangements and coordination mechanisms; information and knowledge management; national reporting, monitoring and indicators; communication and awareness-raising; science-policy interface; capacity building; resource mobilization and utilization) and discussed possible options to achieve this (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BRCWS-2016-01>).
71. In the margin of this workshop, all BLG members met to discuss the major meetings of the conventions, the United Nations Environment Assembly (23-27 May 2016, Nairobi, Kenya) and to prepare for joint events at the forthcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress (1-10 September 2016, Hawai'i, U.S.A.). Furthermore, the Director of the World Heritage Centre also took the opportunity of this workshop to update all participants on the UNESCO-CBD joint programme on the links between Biological and Cultural Diversity launched in 2010. Within the framework of this project, a new web-portal has been established (<https://www.cbd.int>), case studies have been collected and a number of regional workshops have taken place. In addition, a biocultural diversity training manual/toolkit is being developed and will include, inter alia, training modules for policy-makers on biocultural diversity in the context of the CBD and UNESCO Conventions.

72. As part of the cooperation between the UNESCO conventions and programmes, the COP 21 was also an opportunity for the World Heritage Centre and the Secretariats of the UNESCO MAB programme and of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Programme to host a joint event entitled “UNESCO Sites, A Climate Change Observatory” on 5 December 2015 (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1270/>). The aim of this unique event was to explore how the UNESCO-designated World Heritage properties, Biosphere Reserves and Global Geoparks can serve as a global climate change field observatory. Stakeholders from UNESCO sites, researchers, experts and policy-makers shared their experiences through interviews and round-table discussions.
73. Finally, further to the 2012 IUCN World Conservation Congress held on Jeju Island (Republic of Korea), and particularly its Resolution WCC-2012-Res-052 which calls for the establishment of an integrated management system for UNESCO protected areas (Biosphere Reserves, natural World Heritage sites and Global Geoparks), IUCN is currently carrying out a project entitled “Managing Overlapping Internationally Designated Areas: Guidance on harmonizing the integrated management system of multiply internationally designated areas: Ramsar Sites, World Heritage Sites, Biosphere Reserves and Global Geoparks” with a view to implementing the above-mentioned resolution. The World Heritage Centre is part of the Steering Committee of the project and has been contributing to the development of the guidelines, to be published at the forthcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress in Hawai’i.
74. As requested by the 34th World Heritage Committee (Brasilia, 2010), a list of activities presented according to the five strategic objectives, Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building, Communication and Communities, is presented below (point VI).

VI. RESULTS-BASED REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE IN PURSUIT OF THE 5 Cs (COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016)

Please see also the following documents: "World Heritage Convention and sustainable development" (WHC/16/40.COM/5C), "Report on the World Heritage Thematic Programmes" (WHC/16/40.COM/5D) and "Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related category 2 centres" (WHC/16/40.COM/6). Please also see Documents "Progress report on the Periodic Reporting Reflection (2015-2017)" (WHC/16/40.COM/10A) and "Follow-up of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise for all regions" (WHC/16/40.COM/10B).

Abbreviations: Advisory Bodies (**ABs**), Africa (**AFR**), Asia and the Pacific (**APA**), Arab States (**ARB**), Europe and North America (**EUR**), Global (**GLO**), Latin America and the Caribbean (**LAC**), World Heritage Centre (**WHC**).

1C Activities to make the World Heritage List more representative, balanced and credible (Credibility)

REG ION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained/ CHALLENGES faced
GLO	Technical support to State Parties in the framework of Retrospective Inventory: Preparation of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value and Boundary clarifications presented to the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee.	38 COM 8D 38 COM 8E	Adoption of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value and clarifications of property boundaries.
GLO	Joint WHC-IUCN expert meeting (29-30 October 2015) on the potential application of the Outstanding Universal Value concept to marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, with the support of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation. http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1367/	Global Strategy 29 COM 5B 18 GA 8	Understanding of the potential to apply Outstanding Universal Value to marine areas.
GLO	Implementation of the Thematic Initiative "Astronomy and World Heritage": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2015, an official partnership was established (consultative status) between UNESCO and the International Astronomical Union (IAU). • First Focus Meeting "Astronomical Heritage: Progressing the "UNESCO-IAU Initiative" organised during the 29th IAU General Assembly (Hawaii, USA, August 2015), see Doc. WHC/16/40.COM/5D. • New IAU-Commission (C4) on World Heritage and Astronomy (Division C - Education, Outreach and Heritage) http://www3.astronomicalheritage.org/ • Second volume of the thematic study on heritage and astronomy finalised and submitted for review by ICOMOS. • International Expert Meetings organized by the UNESCO Office in Mexico within the framework of the Initiative on Astronomy and World Heritage (January 2016) 	Global Strategy	Enhanced capacities in the identification of the sites of science and technology. Exchange of expertise and best practices among experts and academics. Reinforcement of partnership with scientific institutions.

GLO	<p>Assistance to States Parties in the nomination process (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of Mbanza Kongo (Angola) nomination dossier through the self-benefitting Funds-in-Trust (FIT). • Workshop on the preparation of nominations in Segou, Mali for French-speaking countries in Africa (organized by AWHF). • Workshop on the preparation of nominations in Robe and Adis Ababa, Ethiopia for English-speaking countries in Africa (organized by AWHF). • 4th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Serial World Heritage nomination of the Silk Roads in Almaty, Kazakhstan (23-27 November 2015). • Continuation of the preparatory assistance project funded by Korean FIT for Bhutan, India and Nepal, in close collaboration with China, for the preparation of South Asian Silk Roads nominations and the update of national Silk Roads Tentative Lists. • Continuation of the International Assistance project (Phase II), to assist the preparation of the draft nomination dossiers for the serial nomination of the Coral Stone Mosques (Male Hukuru Miskiy) in the Maldives. • Technical support to the project of nomination of Casablanca: Workshop entitled “Which management system for the city of Casablanca?” in Casablanca, Morocco (3-4 September 2015). • Second training workshop on the preparation of the nomination file of Abraj Al Kuwait, Kuwait, at UNESCO HQ, Paris (20-23 April 2015). • Technical support to the project of conservation of the urban heritage of the city of Tangiers in view of potential future nomination, Tangiers, Morocco, (8-9 May and 20-21 November 2015). • Support provided to States Parties concerning the “Frontiers of the Roman Empire” nomination strategy for a serial transnational property. • Support provided to the States Parties in preparation of the trans-national nomination file of “Aqueduct of Padre Tembleque Hydraulic System” (Mexico); “Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape” (Uruguay) and “Blue and John Crow Mountains” (Jamaica). http://whc.unesco.org/en/newproperties/date=2015&mode=list • Support provided to the States Parties Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Panama in the preparation of nominations to be reviewed by the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee. 	<p>Global Strategy</p> <p>34 COM 10A</p> <p>35 COM 10C</p>	<p>Better understanding of the nomination mechanism and timeframe.</p> <p>Identification of new sites for a balanced and representative World Heritage List.</p> <p>Involvement of local communities in the nomination process.</p> <p>Completion of nomination files including serial transnational properties.</p> <p>Enhancement of a common approach and joint actions of the Members States in regard to the management and safeguard of their heritage.</p> <p>Assistance to States Parties through upstream preparatory assistance including technical support and advice.</p> <p>Discussion of key challenges for nomination projects such as the sustainable management of an urban property.</p>
APA	<p>Preparatory assistance for the finalization of a management plan for “The Ancient Capitals of the Kingdom of Tonga”, Tonga (Netherlands FIT and SIDS programme).</p>	<p>Global Strategy</p>	<p>Special emphasis placed on the involvement of local communities.</p>
ARB	<p>International conference on urban ARBervation: Role of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in safeguarding Modern Heritage in the Arab States, Kuwait City, Kuwait (1-3 December 2015).</p>		<p>Recommendations elaborated towards the improvement of urban heritage conservation in the Arab region as well as the safeguarding of modern heritage: Identification and documentation of this heritage, awareness raising and capacity-building, and the development of operational projects.</p>

ARB	<p>Expert meeting in the framework of the upstream process for the sites of “Sanganeb Atoll” and “Dungonab Bay”, Sudan, for the reinforcement of scientific partnerships, sustainable management capacities, and local communities’ benefits at UNESCO HQ (25 February 2016). The meeting addressed the challenges of the sustainable management of the sites, including ecotourism and benefits of local communities, reinforced scientific coordination, and reaffirmed the local authorities’ engagement for their protection.</p>		<p>Reinforcement of scientific partnerships towards a better knowledge sharing on sustainable management of properties and participation of local communities.</p>
EUR	<p>Pilot upstream project “Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region” (Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) with a 2.4 million USD funding secured (EU and national co-financing by Albania for a 3 year project).</p> <p>Technical assistance of WHC and ABs for the extension of the mixed World Heritage property “Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region” (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) to the Albanian part of the Lake Ohrid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research activities in close consultation with the Albanian institutions and published in the Baseline Assessment Report for the Albanian part of the Lake Ohrid region to support the preparation of the extension file. • Various capacity-building activities to strengthen integrated management among the various institutions at national, regional and local level, also covering thematic areas such as collaborative management, transboundary cooperation, sustainable development and value-based promotion of the Lake Ohrid region. • Preparation of a local waste management-plan to address one of the main challenges for nature preservation in the area. • Awareness-raising about the benefits and obligations under the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> for the national and local authorities. <p>Activities which will continue until 2017: http://whc.unesco.org/en/lake-ohrid-region</p>	<p>Upstream process</p> <p>35 COM 12</p>	<p>Upstream assistance for the extension of the mixed World Heritage property “Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region” provided to the national authorities.</p> <p>Site-based research strengthened through the preparation and publication of the Baseline Assessment Report for the Albanian part of the Lake Ohrid region.</p> <p>Sustainable development opportunities identified in the draft Sustainable Development strategy.</p> <p>Local and national capacities for integrated site management strengthened among the various institutions.</p> <p>Awareness raised at national and local level about benefits and obligations under the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>.</p>
EUR	<p>Advisory Service to the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation (NACHP) in Georgia within the framework of the World Bank, financed Third Regional Development Project, UNESCO/Georgia agreement. Within this framework, a preparatory mission for the implementation of the project took place in November 2015 and a first mission to implement conservation activities was carried out from 27 February to 5 March 2016.</p> <p>Technical assistance will be provided to the NACHP for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the management system ensuring protection and conservation of Historical Monuments of Mtskheta (Georgia), inscribed on the World Heritage List in Danger. • Development of a capacity-building strategy for the local government in view of developing an integrated spatial planning vision for the town of Mtskheta, based on the Historical Urban Landscape approach. • Promotion of sustainable tourism at World Heritage sites (Silk Road project). 		<p>Signature of a technical assistance agreement between Georgia and UNESCO on 8 October 2015.</p> <p>Upstream support provided for a better management of the property.</p> <p>Capacity-building programme for local communities in the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> developed.</p>

