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**International Meeting  
World Heritage  
of Portuguese Origin**

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## WORLD HERITAGE PORTUGUESE ORIGIN

In order to comply with what is recommended by UNESCO's Global Strategy for a Balanced, Representative and Credible World Heritage List, Portugal organized in 2006 the 1st International Meeting on World Heritage of Portuguese Historical Origin with 18 countries from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

The main conclusion of this first meeting, approved by all participants, regarded the importance of the establishment of a Cooperation NETWORK between specialists from countries with Heritage of Portuguese Historical Origin whose goals are:

- a) Promote cooperation between countries with cultural heritage (tangible and intangible) of Portuguese influence so that the tools and knowledge that facilitate the access to UNESCO's World Heritage and their management tools are available to all, such as provided by the UNESCO's Global Strategy documents.
- b) Promote the empowerment of the countries involved for the integrated and sustainable management of its Heritage already inscribed at the UNESCO list;
- c) Promote the empowerment of the countries involved in the preparation of their Tentative Lists and their subsequent management as a tool for planning the World Heritage List, helping to correct the current imbalances;
- d) Ensure that all the institutions which will integrate the NETWORK can access the existing or future scientific, technical and historical information about their cultural Heritage;
- e) Organize technical and scientific advanced training, for technical staff from the countries that constitute the NETWORK, about World Heritage management, conservation and restoration;
- f) Promote discussion fora and several types of information on the issues that constitute the NETWORK's subject;
- g) Provide updated information on funding for specific projects in line with the Goals described above.

Thus, the main goal of the 2nd WHPO International Meeting is to fulfill the approved Conclusions and formally create the WHPO NETWORK of cooperation and empowerment, not only to reach the goals proposed by the UNESCO's Global Strategy for a Balanced, Representative and Credible World Heritage List but also to achieve a better Management and Conservation for the Heritage of the involved countries.

The Meeting's Programme includes several thematic Workshops oriented by Research Centres and Universities and Lectures from internationally renowned professionals in the Heritage and Cultural domains. Alongside, the Meeting will also host the preparatory work sessions for the WHPO NETWORK official establishment whose presentation and formalization is scheduled for the Closing Session.

