

Third Itinerant Workshop on the

CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TIMURID, SAFAVID AND MUGHAL ARCHITECTURE

6 – 12 April, 2009, New Delhi, India

RECOMMENDATION

UNESCO and ASI have jointly organized the third itinerant workshop on the CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PERSIAN, TIMURID AND MUGHAL ARCHITECTURE from 6 – 12 April 2009, following the earlier workshops in Iran, 26 November – 6 December, 2007, and Uzbekistan, 21 April – 2 May, 2008.

Keeping in mind that the region shares many cultural and architectural traditions and that there is a long history of exchange and mutual influence,

We, the participants, representing 10 countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and many relevant areas of expertise in conservation, research and management, after many site visits, discussions and presentations, have resolved to jointly work towards the improvement of protection, conservation and management of ARCHITECTURE OF TIMURID, SAFAVID AND MUGHAL PERIODS. We therefore endeavour to:

1. Create a PLATFORM OF EXCHANGE based on a bilingual website (in Russian and English), including a documentation centre, a database of expertise, a forum for discussion, and other elements useful for the exchange between experts, site managers and practitioners;
2. Create a FORUM OF EXPERTS bringing together professionals, experts, site managers, practitioners, and other specialists to support, in technical, logistical and other ways the work of this platform; and
3. Create a SECRETARIAT to host the platform and develop the tools and processes required for the platform to serve the purposes described in this recommendation.

IICAS, the International Institute for Central Asian Studies, (a UNESCO institute of category 2) based in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, has generously offered to host the Secretariat and Webpage initiated through this recommendation.

ASI, the Archaeological Survey of India, ICOMOS Kazakhstan and Iran shall, in the remit of their mandates and possibilities, support this initiative and will develop a memorandum of agreement with IICAS to this end.

UNESCO, who initiated the itinerant workshop, will, in the remit of its mandate and possibilities, endeavour to support this initiative through the World Heritage Centre, the regional, cluster and country offices.

The State Parties to the WH Convention present shall endeavour to support this important initiative.