EUR	Joint IUCN-WHC expert meeting (25-26 February 2016) on potential marine sites in the Arctic region, with the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and WWF Canada. http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1453/	29 COM 5B 18 GA 8	Identification of potential marine sites in the Arctic region.
LAC	Support to national authorities in El Salvador and Paraguay in the utilisation of Preparatory Assistance for the update of the Tentative List.	Global Strategy 38 COM 9C	Identification of new sites for a balanced and representative World Heritage List and regional harmonisation of the Tentative Lists of the LAC Region.
LAC	Technical assistance in the elaboration of the project “Enhancing Capacities in Small Islands Developing States in the preparation of a nomination file on the “Grenadines Island Group” as follow-up to the Upstream Process”. Capacity-building activities related to the tentative list and nomination process in Grenada and Saint-Vincent (identification of criteria, values etc.).	35 COM 12C	Enhancement of capacities at the national and local level through upstream assistance.
2C Activities to ensure the effective Conservation of World Heritage properties (Conservation)			
REG ION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained/ CHALLENGES faced
GLO	Support for the development of management plans for World Heritage properties across all regions.	38 COM 7B 38 COM 7A	Updating and finalisation of management plans.
GLO	Preparation of a “Global Report on Culture and Sustainable Urban Development” within the framework of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and in view of the third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III) in 2016. The report will present current policies and practices of urban conservation and sustainable development. Cities and urban ensembles are the most represented category on the World Heritage List and the most critical in terms of conservation.		Enhanced urban conservation of World Heritage properties.
GLO	Heritage Impact Assessments (HIA) and Environment Impact Assessments (EIA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation of a side event on HIA and EIA (20 November 2015) on the occasion of the 20th session of the General Assembly of States Parties. • Reflection and further work on the existing ICOMOS and IUCN guidance notes on HIA and EIA with a view to complementing them with a tool focused on good practices. • Participation in a workshop on HIA in cultural World Heritage properties organized by the University of Aachen (Germany), in partnership with the universities of Eindhoven (Netherlands) and Krems (Austria), and with the support of the German National Commission. 	39 COM 7.11	More than 80 State Parties’ representatives at the side-event shared experiences on HIA and EIA and provided feedback on the reflection work.

GLO	Signature of Memorandum of Understanding on 8 December 2015 to support the implementation of UNESCO's programme for the protection of cultural and natural heritage in emergency situations. \$2 million grant pledged by the Qatar Development Fund (QDF).		Conservation of World Heritage properties in emergencies situation enhanced.
GLO	Launch of UNESCO's global coalition Unite for Heritage in June 2015 during the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee in Bonn (June 2015) to reinforce the international community's ability to safeguard cultural heritage. This coalition was launched in response to the unprecedented recent attacks on heritage.		Coalition launched for the safeguarding of cultural heritage.
GLO	Regular update of the State of Conservation Information System (http://whc.unesco.org/en/soc), by integrating all state of conservation reports examined by the Committee at its 39th session, mission reports, States Parties reports to further improve the knowledge management system. An activity was also developed to ensure the availability of all mission reports since 1979 through this online tool.	37 COM 7C	As of March 2016, 600.000 page views, and over 125.000 references on other websites (sources: GoogleAnalytics and GoogleSearch).
GLO	Support and facilitation to the application of Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) for Banc d'Arguin National Park and Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park during two International Maritime Organization (IMO) meetings (May 2015 and April 2016).	31 COM 7B 38 COM 7B.62	Development of a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) feasibility study to obtain the PSSA status by IMO.
GLO	Launch of the Initiative on heritage of religious interest further to the World Heritage Committee's decision and development of the thematic paper with guidance on the management of heritage of religious interest. Activities implemented by the WHC/AB Steering Group on Heritage of Religious Interest, include fundraising, research programme proposal, regional thematic consultations, capacity-building workshop: http://whc.unesco.org/en/religious-sacred-heritage/	35 COM 5A 36 COM 5A.1 37 COM 5A	Definition of strategic directions and activities as well as an Integrated Implementation Strategy of the Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest. Organisation of the first thematic expert consultation meeting focused on South-Eastern and Mediterranean Europe with the support of Bulgaria in February 2016. Preparation of a multidisciplinary research programme proposal for UNESCO Chairs and Universities. Reinforcement of the expert network and UN interagency cooperation.
GLO	Through grants of up to US\$ 30,000, development of a Rapid Response Facility (RRF). Between January 2015 and February 2016, 22 grant applications were received out of which two were approved for Garamba National Park (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary (Colombia). From 2006 to 2016: 184 small grant emergency applications were received of which 36 grants were approved for 31 properties in 21 States Parties: 17 grants in Africa, 11 grants in Latin America, 7 grants in Asia-Pacific and 2 in Europe.		Provision of emergency support to natural World Heritage sites in cases of critical threat to their Outstanding Universal Value: Enhanced conservation of properties.

GLO	Follow-up activities to the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise for all regions and general reflection on Periodic Reporting. A Periodic Reporting Reflection survey for States Parties was launched (October 2015 – December 2015). 75 States Parties participated in the survey.	39 COM 10B	Review of the Periodic Reporting exercise including process, format, use and analysis of data, relevance and efficiency towards, and improvement of working methods.
GLO	<p>Conservation activities have been carried out in all regions (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reactive Monitoring Missions were carried out as per Decisions taken by the Committee. • Management plan and sub-plans revised for the "Le Morne Cultural Landscape", Mauritius. • WHC-IUCN advisory mission (November 2015) to "East Rennell" (Solomon Islands) toward design of a Desired State of Conservation for Removal of the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR), with the support of the Flanders FIT. • Continuation of extrabudgetary Japan FIT project aiming at the effective conservation and management of "Lumbini, the Birthplace of the Lord Buddha", Nepal. • Hydrological research on the Jam and Hari Rivers for the conservation of the Minaret of Jam. • Advisory mission concerning the conservation of the urban heritage of the city of Tétouan as well as of the cities of Chefchaouen, Ouazzane and Ksar Kébir, Morocco (5-7 May 2015). • Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission concerning the state of conservation of the "Kasbah of Algiers", Algeria (7-11 June 2015). • Technical advice on the conservation of the Nativity Church in Bethlehem ("Birthplace of Jesus: Church of the Nativity and the Pilgrimage Route, Bethlehem") and on the management of "Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir" (23-26 November 2015). • ICOMOS Advisory Mission to the World Heritage property "Ancient City of Nessebar", Bulgaria. • UNESCO/ICOMOS advisory mission to Stonehenge concerning the proposed dualling and tunnelling of the A303 road. • IUCN Advisory mission to Białowieża Forest, Poland (Tentative List). • ICOMOS Advisory Mission to the World Heritage property "Kizhi Pogost", to "Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow", and to "Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands", Russian Federation. • Technical support mission to "Coro and its Port", Venezuela with a view to remove the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (October 2015). • Joint Advisory mission (WHC, ICOMOS, ICCROM and IUCN) to the "Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu", Peru (January 2016). • Advisory mission by WHC and ICOMOS to "Antigua Guatemala" (April 2016) for conservation and management measures at the property. • Launch of the second phase of the project "Preservation and conservation of Tiwanaku and the Akapana Pyramid" in Bolivia, financed by the UNESCO/Japan Fund in Trust. • Launch of the project "Conservation Project at the North Acropolis of Tikal, Guatemala" 	38 COM 7A 38 COM 7B 39 COM 7A 39 COM 7B	<p>State of Conservation of World Heritage properties improved.</p> <p>Capacities in the heritage conservation, protection and management enhanced and methodologies developed.</p> <p>Integrity of World Heritage properties improved.</p> <p>Support provided to national and local institutions in heritage conservation and management efforts.</p> <p>Improved management systems developed for World Heritage properties.</p>

	<p>financed by the UNESCO/Japan Fund in Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of the project “Support to the reinforcement of the participative management structure of the Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System” in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. • Launch of the project “Capacity Building assistance for the conservation and management of Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, World Heritage property of Saint Kitts and Nevis”. 		
AFR	<p>Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI): Best practice management methodologies (Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool - SMART - Enhancing our Heritage -EoH) to be implemented in World Heritage Sites "Dja Faunal Reserve", "Sangha Tri National" and "Lopé Okanda", located in Central Africa.</p> <p>A new 5 million- Euro project funded by the European Commission to support CAWHFI with a view to reinforcing the management of forest sites in Cameroon, Central African Republic, the Republic of the Congo and Gabon as well as to improving the representation of natural world heritage sites on the list in the region.</p> <p>Experts' workshop on African World Heritage: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects at HQ, Paris (9-11 September 2015) organized in collaboration with AWHF.</p>	Global Strategy	<p>Launch of the project in March 2016.</p> <p>Reflection on the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in the Africa region and the challenges to effective management of properties.</p>
AFR	<p>Preparation of the International conference “Safeguarding African World Heritage as a Driver of Sustainable Development” in Arusha, Tanzania (31 May - 3 June 2016), funded by the People’s Republic of China and the United Republic of Tanzania. This conference will address the safeguarding World Heritage in the Africa Region and its importance for sustainable development.</p>	20 GA 13	<p>Protection and conservation of World Heritage for sustainable development.</p>
AFR	<p>In the framework of a project for site managers to develop sustainable tourism strategies in four Africa Nature Sites, funded by the Government of Flanders, training workshops took place in three natural World Heritage sites in Africa: "Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls" (Zambia/Zimbabwe), "Maloti-Drakensberg Park" (South Africa/Lesotho) and "Lake Malawi National Park" (Malawi).</p>	36 COM 5E	<p>Draft sustainable tourism strategies for the three natural World Heritage sites in process of development.</p> <p>The network of the tourism and site management stakeholders strengthened and online tool further developed.</p> <p>A holistic strategy for "Ngorongoro Conservation Area" (Tanzania) developed, including on sustainable tourism.</p>
AFR	<p>Project to strengthen the coastal sea wall of the Gereza Fort and updating of the Management Plan and the Land Use Plan for Songo Mnara at the "Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara site" (Tanzania).</p>	38 COM 7A.27	<p>Protective sea wall erected at the Gereza Fort; English version of the Land Use Plan and By-laws completed; and Management Plan updated.</p> <p>Challenges encountered: three month delay owing to initial opposition to project on the part of local community authorities and bank formalities.</p>

AFR	Construction of a pavement block at the Mongomi Wa Kolo site (Kondoa Rock Art Sites, Tanzania).		Protection of the rock paintings from dust and creation of a conducive conservation environment between management authority and traditional practitioners
AFR	Implementation of the emergency plan for the Rainforests of Atsinanana (Madagascar), funded by NORAD (Norway), with a view to removing the property from the Danger List.	35 COM 7A.10	Implementation of the emergency plan for the safeguarding of the property. Limitation of the cutting and trafficking of illicit rosewood and involvement of local communities in the property's protection.
AFR	Review of the 'Grazing Pressure Reduction Strategy' (GPRS) at the "Simien National Park" (Ethiopia) by WHC, the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority and the African Wildlife Foundation, with Netherlands FIT. The project aims to reduce grazing pressure, rehabilitation of degraded areas and enforced monitoring in order to remove the property from the Danger List.	34 COM 7A.9 37 COM 7A.10	Development of a Pressure Reduction Strategy involving local communities and other key stakeholders.
AFR	Emergency actions on the retention wall of "Fort Jesus, Mombasa" (Kenya) and organisation of an awareness-raising workshop for local stakeholders.	35 COM 8B.19	Completion of first professional engineering report on sea erosion proposing short- and long-term measures and emergency interventions on most crucial areas. Workshop contributed to establishing local ownership of the project. Challenges encountered: Delay in release of funds.
APA	Emergency Assistance (USD 18,140) was granted to Chief Roi Mata's Domain World Heritage property (Vanuatu) which was hit by Cyclone Pam in March 2015. The project, implemented by the Vanuatu Cultural Centre (16 - 26 April 2015) with support of WHC, helped the site management to carry out damage assessment and also enhanced the site management capacity. A future project was made based on the recommendations of the assessment phase. It clearly indicates that a comprehensive Disaster Risk Reduction Plan is required to address the ever-present threats of climate change (and associated sea-level rise), as well as cyclonic, seismic, and volcanic events at the property.	32 COM 8B.27	Assessment of damages done by three experts. Involvement of communities for the protection of the property. Completion of the rebuilding project is scheduled for July 2016.
APA	Emergency Assistance (USD 74,940) from the World Heritage Fund and continued assistance to Nepal for the post-earthquake emergency safeguarding, conservation and rehabilitation process of the Kathmandu Valley.	39 COM 7B.65	Documentation and assessment of selected monuments. Safe storage of 1,518 wooden elements.
ARB	Implementation of an emergency response plan to safeguard Yemeni cultural heritage. This plan includes the development of a rapid assessment forms for a better analysis of damage, conservation training and the creation of thematic maps in order to define protection areas.	39 COM 7A.37 39 COM 8C.2	Emergency response plan developed and in the process of implementation.

ARB	International meeting on natural heritage in the Arab region "The Management of Natural Heritage in support of Sustainable Development: An Institutional Challenge in the Arab States" UNESCO HQ (21 December 2015). Participants decided to seize the opportunity of COP22 (Morocco, 2016) to prepare a regional ministerial meeting on natural heritage.	Resolution 20 GA 13	Recommendations to further sensitize and mobilize decision-makers and local communities to reinforce sustainable development knowledge in the education curricula and for a better cooperation between existing mechanisms and programmes.
ARB	Assistance to "Al Zubarah Archaeological Site" (Qatar) for the assessment of the impact of a development project of electrical substation in the property's buffer zone (June 2015).	37 COM 8B.23	Recommendations provided to the State Party.
ARB	Experts meeting on post-conflict reconstruction in the Middle-East context and in Aleppo, UNESCO HQ (18-19 June 2015). The workshop addressed the challenges of post-conflict reconstruction taking into consideration extensive urban destruction and damage.	39 COM 8C.2 39 COM 7A.36	Development of an Action Plan for post-conflict reconstruction.
EUR	Facilitation of twinning between West Norwegian Fjords (Norway) and Glacier Bay (USA) to strengthen conservation from cruise ship pollution: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1347/	36 COM 5E	Development of a sustainable tourism plan in West Norwegian Fjords.
EUR	Final Report on the Results of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for the Europe Region and Action Plan and the Helsinki Framework Action Plan for Europe approved. Development of a monitoring survey to allow States Parties to indicate their progress with the implementation of the Helsinki Action Plan at national level and WHC to monitor progress at a regional level.	39 COM 10A	Biennial survey for monitoring the Helsinki Framework Action Plan for Europe developed. Monitoring mechanism at the regional level strengthened.
EUR	Implementation of the Portuguese funds-in-trust (FIT): A temporary staff financed by the FIT provided advice and strategic backstopping on statutory procedures, policies and issues related to the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in a cluster of European countries.		Advice and support to improve the capacities of States Parties to implement the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> .
LAC	Two technical support missions were undertaken toward the removal of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System from the List of World Heritage in Danger. http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1455/	37 COM 8C.2 38 COM 7A.31 39 COM 7A.18	Development of a 3-year Desired State of Conservation for the property. Offshore oil exploration fully banned by the Government.
LAC	Support towards combatting illegal fishing in the Cocos Island National Park (Costa Rica). http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1348/		Upgrade of patrol vessels and installation of modernized radars in 2015.
LAC	Finalisation of the project "City of Cuenca, Ecuador, mobilizes women and youth for the transmission of artisanal techniques to preserve earthen architecture".	31 COM 21C	Conservation and management of the property strengthened through social inclusion.

LAC	Support to national authorities in Chile, Honduras and Nicaragua in the preparation of Emergency, as well as Conservation and Management International Assistance requests.	38 COM 8C	Strengthening conservation and management methodologies.
LAC	Participation at the III International meeting of World Heritage cities, organised in collaboration with the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), Arequipa, Peru (3-6 November 2015). http://www.unesco.org/new/es/lima/communities/single-view/news/inicio_congreso_mundial_de_ciudades_patrimonio_mundial_en_arequipa/#.Vt2_4fl_NBd	38 COM 5E	Reflexion on the challenges for the creation and implementation of urban conservation, protection and management policies.
LAC	Workshop “Protection, conservation and management of the Qhapaq Ñan, World Heritage”, Villa Ocampo, Buenos Aires, Argentina (24 August 2015). The workshop was organized by UNESCO Office in Montevideo in close cooperation with national institutions in Argentina.	38 COM 8B.43	Conservation and management of the serial property improved, including through community involvement.
LAC	Participation at the thematic conference “Intermediate cities: urban development and renovation”, part of seven preparatory conferences for HABITAT III, Cuenca, Ecuador (9-11 November 2015). http://www.unesco.org/new/es/quito/media-service/single-view/news/la_oficina_de_unesco_en_quito_participo_en_la_conferencia_tematica_ciudades_intermedias_crecimiento_y_renovacion_urbana/#.Vt2syvl_NBc		Better understanding of the urban development and renovation of cities.
LAC	International conference “The Historic Urban Landscape as a tool for sustainable urban development” in Quito, Ecuador (9 - 11 September 2015): http://www.unesco.org/new/es/quito/media-service/single-view/news/encuentro_internacional_el_paisaje_urbano_historico_como_herramienta_del_de_sarrollo_urbano_sostenible_se_inauguro_en_quito/#.Vt29pPI_NBc	38 COM 5E	Knowledge-sharing on the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape for the management and conservation of urban heritage. Awareness raised on issues of massive tourism management, resilience and risk management as well as the high potential of the Creative Cities network.
LAC	An agreement between UNESCO-office in Lima and Rimac Municipality for the renovation and conservation of cultural heritage in Rimac was signed on 20 January 2016, Lima, Peru. http://www.unesco.org/new/es/lima/communities/single-view/news/unesco_peru_y_la_municipalidad_del_rimac_firman_convenio_marco_de_colaboracion/#.Vt2_zfl_NBc		Promotion and protection of architectonic heritage through institutional capacity-building as well as promotion of cultural heritage through heritage related educational programmes.
LAC	An agreement between the Federal District Government and UNESCO Mexico to work on the updating of the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Historic Centre of Mexico City, December 2015. The management plan was elaborated in close coordination with the management authorities, and with the participation of students of the Faculty of Architecture of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).		The Comprehensive Management Plan for the Historic Centre of Mexico City updated. Improvement of the management and conservation of the property.

LAC	Conferences and seminars to celebrate the 21 st anniversary of the inscription on the World Heritage of <i>Lines and Geoglyphs of Nasca and Pampas de Jumana</i> , in Nasca, Peru (17 December 2015).		Information sharing on the Management Plan for the property.
3C Activities to promote the development of effective Capacity-Building measures (Capacity-Building)			
REG ION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained/ CHALLENGES faced
GLO	World Heritage Young Experts Forum 2015, organized by WHC and the German National Commission to UNESCO during the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee: "Towards a Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites". 32 youth representatives from the 32 States Parties discussed issues related to the sustainable management of World Heritage sites and to the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> . http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1220 ; http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1238		Dissemination of information to young people on the concept, idea and working methods of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> .
GLO	Launch of a World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism toolkit ("How To" Guides) for site managers and tourism stakeholders. This online toolkit provides direction and guidance on sustainable development and on developing general know-how for the management of destinations.	36 COM 5E	Development of a training tool for the sustainable tourism workshops in Africa and South East Asia regions.
GLO	Development of first compilation of Marine World Heritage management best practices and a step-by-step guidance on how to make operational the description of the Outstanding Universal Value (June 2015). http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1300/		Capacity-building for marine site managers to use best practices from other sites in view of strengthening the effective management of their own sites.
GLO	Operational activities of the World Heritage marine site managers' community network including 47 marine sites in 36 countries. The organization of 3rd World Heritage marine site managers' conference is scheduled for August 2016.	29 COM 5B 37 COM 5E	Improved visibility of local conservation work in marine sites, improved access to marine expertise and exchange on management solutions and best practices among marine World Heritage sites.
GLO	Training workshops were organised in all regions (non-exhaustive list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on risk management for heritage practitioners organized with AWHF at the Brandberg National Monument Area, funded by Netherlands FIT (February 2016 in Namibia). • Capacity building study tour for the site manager and Director of the Heritage House of Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire, within the framework of the France-UNESCO Cooperation Agreement. • Initiation workshops on sustainable tourism within the framework of the project "The Power 	35 COM 10A	Capacities of site managers, community members, young people and heritage experts enhanced. Exchange of good practices on the management and conservation of World Heritage sites. Dissemination of information on the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> . Creation and strengthening of networks of key actors in

<p>of Culture: Supporting Community-Based Management and Sustainable Tourism at World Heritage Sites in Malaysia and South-East Asia" (project coordinated by UNESCO Jakarta office with support from the Malaysia Funds in Trust).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction and World Natural Heritage Sites in the region of Asia and the Pacific in Dehradun, India (24-28 August 2015), organised by the UNESCO Category II "Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region" (India). • Training for the Asia-Pacific Region on UNESCO Recommendation of Historic Urban Landscape (HUL), organized at the World Heritage Institute for Training and Research in the Asia and the Pacific region" (14 to 17 December 2015 in Shanghai, China). • International Training Workshop on "Enhancing Capacity for Effective Management of Coastal and Marine World Heritage Sites of the Asia-Pacific Region" in West Bengal, India (26-28 February 2016) organised by the UNESCO Category II "Centre on natural World Heritage management and training for the region of Asia and the Pacific at the Wildlife Institute of India. • Tourist guide training course "Enhancing Silk Road Interpretation and Quality Guides Training" in Khiva, Republic of Uzbekistan (24 August-6 September 2015), with support of UNWTO and the World Federation of Tourist Guide Associations. • National Inventory and Silk Roads Workshop in Thimphu, Bhutan (11-16 February 2016). • Preparation and documentation workshop for the Silk Roads Syr Darya Heritage Corridor World Heritage Nomination in Uzgen, Kyrgyzstan (2-10 October 2015). • Training Course for the Pacific region on Disaster Risk Management of Cultural Heritage in SIDS at Port Vila, Vanuatu (October 2015). • International Workshop and Forum on Cultural Landscape and Sustaining its Significance in Bhutan, in Paro and Thimphu, Bhutan (22 July to 7 August 2015). • Training workshop "Planning for the Conservation and Development of Historic Towns and Urban Areas in Fiji" in Suva, Fiji (July-August 2015), funded by the Netherlands FIT. • Capacity Building Workshop "Al Ain World Heritage Site Educational Kit Production and implementation" in Abu Dhabi, UAE (24-26 August 2015). • Capacity building workshop on the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in Ramallah, Palestine (24-25 November 2015). • Training workshop on the conservation of the Libyan World Heritage properties in Tunis, Tunisia (28-29 April 2015). • Training workshop on the drafting of Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value and Tentative List for Libyan heritage professionals in Tunis, Tunisia (4-7 October 2015). • Capacity building workshop on sustainable tourism and disaster risk management for site managers from seven World Heritage properties in Romania with the support of the Government of Italy and the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (Venice). • Capacity Workshop on the Management of UNESCO designated sites: World Heritage Sites and Biosphere Reserves – Pilot edition Torino, Italy (17 to 20 October 2015). 		<p>the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>.</p> <p>Development of sustainable management and tourism strategies for World Heritage sites.</p> <p>Definition of case studies and good practice models.</p> <p>Update of information and current technical know-how.</p> <p>Improvement of capacities in the protection and conservation of World Heritage properties.</p> <p>Exchange of experiences and challenges regarding management and sustainable development of World Heritage sites.</p>
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AFR	Implementation of the programme “Conservation of Biodiversity in Zones of Armed Conflict” with a view to revise the implementation of the Kinshasa Declaration (January 2011) and progress toward removal of at least one property from the Danger List.	39 COM 7A.9	Dissemination of information on the conservation of properties in situation of armed conflicts.
AFR	A side event "Entrepreneurship at World Heritage Sites in Africa" during the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (Bonn, 2015).		Exchange of information on recognized entrepreneurial best practices at African World Heritage Sites.
AFR	A project supported by the Swiss Foundation Franz Weber (300,000 USD) to promote the involvement of local communities in the management and improvement of living conditions at the Dja Faunal Reserve, Cameroon. 60 women received training in the domestication of forest products.	37 COM 7B.1	Empowerment of women through improvement of sources of revenue.
APA	World Heritage Youth Forum in Siem Reap, Cambodia (25 November - 3 December 2015). 38 young participants from 20 countries in the Asia-Pacific region participated. http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1344/		Knowledge-sharing on conservation of sites in the Asia region and on the working methods of the World Heritage Committee.
APA	Capacity building activities in Kathmandu Valley further to the earthquake. Nine Nepali national staff, including volunteers and carpenters received on-the-job training to identify the iconographic features of salvaged artefacts in order to sort, label, and document them.	39 COM 7B.65	Enhancement of conservation capacities.
ARB	Assistance to the project team in Beirut to implement the Emergency Safeguarding of Syria's Cultural Heritage Project.		Improvement of technical knowledge about structural consolidation and recording techniques. Harmonisation of inventories and monitoring efforts.
LAC	Launch of the project « Préservation du patrimoine et appui au secteur touristique » (PAST), financed by the World Bank, in Haiti, to be implemented from 2016 until 2022. The project will provide technical assistance in several fields, with a particular focus on capacity building.	35 COM 9B 38COM7B.4 4	Adoption and implementation of the work plan of activities and the necessary financial and human resources in cooperation with the World heritage Centre and the UNESCO Office of Port of Prince.

LAC	World Heritage Youth Project on Marine Biodiversity and Climate Change in “Coiba National Park”, Panama (25-29 January 2016). 14 young people from 14 Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Central American countries (CAM) participated. http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1378/		Capacity-building of young people in the area of conservation of marine biodiversity.
LAC	Technical support mission provided to the “Centre Lucio Costa for Capacity-Building on Heritage Management”, Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (December 2015) in view of developing a Pilot Module for the implementation of the Capacity-Building strategy for World Heritage in South America.	37 COM 10A 38 COM 10B.4 39 COM 7B.36	Development of a common strategy in view of the implementation of the South America Capacity-Building Programme. Production of a first draft document of a Pilot - Module for Capacity Building.
LAC	Several capacity-building activities were implemented in the framework of extra-budgetary projects for the following properties: “Tiwanaku: Spiritual and Political Centre of the Tiwanaku Culture” (Bolivia); “Historic Centre of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca” (Ecuador); “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System” (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) and “Tikal National Park” (Guatemala)		Capacities of stakeholders enhanced regarding conservation and management.
LAC	Workshop at the Galapagos Islands, attended by site managers from the “Galapagos National Parks”, “Malpelo Flora and Fauna, and Cocos Islands National Park” to share best practices, build the overall capacity of site managers, and strengthen the sense of community. The workshop was organized with the support of Flanders FIT and the Pacific Fund of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Galápagos Islands, Ecuador (20-24 July 2015). http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1335/		Strengthening of fisheries compliance in several marine World Heritage properties in Latin America. Development of a surveillance intelligence system in Galapagos Islands.
LAC	Assistance to the State Party of Peru in the implementation of the “Project for the creation of a National Museum of Archaeology in Peru” (15 January 2016). The project was carried out in close collaboration with UNESCO Lima and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). http://www.unesco.org/new/es/lima/communities/single-view/news/ministerio_de_cultura_unops_y_unesco_peru_anuncian_creacion_del_museo_nacional_de_arqueologia/#.Vt2_0vl_NBc		Technical assistance for capacity-building in Peru provided.
LAC	Meeting for the establishment of the governing structure of the “Regional Centre for Capacity-building in Heritage Management - Lucio Costa Centre/IPHAN” (26 – 27 November 2015, Rio de Janeiro). http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1272/		Composition and establishment of the Director Council, the Executive Committee and appointment of the Director. Preparation of the work plan for the 2016-2017 biennium.

4C. Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication (Communication)

REG ION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained/ CHALLENGES faced
GLO	<p>Events and initiatives leading up to and during UNFCCC COP21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A video interview with the Director of the World Heritage Centre (http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1404). • Issue 77 of the World Heritage Review dedicated to climate change (http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/77/). • Cooperation with the World Meteorological Organization (http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1388). • Cooperation with the LG Electronics; two OLED intense colour TV screens to the UNESCO pavilion were provided to display very high quality photos of World Heritage sites and Underwater Cultural Heritage. • Outreach by the UNESCO World Heritage Marine programme through the UNESCO Pavilion at the COP21 with the support of Jaeger-LeCoultre (http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1390). • Thematic Day on UNESCO Sites: A Climate Change Observatory in collaboration with the UNESCO MAB and Geoparks programmes (http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1270/). • Contribution to a side event on improving the treatment of cultural heritage in the next IPCC Assessment Report (http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1271/). 	<p>31 COM 7.1 39 COM 7</p>	<p>Increased visibility and mobilized support to help World Heritage sites cope with climate change.</p> <p>Awareness-raising that these sites represent an asset to be protected.</p> <p>Strengthening the ability of communities and their properties to resist, absorb, and recover from the effects of climate change.</p>
GLO	<p>Publication on the proceedings of the IUCN World Parks Congress "World Heritage at the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014: the Promise of Sydney" (http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/871).</p>		<p>Increased visibility and strengthened commitment for the Congress outcomes which includes the recommendations of the global conservation community on World Heritage for the next decade</p>
GLO	<p>Support to the 7th World Heritage Youth Forum "Patrimonio Mundial, Patrimonio para todos" in Spain (12 -20 July 2015). The activity gathered 33 young people (13 to 15 years old) and 11 teachers from 11 different countries and different regions in Spain.</p> <p>http://www.mecd.gob.es/cultura-mecd/areas-cultura/patrimonio/mc/foro-juvenil/7-2015/presentacion.html</p>		<p>Involvement of young people in the protection of heritage.</p>
GLO	<p>Production of a new Patrimonito cartoon episode on the theme of Biodiversity featuring the World Heritage site of the Sundarbans National Park in India. 1000 DVDs were disseminated globally and through online diffusion: ASPnet schools, WHC events, ESD-related events, Field Offices and National Commissions.</p> <p>http://whc.unesco.org/en/patrimonito/</p>		<p>Dissemination of information on World Heritage among young people.</p>

GLO	Release of a short film on World Heritage marine site on the occasion of the Earth Day in New York (22 April 2016) with the support of Jaeger-LeCoultre.		Awareness-raising on the need to protect marine sites.
GLO	Development of an urban study as a basis for a new volume of the World Heritage Paper Series, aiming to further identify threats and define vocabulary pertaining to urban conservation. The study contains categories and types of urban heritage; a table of cities which include world heritage on their territory; analysis of threats related to urban heritage; guidance for further research on urban heritage; case studies and recommendation for the identification, management, conservation of urban heritage.	39 COM 11	Improvement of existing online tools on urban heritage and development of new material and online resources on urban conservation.
GLO	Publication of the World Heritage Papers no.38, "Safeguarding Precious Resources for Island Communities" (May 2015), within the framework of the Japanese FIT.	SIDS Programme	Further dissemination of information on safeguarding World Heritage and Island communities.
AFR	Public screening of the documentary "Virunga" highlighting the threats faced by the eponymous World Heritage site at UNESCO HQ (22 April 2015). 500 copies of a 4-page leaflet entitled "Conservation de la Biodiversité des sites du patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO en RDC" (French only) were disseminated.		Improvement of visibility and knowledge about threats for World Heritage sites.
AFR	A manual for tourist guides "At the Tombs of the Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Uganda)" was published in the framework of the Japanese FIT.	36 COM 7A.18	Training and awareness-raising for tourist guides.
AFR	African World Heritage Day approved by UNESCO General Conference (November 2015): The initiative aims to raise awareness to the need to protect heritage against threats and to highlight the contribution of heritage to sustainable development.	38 C/53	Awareness-raising on threats to African World Heritage.
AFR	The African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum in Robben Island, South Africa, was attended by participants from 24 African countries (April 2016).		Youth involvement in the promotion and protection of African World Heritage.
APA	Publication of a 58-pages pamphlet detailing the Bhutan Cultural Atlas for local and national authorities, NGOs and other stakeholders.		Capacity-building on the protection of the cultural heritage of Bumthang and Trongsa regions of Bhuta
APA	Pacific World Heritage Action Plan Workshop for 2016-2020 (Suva (Fiji), December 2015), with the support of the World Heritage Fund and the Netherlands FIT. Pacific State Parties, Regional Institutions, Advisory Bodies and UNESCO representatives gathered to review the Pacific World Heritage Action Plan 2010-2015, created as part of the Periodic Reporting exercise, and to develop a new Action Plan for 2016-2020.	39 COM 10B.1	Ongoing finalisation of this new Action Plan that will be published on the WHC's website and send to Pacific State Parties and partners upon completion.
ARB	Exhibition and a brochure on the heritage of urban and architectural modernity in the Arab World (MUAMA) in Kuwait (1-5 December 2015)		Awareness-raising on the importance of protecting and promoting modern heritage in the Arab region.

ARB	Lectures on UNESCO's action for the conservation of urban heritage at the 4th International Forum on Medinas, Ouazzane, Morocco (6 May 2015), as well as another lecture on UNESCO's action for the conservation of urban heritage took place at the Ibn Khaldoun University at Tunis, Tunisia (2 October 2015).		Information-sharing about urban heritage conservation.
ARB	Support to the Campaign #Unite4heritage through information-sharing. WHC gave numerous interviews in the international media on the situation of cultural heritage damaged by armed conflicts.		Awareness-raising on the destruction of cultural heritage in areas affected by conflicts.
EUR	Publication of "World Heritage in Europe Today" (February 2016) with the support of the France-UNESCO cooperation agreement. The publication was developed further to the 2 nd cycle of Periodic Reporting and addressed the general public. A marketing strategy was developed and implemented on several media, including a successful social media campaign called #OurWorldHeritage.	39 COM 10A	Visibility enhanced and information on World Heritage in Europe disseminated to a large audience in an user-friendly manner.
EUR	Publication of the Final Report on the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting "Understanding World Heritage in Europe and North America" within the World Heritage Papers series (n°43).	39 COM 10 A	Dissemination of information on the results of the Periodic Reporting in Europe and North America.
LAC	Publication of "El Patrimonio Moderno en Iberoamérica. Protección y coordinación internacional" Mexico City, Mexico (24 February 2016). http://www.unesco.org/new/es/mexico/press/news-and-articles/content/news/presentacion-del-libro-el-patrimonio-moderno-en-iberoamerica/#.Vt2PnUCLUVw		Information shared on urbanism and architecture.
LAC	Publication "A walk in the..." by Santillana publishing house in close collaboration with UNESCO office in Lima, Peru (3 November 2015). http://www.unesco.org/new/es/lima/communities/single-view/news/un-paseo-por-unesco-peru-y-santillana-presentan-libro-sobre-educacion-patrimonial/#.Vt2_7fi_NBc		Elaboration of heritage awareness-raising tool on Historic Centres.
5C. Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities (Communities)			
REG ION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained/ CHALLENGES faced
GLO	World Heritage Volunteers 2015 campaign was organized under the theme "challenges in a global changing environment" (April – December 2015). Youth organizations carried out projects related to 46 World Heritage properties or sites on the Tentative List. More than 700 volunteers participated.		Involvement of youth and local communities in World Heritage activities.

	http://whc.unesco.org/en/whvolunteers/		
GLO	A scout volunteer pilot project in Thailand (12-30 September 2015). 23 rover scouts aged 15-26 learned about the history of the site with local old people and engaged in the renovation of three main buildings of the World Heritage property "Historic Town of Sukhothai and Associated Historic Towns". The joint project was officially launched at the Jamboree event.		Training of young people in the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> , transmission of knowledge between different generations and ensuring conformity.
GLO	Partnership with the Polynesian Voyaging Society: The agreement concerns an inter-sectoral cooperation between the Natural Sciences and Culture Sector of UNESCO. http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1215/		Development of new partnerships in the field of marine sites.
GLO	"Urban Thinkers Campus - Smart Planning and Sustainable Cities" at UNESCO HQs (20 - 21 January 2016). UNESCO hosted this campus organized by the French Federation of Town Planning Agencies (FNAU), the Regional Town Planning Institute of Ile de France (IAU-IDF) and the French Partnership for Cities and Territories (PFVT), within the framework of the World Urban Campaign.		Strengthening the network of stakeholders in the urban community.
AFR	Side event "UNESCO's policy on engaging with indigenous peoples: An update and presentation of the draft policy in progress" in the framework of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Eighth Session in Geneva (20 -24 July 2015).		Strengthening of indigenous peoples participation through drafting of a UNESCO's policy on engaging with indigenous peoples.
AFR	Participation at workshop on "Understanding Rights Practices in the World Heritage System" organized by the Global Science Policy Dialogue held in Caux, Switzerland (18-19 January 2016). The workshop presented United Nations best practices and regional human rights implementation mechanisms and recommended the adoption of comprehensive legislative frameworks, approaches and policies on indigenous rights.		Knowledge-sharing on indigenous peoples-related issues concerning participation and livelihoods and culture.
AFR	"Community-based tourism activities to protect the forests in the Nyiragongo Volcano in Virunga National Park" project supported by the Belgium General Directorate for Environment. The project aims at strengthening the role of the local communities in the development of tourism and by funding equipment for tourists' guides.	39 COM 7A.4	Empowerment of local communities.
AFR	Communities-related trainings in Mozambique: Training of 30 out-of-school youths in cultural heritage tourism and entrepreneurship and a 30 youths from local professional schools in cultural heritage preservation and conservation at World Heritage sites.	Global strategy	Empowerment of youths in the field of tourism and entrepreneurship.

AFR	Pilot-project in “Okapi Wildlife Reserve” (OWR) in the Democratic Republic of Congo, using community management and conservation to promote peace and stabilization. The project aims at the reinforcement of community structures, stabilizing stakeholders and awareness-raising.	39 COM 7A.8	Enhancement of the dialogue between local communities, site managers and local authorities.
APA	Implementation of a sustainable development Project, involving local communities to revitalize the production of glazed tiles in Makli (Pakistan) for use in conservation works, funded through the Republic of Korea FIT. Main activities are the socio-cultural mapping of the ceramic artisans, research on local materials as well as local kilns, and the identification of communities that will benefit from the training. They target the most underprivileged sections of the population. Homeless and/or unemployed people were trained to help building bungalows using various local materials. An outreaching programme for underprivileged families and children was set up.		Empowerment of the most underprivileged population to benefit from the World Heritage status.
ARB	Training workshop to reinforce the role of the local communities in the conservation and management of "Banc d'Arguin National Parks" in Mauritania (27-29 March 2016). The training shared best practices to strengthen the role of local communities in the sustainable management and conservation of world heritage sites, and improve their livelihoods.		Strengthening of the role of local communities in the sustainable management and conservation of World Heritage, and improve their livelihoods
LAC	Meetings, conferences and workshop in the framework of the project: “Social inclusion of women and young people through earthen architecture-driven traditional handwork techniques” in the City of Cuenca, Ecuador (2015).	31 COM 21C	Empowerment of women and young people through earthen architecture-driven traditional handwork techniques.
LAC	Stakeholder meeting, involving the participation of over 23 communities in the framework of the project “Preservation and conservation of Tiwanaku and the Akapana Pyramid”, Tiwanaku, Bolivia (22-26 February 2016).	38 COM 7B.39	Involvement of the communities in the discussion about the management of the Tiwanaku and the Akapana Pyramid.

VII. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 40 COM 5A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Document WHC/16/40.COM/5A,*
2. *Recalling Decision **39 COM 5A** adopted at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015),*
3. *Takes note with appreciation of the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre over the past year in pursuit of the Expected Result to ensure that “tangible heritage is identified, protected, monitored and sustainably managed by Member States, in particular through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention”, and the five strategic objectives as presented in Document WHC/16/40.COM/5A;*
4. *Welcomes the synergies among the Culture Conventions in the framework of the Culture Conventions Liaison Group (CCLG) and the first meeting of the Chairpersons of all six UNESCO Culture Conventions;*
5. *Also welcomes the enhanced cooperation and synergies with the biodiversity-related conventions and programmes;*
6. *Invites the States Parties to support the activities carried out by the World Heritage Centre for the implementation of the Convention;*
7. *Requests the World Heritage Centre to present, at its 41st session, a report on its activities.*

Annex 1

Follow-up on the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 39th session (Bonn, 2015)

DECISIONS AND ITEMS	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
39 COM 2 Admission of Observers	✓		
39 COM 3A Provisional agenda of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (Bonn, 2015)	✓		
39 COM 3B Provisional timetable of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (Bonn, 2015)	✓		
39 COM 5A Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/5A	
39 COM 5B Reports of the Advisory Bodies		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/5B	
39 COM 5C Follow-up to the Director-General's Initiative on "The <i>World Heritage Convention: Thinking Ahead</i> "	✓		
39 COM 5D World Heritage and Sustainable Development		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/5C	
39 COM 5E Recommendations of the evaluation of the Global Strategy – Follow-up to Decision 38 COM 9C	✓		
39 COM 6 Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage related Category 2 Centres		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/6	
39 COM 7 State of Conservation of World Heritage Properties		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/7	
39 COM 7A State of conservation of the properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger		See Documents WHC/16/40.COM/7A and WHC/16/40.COM/7B	
39 COM 7B State of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List		See Documents WHC/16/40.COM/7A and WHC/16/40.COM/7B	
39 COM 8A Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties as of 15 April 2015, in conformity with the <i>Operational Guidelines</i>		See Documents WHC/16/40.COM/8A and WHC/16/40.COM/8B	
39 COM 8B Nominations to the World Heritage List		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/8B	

DECISIONS AND ITEMS	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
39 COM 8C Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/8C	
39 COM 8D Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties in response to the Retrospective Inventory		See Document WHC-16/40COM/8D	
39 COM 8E Adoption of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value		See Document WHC-16/40.COM/8E	
39 COM 9A Progress report on the Upstream Processes		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/9A	
39 COM 9B Progress report on the reflection on processes for mixed nominations	✓		
39 COM 10A Final report on the results of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting for the Europe region and Action Plan	✓		
39 COM 10B Follow-up of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise for the other regions and general reflection on Periodic Reporting		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/10B	
39 COM 11 Revision of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i>		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/11	
39 COM 12 Progress report on the draft Policy Guidelines		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/12	
39 COM 13A Working methods of the evaluation and decision-making process of nomination. Report of the ad-hoc working group		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/13	
39 COM 13B Feasibility study on an additional ordinary session of the World Heritage Committee	✓		
39 COM 14 Examination of International Assistance requests		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/14	
39 COM 15 Report on the execution of the budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and preparation of the budget for the biennium 2016-2017		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/15	
39 COM 16 Other Business		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/16	

DECISIONS AND ITEMS	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
39 COM 17 Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee (2016)	✓		
39 COM 18 Provisional Agenda of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee (2016)		See Document WHC/16/40.COM/3A	

World Heritage Expert and other Meetings, January 2016 – December 2016

Note: At its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011), the World Heritage Committee, by Decision **35 COM 12B**, requested the World Heritage Centre to present an annual list of planned meetings. The Committee requested the Centre to document, more particularly all meetings in which the participation of the Secretariat is foreseen. Such a list should contain all relevant information for the Committee to decide on priorities and allocation of human and financial available resources. This annex therefore presents the consolidated list of planned meetings.

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible authority
International Assistance Panel	UNESCO HQs	12 January 2016	WHC
WHC/ABs meeting	UNESCO HQs	13-14 January 2016	WHC/PSM
Urban Thinkers Campus - Smart Planning and Sustainable Cities	UNESCO HQs	20-21 January 2016	Fédération des Agences d'Urbanisme (FNAU), Institut d'Aménagement et d'Urbanisme d'Île-de-France (IAU), Partenariat Français pour la Ville et les Territoires (PFVT) WHC, "World Heritage Cities Programme"
World Heritage Youth Project on Marine Biodiversity & Climate Change	Coiba, Panama	25 – 29 January 2016	WHC, "World Heritage Education Programme "
Regional meeting on the importance of the role of the local communities in the management and conservation of World Heritage sites	Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania	27 - 29 March 2016	WHC/ARB
Thematic expert consultation meeting on sustainable management of the World	UNESCO HQs	16-18 February 2016	WHC, "Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest"

Heritage properties of religious interest, focused on Mediterranean and South-Eastern Europe			
Orientation session for World Heritage Committee members	UNESCO HQs	18 February 2016	WHC/PSM
Risk preparedness workshop for English-speaking countries in Africa	Brandberg, Namibia	19 February - 3 March 2016	WHC AWHF
Identifying potential Marine World Heritage Sites in the Arctic Region	UNESCO HQs	25-26 February 2016	IUCN Global Marine and Polar Programme / World Heritage Marine Programme
Colloquium on Post-trauma Reconstruction	ICOMOS, Charenton-le-Pont, France	4 March 2016	ICOMOS
From conservation to reconstruction: how World Heritage is changing theory and practice	Round Table organized by the Canada Research Chair on Built Heritage (School of Architecture, Faculté de l'aménagement, Université de Montréal)	9-11 March 2016	DIR/WHC and experts
ICOMOS/IUCN meeting on evaluation and upstream processes	ICOMOS, Charenton-le-Pont, France	9 March 2016	ICOMOS
World Heritage Volunteers 2016	Global campaign	April to November 2016	WHC, "World Heritage Education Programme"
African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum: increasing youth involvement in the promotion and protection of African World Heritage	Robben Island World Heritage site, South Africa	28 April – 4 May 2016	WHC, "World Heritage Education Programme"

International Conference “African World Heritage as a Driver of Sustainable Development”	Arusha, Tanzania	31 May – 3 June 2016	WHC/AFR
Information meeting on the 40th session for World Heritage Committee members and States Parties	UNESCO HQs	14 June	WHC/PSM
8th Latin-American Youth Forum on World Heritage	Madrid, Spain	3-9 July	Subdirección General de Protección de Patrimonio, Ministerio de Educación, Cultura y Deporte WHC, “World Heritage Education Programme”
World Heritage Youth Forum - 40COM	Istanbul, Turkey	1-10 July 2016	WHC, “World Heritage Education Programme”
WHC/ABs meeting	Istanbul, Turkey	9 July 2016	WHC/PSM
Orientation session for the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee	Istanbul, Turkey	10 July	ICCROM, WHC/PSM
40th session of the World Heritage Committee	Istanbul, Turkey	10-20 July 2016	WHC/PSM
Terra 2016 - XIIth World Congress on Earthen Architectures	Lyon, France	11-14 July 2016	ICOMOS
3rd World Heritage marine site managers meeting	Galapagos Islands, Ecuador	27 August – 3 September 2016	WHC, “Marine Programme”
IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016 - Planet at the Crossroads	Hawai'i, USA	1-10 September 2016	IUCN

ICOMOS 2016: Annual General Assembly and Advisory Committee	Istanbul, Turkey	15-21 October 2016	ICOMOS
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REPORT ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE EMBLEM

(March 2015 - March 2016)

Depending on the nature of the requests, these are managed by the Conventions Common Services Unit, or forwarded to the appropriate body (UNESCO Sector for External Relations and Public Information, National Commissions, relevant UNESCO Sectors or other).

The requests for using the World Heritage emblem are managed by the Conventions Common Services Unit, in respect of Chapter VIII of the *Operational Guidelines*, completed by the Table of uses of the World Heritage Emblem (Annex 14), elaborated as a complementary guide to facilitate decision taking. This Table was adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 39th session in Bonn (Germany), along with other revisions to the *Operational Guidelines*.

Between 1 March 2015 and 25 March 2016, the Conventions Common Services Unit received and answered 196 requests related to the World Heritage Emblem as follows:

- 43 requests from World Heritage sites or competent national authorities for creation of their specific World Heritage emblem and for use in their documentation and / or during special events;
- 4 requests from national authorities for creation of all their World Heritage site-specific emblems in several languages;
- 87 requests from World Heritage sites managing authorities or local or national authorities for validation of material containing a combined UNESCO/World Heritage logo;
- 5 requests from UNESCO Field Offices or other UNESCO Programme Sectors for activities related to the World Heritage;
- 36 requests from National Commissions, institutions, programs or others for logo use for an activity or elements of documentation or information (see table below);
- 21 requests refused for non-compliance with the *Operational Guidelines*.

In addition, the Conventions Common Services Unit dealt with 7 cases of misuse such as: World Heritage emblem copied and used without previous formal request nor authorization; World Heritage emblem modified and/or associated to local logos; World Heritage emblem used for events or activities not supported by the World Heritage Centre; World Heritage site modifying the World Heritage emblem to make its own logo, etc.

In such cases, the responsible entities were contacted and requested to remove these unauthorized logos and/or replace them with correct logos when appropriate. The national authorities were informed and UNESCO Legal Affairs was consulted when necessary.

Not reported in this document are:

- Requests for use of UNESCO logo and World Heritage emblem as part of contractual agreements or partnerships (see annex 4 of document);
- Uses made by the Category 2 Centres of their own specific logos, except for requests for other World Heritage logos;
- Requests for use of the World Heritage emblem granted directly by the national commissions or national focal points for the World Heritage emblem.

For all applications accepted and listed below (by alphabetical order of the States parties), **the prior consent of the States parties concerned has been obtained.**

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
Belgium	Wallonie-Bruxelles Tourism	22/10/2015	Tourist map of Wallonie, Hainaut and Namur Provinces, and Lièges	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Belgium	Pays de Charleroi	02/12/2015	Publication of a touristic map and a touristic guide of the Pays de Charleroi	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Brunei Darussalam	Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports	14/01/2016	Illustration of a bilingual UNESCO Brunei Handbook on the WH Convention (English and Malay)	World Heritage Convention	
Brunei Darussalam	Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports	14/01/2016	Banners for the promotional tour UNESCO Brunei Handbook on the WH Convention	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Canada	University of Montreal	26/01/2016	Public space organized by the Canada Research Chair on Built Heritage "From conservation to reconstruction"	"With the support of the World Heritage Centre"	
Canada	The Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation	08/03/2016	Illustration of a page in a coloring book for children	World Heritage Emblem alone	Pending comments of Canadian authorities
Denmark	Kulturstyrelsen / Danish Agency for Culture	03/09/2015	Highway signs	World Heritage Emblem alone	

Ecuador	Galápagos Park	22/07/2015	Attendance certificate for a regional training meeting for Marine parks staff	“With the support of the World Heritage Centre”	
France	Réseau des sites majeurs de Vauban	11/01/2016	Tourist map of Mount Canigo including two fortifications of Vauban	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	Bassin minier Nord-Pas de Calais	25/03/2015	Mapping of Bassin minier Nord-Pas de Calais	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	Bassin minier Nord-Pas de Calais	07/04/2015	Illustration book for children	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	Albi	28/05/2015	Road signs around Albi	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	Association des biens français du patrimoine mondial	13/07/2015	First meeting of Associations of World Heritage Properties in Europe, 15-16/10/2015, Strasbourg	“With the support of the World Heritage Centre”	
Germany	National Commission	23/06/2015	39th WH Committee information documents	WH Convention	
Italy	Centro Interdipartimentale di Ricerca in Urbanistica	29/02/2016	Advanced Brainstorm Carrefour entitled “The Science of the City”	With the support of the WH Centre	
Japan	National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan	07/08/2015	World Heritage Year Book 2015	World Heritage Emblem alone	
New Zealand	New Zealand Post	10/04/2015	Stamps	World Heritage in New Zealand	
South Africa	Oxford University Press South Africa	18/06/2015	Illustration of a page containing a paragraph on Sterkfontein in a book entitled “Managing Tourism in SA 2e perm 16”	World Heritage Emblem alone	

Spain	Gerencia de Urbanismo del Ayuntamiento de Sevilla	26/03/2015	Smartphone app for diffusion of knowledge about "Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias" in Seville	World Heritage Emblem alone	WH site-specific logo recommended but final decision still unknown
Spain	National Commission	28/07/2015	Promotional short film of the 15 World Heritage Cities in Spain	World Heritage Emblem alone	
The Netherlands	Karakter Uitgevers BV	07/01/2016	Bilingual dot-to-dot coloring book with 50 monuments of the UNESCO World Heritage List	World Heritage Emblem alone ?	Pending receipt of the page where the logo would be displayed
Tunisia	Ibn Khaldoun University	07/09/2015	Conference on urban conservation	"With the support of the World Heritage Centre"	
United Kingdom	7 UK WH sites	20/11/2015	Use of the WH emblem in the design of the logo produced for the 30th anniversary of the inscription of 7 WH sites*	World Heritage Emblem alone	
United Kingdom	7 UK WH sites	22/02/2016	Production of a pin (badge version) of the 30th anniversary logo to be sold to raise funds for the 7 WH sites concerned	World Heritage Emblem alone	* Emblem used in the design of the logo produced for the 30th anniversary of the inscription of 7 WH sites
United Kingdom	World Heritage UK	23/02/2016	Presentation leaflet on the new charitable association "World Heritage UK" set up to network among the UK's 29 World Heritage Sites	World Heritage Emblem alone	
USA	Los Compadres	15/01/2016	Programme of the annual fundraising gala in support of the San Antonio missions	World Heritage Emblem alone	

	AWHF	24/11/2015	Seasonal calendar, partners page	World Heritage Centre	
	European Commission - International Cooperation and Development Directorate C (Sustainable Growth and Development)	25/06/2015	Document "Larger than Elephants: Inputs for the design of an EU Strategic Approach to Wildlife Conservation in Africa"	World Heritage Convention	Contribution of WHC to the content
	Geo4maps	05/11/2015	Atlas	"With the support of the World Heritage Centre"	
	Harper Collins	11/05/2015	2015 Edition of The World's Heritage	"With the support of the World Heritage Centre"	
	IUCN	09/03/2015	Webpage on Harmonizing the Integrated Management of Areas with Multiple International Designations	World Heritage Convention	
	Dr. Lisa M. King	03/09/2015	Illustration of an academic journal article on the Influence of the World Heritage brand in the decision to visit a designated site.	World Heritage Emblem alone	Supported by IUCN
	Rapid Response Facility Secretariat Fauna & Flora International	19/06/2015	Postcard with information and contact details for the RRF	"In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre"	
	UN-GRASP (UNEP – Great Apes Survival Programme)	07/04/2015	Infographic on endangered species of great apes located in 13 WH sites	"With the support of the World Heritage Centre"	
	World Organization of the Scout Movement	28/04/2015	World Scouting - UNESCO World Heritage Recognition Achievement Programme Guidelines	World Heritage Centre	Co-publication Scout-WHC in the framework of a partnership agreement
	LG Electronics	23/11/2015	Short clips on World Heritage sites	World Heritage Convention	Collaboration for UNESCO stand at COP 21

Inventory of World Heritage Partnerships

Decision **37 COM 5D** requested the Secretariat to continue to report, in an analytical manner, on the implementation of the PACT strategy by submitting at each regular session of the World Heritage Committee a detailed inventory of on-going and envisaged partnerships as an Annex to the Report of the World Heritage Centre, using the current template.

Table 1 provides a list of ongoing WHC partnerships as of March 2016 with the private sector and foundations developed in accordance with the PACT strategy adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in 2013 and with the PACT Regulatory Framework. The list does not include partnerships for World Heritage with the private sector developed and implemented by Field offices nor the partnerships with NGOs involved in the implementation of programmes at the country level.

For each partnership, the table provides, in alphabetical order by name of partner, a description, the amount received in 2015 (if any), expected results, major outputs/deliverables, emblem use and an indicative evaluation of the benefits for World Heritage. It also links each partnership to the relevant Strategic Objectives (the 5 Cs) and benefits resulting from the partnership.

The Table also includes dates of signature and expiration for each partnership and, if applicable, the indication if a partnership is new, or if renewal has been signed since the last session of the Committee, if renewal is envisaged in the period between the current and the next reporting to the Committee, or if the partnership has been terminated since the last report to the Committee. In the period March 2015 - March 2016 five new partnerships were signed and one partnership was renewed.

Table 2 presents potential partnerships currently being discussed or undergoing internal evaluation and/or external validation.

Table 1 - INVENTORY OF ONGOING WORLD HERITAGE PARTNERSHIPS AS OF MARCH 2016 (in alphabetical order)

Nr	Partnership description and financial contribution agreed (if any)	Amounts received in 2015 ¹ (in USD or converted)	Expected results	Major outputs/deliverables	Emblem use ²	Agreements signed ³	Evaluation of benefits	Relevant Strategic objectives and Areas of cooperation
1	<p>A&E Television Networks LLC. - HISTORY (Channel), USA</p> <p>Production of World Heritage documentaries and audiovisual stories elaborated and aired by HISTORY.</p> <p>169,500 USD (for 3 years).</p>	56,500	Increased understanding of the World Heritage Convention, globally and in the United States in particular.	HISTORY provides World Heritage content through Idea Book for Educators' newsletters 4x/year to 300,000 teacher subscribers; ensures on-line visibility (Save our history and HISTORY classroom websites); creates public service announcements (PSA) for TV and web broadcasting.	On PSAs and in documents related to the project.	<p>Funds-in-Trust signed on 18 May 2011</p> <p>Start: May 2011</p> <p>Extended in May 2014</p> <p>End: May 2017</p>	<p>Worldwide promotion of World Heritage. The PSAs are visible on YouTube and WHC website.</p> <p>The project triggered the A&T UK office to produce a new series of WH documentaries about sites in Poland and the UK (www.history.co.uk/shows/unesco/about.html).</p> <p>Production of a video clip on World Heritage partnerships.</p> <p>Participation as partner in #Unite4Heritage initiative.</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>Education</p>
2	<p>Architecture Week Prague, Czech Republic</p> <p>Raise awareness of the World Heritage Convention, in particular the heritage of architecture, town planning and landscape design.</p> <p>169,500 USD (for 3 years).</p>	14,465	<p>Increased international understanding of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation and UNESCO's policies on architectural and urban development and preservation.</p> <p>Enhanced awareness among young people about the need to preserve architectural heritage.</p>	Organization of the educational project "Playful Architecture".	On communication materials during the "Architecture Week festival" in Prague including the catalogue, partner website and related correspondence, joint	<p>Partnership agreement signed in October 2015</p> <p>End: October 2018</p>	<p>The festival is an international platform for dialogue on issues of interest for the World Heritage Convention and results in terms of visibility and outreach will be communicated after the first year of cooperation.</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>Education</p>

¹ Amounts received in 2015 have not been certified by the UNESCO Bureau of Financial Management.

² Strictly regulated according to the terms of the signed agreement (in particular, every resource using the name, logo of UNESCO and World Heritage emblem is subject to approval by WHC and if necessary by ERI)

³ All agreements are available on the World Heritage Centre's website <http://whc.unesco.org/en/agreements> (password protected pages, for States Parties only)

Nr	Partnership description and financial contribution agreed (if any)	Amounts received in 2015 ¹ (in USD or converted)	Expected results	Major outputs/deliverables	Emblem use ²	Agreements signed ³	Evaluation of benefits	Relevant Strategic objectives and Areas of cooperation
					exhibitions.			
3	Ben Khaled Living Ocean Foundation TERMINATED	75,000	Implementation of Recommendation 5 of the 2011 Global Strategy Evaluation.	Publication on OUV in areas beyond national jurisdiction presented to the World Heritage Committee (40th session). In collaboration with IUCN.	Publication and communication about the project.	Additional Appropriation Letter for World Heritage Marine Programme. Start: July 2014 End: December 2015	The project provides benefits to States Parties as it represents the first analysis for OUV in areas beyond national jurisdiction, an area which covers over 50% of the planet. The outcomes will assist States Parties such as those implicated in the Mid Atlantic Ridge and provide a solid contribution to the work of other major international conventions such as the Convention on Biological Diversity.	Conservation Credibility
4	Fonds Culturel Arts et Ouvrages, France Strategic partnership to support conservation projects at World Heritage sites on the Danger List. 420,000 USD (for 18 months). TERMINATED	---	Long term conservation of World Heritage sites and their removal from the List in Danger.	Preservation and digitalization of manuscripts in Bamako and Timbuktu, Mali. Conservation condition surveys and devise of adequate stabilization methodologies for the site of Abu Mena, Egypt. Development of a Management Plan, including a conservation programme, provisions for risk management and provisions for public use for the site of Coro and its Port, Venezuela.	Website. Brochures and other printed material.	Funds-in-Trust signed in May 2014 End: November 2015	The donor did not meet its financial obligations thus the partnership was terminated by UNESCO.	Conservation World Heritage sites in danger
5	Fondation Franz Weber, Switzerland The 'Fondation Franz Weber' supports the Rapid Response Facility and natural heritage conservation projects. 750,000 USD (for 5 years).	150,000	Rapid Response Facility improved thanks to additional funding (the Fund was created in 2005 with Fauna and Flora International in order to mobilize funds to respond to emergency situations at natural heritage sites).	In 2015, RRF received 27 emergency small grant applications: 19 from Africa, 3 from Latin America and the Caribbean and 5 from Asia-Pacific regions. Two grants awarded in Africa region and one for in Latin America with a total value of	On respective websites and documentation about the project.	Funds-in-Trust (FIT) Start: January 2013 End: January 2018	- The Fondation Weber contribution to the RRF has already supported an emergency response for two grants since March 2015. In Democratic Republic of the Congo, the RRF provided a grant for Garamba National Park in October 2015 for	Conservation Capacity Building Communities Natural World Heritage

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			Enhanced preservation of The Dja Faunal reserve in Cameroon, threatened by poaching and the negative effect of mining exploitation and deforestation.	\$40,719. On the Dja site, pilot actions to improve revenue sources of local communities, education campaign to fight against poaching, preparation of an environmental and social impact study.			procurement of essential equipment for observation posts for detecting poaching incidents. In Colombia, RRF allocated a grant to Malpelo Flora and Fauna Sanctuary to enhance the conservation of the threaten coral reef. - An environmental and social study on the site of Dja has been produced in cooperation with the local authorities and will serve for the sustainable conservation of the property.	
6	GOOGLE Inc., USA The project allows internet users to virtually visit a selection of WH properties. Non-financial. RENEWED (TACIT YEARLY RECONDUCTION)	---	Help spread the message about preserving WH and allow it to reach the broad public. Increase awareness worldwide.	Google World Wonders Project website offers virtual visits of World Heritage sites.	On Google's World Wonders project website.	License agreement Start: 29 May 2012	Efforts are being made to extend scope of partnership for enhanced benefits to World Heritage.	Communication
7	GSP – Our Place World Heritage Ltd and Our Place Publishing Ltd, New Zealand Creation of image bank for World Heritage. OUR PLACE supplies photographs for the World Heritage Centre website galleries, and has supplied numerous images for UNESCO and related third-party publications. Non-financial.	---	Enriched photo bank of images and enhanced awareness of WH sites.	Our Place and its international network of professional photographers contribute to a large image databank used to help promote conservation efforts and publicize the World Heritage message.	On website and at exhibitions organized by Our Place with WH images.	World Heritage Fund Special Account. MoU signed in 2006. First partnership Agreement signed in 2008 and ended in 2012. New agreement	Our Place has currently photographed over 370 World Heritage sites in 84 countries and has an archive of more than 45,000 exclusively owned World Heritage images. Image data bank is accessible for use by UNESCO and by World Heritage sites. Participation as partner in #Unite4Heritage initiative.	Communication

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						Start: March 2014 End: March 2017		
8	<p>JAEGER-LECOULTRE (Manufacture), Switzerland</p> <p>Marine programme development and awareness raising partnership.</p> <p>420,000 EUR (3 years). (140,000 EUR per year).</p> <p>TO BE RENEWED</p>	154,866	<p>Support to the implementation of the World Heritage Marine Programme, including statutory support to WHC activities on marine properties.</p> <p>Enhanced awareness about World Heritage, in particular the 47 marine sites + targeted contributions in cooperation with selected sites.</p>	<p>Sustains a global network of site managers who share best management practices and serve as models for other marine protected areas worldwide.</p> <p>Supports marine expert for handling WH SOC dossiers and other core WHC tasks for marine properties.</p>	Material about the project.	<p>Funds in Trust signed in March 2014</p> <p>End: March 2017</p>	The project ensures that the WHC is able to continue providing technical expertise for SOC dossiers for natural sites (marine), in particular Great Barrier Reef, Belize Barrier Reef, Banc d'Arguin National Park, and others.	<p>Conservation</p> <p>Credibility</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Communities</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Natural (marine) Heritage</p>
9	<p>KOBI GRAPHIS, Japan</p> <p>Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage calendar and a World Heritage Youth calendar.</p> <p>Annual contribution of 55,000 USD + royalties.</p> <p>RENEWED</p>	55,000 + 3,446 (royalties)	Enhanced awareness about World Heritage.	<p>Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage and WH Youth calendar.</p> <p>Design of a web version in 2011.</p> <p>Free iPad App launched in 2012 along with several exhibits organized in Japan during the same year.</p> <p>The calendar is sold in UNESCO's bookshop.</p>	Calendar. Website. iPad App.	<p>World Heritage Fund Special Account.</p> <p>Partnership agreements signed in 1996, 2001, 2007 and extended with amendments.</p> <p>Start: 1996 End: 2019</p>	The calendar app was recommended by Apple and listed in the top 10 most popular apps.	Communication

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10	<p>Korean National Commission to UNESCO, Republic of Korea*</p> <p>Support the development of new partnerships for World Heritage conservation.</p> <p>100,000 USD (3 years).</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>*While this contribution is coming from a National Commission, it is listed here because the funds were raised among Korean companies further to the initiative of the Korean National Commission.</p>	---	Enhanced capacity of the Secretariat to mobilize resources from the Private Sector in particular in support of sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger.	Organization of side events during the World Heritage Committee (sessions 2016-2018) to present ongoing cooperation with the Private Sector and outreach to new prospects.	On press releases and during the partners' side events.	Letter of contribution to the World Heritage Fund signed in November 2015.	At the end of the 3-year period, results on resource mobilisation linked to the partners' side event will be communicated.	Communication Conservation
11	<p>MONNAIE DE PARIS, France</p> <p>Design, production and distribution of coins with WH sites.</p> <p>Royalties.</p> <p>TERMINATED</p>	---	<p>Awareness raised about WH through emblematic coin collections.</p> <p>Increased network of collectors of WH emblems worldwide.</p>	Series launched in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012: Great Wall of China, Grand Canyon, USA, the Kremlin, Federation of Russia, the Taj Mahal, India, the Chateau de Versailles, France, Abu Simbel, Egypt.	On coins.	<p>World Heritage Fund Special Account.</p> <p>License agreements signed in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011</p> <p>Start: 2007</p> <p>End: 2015: specifically for coins :“Versailles” and “Abu Simbel”)</p>	Following a bidding process, UNESCO (ERI) signed a partnership agreement in 2012 with PAMP S.A. (Switzerland) with the objective of centralising UNESCO coin programmes. From then on, WHC is no more entitled to contract with any national Mint/Central Bank, therefore the partnership with Monnaie de Paris will not be further extended.	Communication

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12	<p>NFUJ (National Federation of UNESCO associations in Japan) and DeNa (company), Japan</p> <p>Tripartite agreement to raise funds for World Heritage through an online game featuring 100 World Heritage sites.</p> <p>Online donations.</p>	---	Awareness raised on World Heritage, in particular among young people.	Development of the "World Heritage Runner Game".	On the game.	<p>Letter of agreement signed in March 2015</p> <p>End: February 2017</p>	To be communicated by the partners.	Communication Education
13	<p>NIPPON HOSO KYOKAI (NHK), Japan</p> <p>Creation of a series of documentaries for Japanese TV on World Heritage and Intangible Heritage in order to contribute to the creation of a video database, "Heritage Images Archives Initiative".</p> <p>Non-Financial.</p>	---	Enhanced visibility on World Heritage.	<p>Database of digital, hi-definition moving images of World Heritage and Intangible Heritage.</p> <p>Development of the Heritage Images Archives Initiative. Series of 100 Digital High Definition television documentaries about World Heritage and Intangible Heritage. Films are available online on the UNESCO/WHC websites.</p> <p>1202 videos uploaded online in 5 languages.</p>	In documentaries.	<p>MoU signed in 2003 with ERI.</p> <p>Partnership Agreement signed in 2004 and project agreement in 2004 and 2005.</p> <p>Partnership agreement and project agreement signed in 2009.</p> <p>Third partnership agreement</p>	<p>Provides a database of footages to UNESCO. Footages are chargeable to outside partners and users.</p> <p>Videos and online database were financed through the Japanese government contributions.</p> <p>The programme was terminated in 2014. A letter of May 2015 from NHK authorizes UNESCO to continue to use NHK images produced during the cooperation period.</p>	Communication

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						<p>signed in 2012.</p> <p>New MOU signed with WHC in April 2015 to continue promoting World Heritage with the existing documentations. No new documentations are foreseen.</p> <p>No end date.</p>		
14	<p>Kobi Graphis on behalf of PANASONIC, Japan</p> <p>1,000,000 USD (for 2 years).</p> <p>TERMINATED</p>	---	<p>Enhanced awareness about World Heritage sites preservation and sustainable development.</p> <p>Reinforced mobilization of young people towards the preservation of World Heritage and environmental issues.</p> <p>Enhanced preservation of World Heritage sites.</p>	<p>Support UNESCO World Heritage Youth Forum activities.</p> <p>Support UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers Programme.</p> <p>Implement the Panasonic "Eco Picture Diary Contest programme" to sensitize children aged 9-11 years about World Heritage preservation.</p> <p>Launch newspaper and TV media international campaigns emphasizing environmental protection, as part of a broad international corporate message, starting June 2013.</p>	<p>Press and TV spots. National Geographic Heritage Special.</p> <p>Materials used on WH sites within the eco education programme.</p> <p>Panasonic World Heritage exhibition centers.</p>	<p>Funds-In-Trust Agreement</p> <p>Start May 2011</p> <p>End 2013</p> <p>New Project Agreement in July 2013</p> <p>End: July 2015</p>	<p>The partnership underwent an external evaluation as per UNESCO regulation for partnerships above 500.000 USD. The result was an overall independent assessment about relevance, performance and implementation of the partnership.</p> <p>The evaluation document, released in June 2015, can be consulted at this page: http://whc.unesco.org/en/partners/280.</p>	<p>Conservation</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Communities</p> <p>Education</p>

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				<p>Support the production of the National Geographic television programme "The World Heritage Special" 60 min, from June 2013 to March 2015.</p> <p>Support the UNESCO World Heritage quarterly magazine.</p> <p>Support specific World Heritage conservation projects.</p>				
15	<p>Polynesian Voyaging Society</p> <p>Awareness raising about World Heritage in particular Marine Sites, provision of stories, photos, films taken along the route.</p> <p>Non-financial.</p>	---	Strengthening awareness of OUV with local communities living and working in 13 marine World Heritage sites.	Strengthened awareness and connectivity among local communities in 13 marine World Heritage sites.	Material about the project.	<p>Letter of Agreement</p> <p>Start: November 2014</p> <p>End: November 2017</p>	The project benefits in particular SIDS with marine World Heritage sites, by bringing awareness about their conservation challenges as well about as the World Heritage value of the site among local communities.	<p>Communities</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Conservation</p>
16	<p>Seabourn, USA</p> <p>Strategic partnership with the overall goal of raising awareness of heritage conservation and sustainable tourism mobilizing sustainable resources for the long term conservation of World Heritage.</p> <p>1,282,850 USD (for 4 years).</p>	166,667	<p>Increased awareness of and support for the protection and safeguarding of Heritage and World Heritage properties and the sustainable development of tourism from an influential stakeholder group.</p> <p>Demonstrated efficacy of preservation of cultural and natural values at World Heritage sites through capacity building</p>	<p>Identification and promotion of authentic, sustainable and responsible tourism products and services that provide high quality and low impact visitor experiences at World Heritage sites.</p> <p>Awareness is enhanced with key stakeholders through a series of high profile communication activities.</p> <p>Site managers capacities reinforced through transnational networks capacity building</p>	<p>Website and video clips.</p> <p>Brochures and other printed material which explain the World Heritage Convention.</p>	<p>Framework agreement signed in March 2016.</p> <p>REPLACES and Supersedes in its entirety the Framework Agreement signed on 19 May 2014, with revised modalities</p>	<p>The Seabourn partnership has demonstrated the potential that exists to raise awareness and support from the traveling public working with a private sector partner.</p> <p>The support has enabled the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme to implement its action plan and has leveraged additional support of 1.5 million euros from the European Commission.</p>	<p>Sustainable Tourism</p> <p>Awareness Raising</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Conservation</p>

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			<p>activities for site managers and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Increased engagement of key stakeholder groups through the development of an incentive programme to engage local communities and the tourism private sector operating in and around World Heritage properties.</p>	activities.		<p>(minimum guaranteed.</p> <p>End: December 2019</p>	<p>The partner has also pledged their support for the UNESCO Unite4Heritage campaign which will be featured in upcoming communication activities planned for 2016.</p>	
17	<p>TOKYO BROADCASTING SYSTEM (TBS), Japan</p> <p>Production of a series of 30-minute films on World Heritage entitled "The World Heritage" broadcast weekly by TBS.</p> <p>Since 2006: 40,000 USD per year.</p> <p>RENEWED (TACIT YEARLY RECONDUCTION)</p>	40,000	Enhanced awareness on World Heritage sites.	650 films have been produced.	On documentaries and brochures about the project.	<p>World Heritage Fund Special Account Agreement with NFUAJ in 1996.</p> <p>Agreement with WHC since 2006.</p>	<p>Global outreach.</p> <p>Total number of audience of the programme per month: 20 million (estimated average for 2015).</p>	<p>Communication</p>
18	<p>Under Water Earth</p> <p>Provide films, surveys and observation based assessments for World Heritage Marine Sites.</p> <p>Non-financial.</p> <p>TERMINATED</p>	-----	<p>Raise awareness about World Heritage Marine Sites globally + delivery of a high quality professional photo and video database about marine World Heritage sites free of non-commercial rights + information about state of conservation of sites</p>	Strengthened awareness and information about conservation trends in marine World Heritage sites.	Material about the project.	<p>Letter of Agreement: signed in November 2014</p> <p>End November 2015</p>	<p>The project benefits sites and the WHC in bringing awareness for the conservation challenges + provides a video and database about marine sites.</p>	<p>Capacity-building</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Conservation</p>

Table 2 - INVENTORY OF ENVISAGED WORLD HERITAGE PARTNERSHIPS AS OF MARCH 2015 (in alphabetical order)

Nr	Partner	Expected results	Major expected outputs	Logo use	Strategic Objectives
1	Community Jameel, United Arab Emirates Financial contribution expected.	Rehabilitation of cultural heritage in response to conflicts or natural disaster	Pilot initiative to be determined and communication campaign.	On the campaign.	Communication
2	EVERGREEN DIGITAL CONTENTS & DENTSU, Japan Financial contribution expected.	Enhanced awareness among young people in Japan about the need to preserve World Heritage sites.	Development of educational tools, including use of new technologies developed by the partner.	On materials associated to the education project (website, advertisements on project, cartoon).	Communication Education
3	LG Electronics, Republic of Korea Financial contribution expected.	Enhanced outreach about environmental issues and capacity-building in Africa.	1) Communication Campaign about World Heritage and Climate Change, 2) Conservation activities in Africa, 3) Underwater Cultural Heritage Contest	On the communication campaign, the global contest and any other material jointly developed with the partner.	Capacity-building Communication Education
4	Ms Pansy Ho, China Financial contribution expected.	Enhanced capacity of UNESCO Culture Sector in its capacity-building and educational activities	1) enhancing youth engagement in the preservation of heritage; 2) supporting capacity-building for sustainable tourism worldwide; 3) support best practices in heritage management and preservation through the "Asia-Pacific Heritage awards"; 4) supporting the publication of the 3rd volume of « Asia Conserved ».	On communication materials.	Capacity-building Communication Education