Experts reflection meeting
on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties

13-15 April 2011

Dakar, Senegal

DRAFT TIMETABLE
**TUESDAY 12 APRIL**

Arrival of the participants

**WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL**

**09.00 – 10.30**

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

09.00 Welcome address by a Representative of the State Party of Senegal

09.10 Address by a Representative of the State Party of Australia

09.20 Address by Mr. Kishore Rao, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

**GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF THE MEETING**

09.40 Presentation of the background documentation available by Mr. Lazare Eloundou-Assomo (Chief, WHC/AFR Unit)

09.50 Presentation on the current conservation trends, with a special focus on the main results of the Africa Periodic Report, jointly presented by Mr. Lazare Eloundou-Assomo (Chief, WHC/AFR Unit) and Mr. Richard Veillon (WHC/POL)

10.05 Introduction round by the participants

10.10 – 10.30 Coffee break

**10.30 – 13.00**

**THEME 1 – “Monitoring tools and processes”**

Chairperson 1: (Kishore Rao)

Rapporteur 1: (to be identified)

- Current monitoring and reporting procedures (requirements, deadlines, drafting, mission reports, States Parties State of conservation reports, …): need for improvement? why? how?
- "Desired state of conservation for the removal of properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger": definition? purpose? drafting?
- Linkages between the different monitoring tools (Reactive, Reinforced, Periodic Report, List in Danger): are they clear enough? why? what to do?
- Role and limits of the *World Heritage Convention* in conservation?

10.30 – 10.45 Presentation on the *Current statutory monitoring processes (including the List of World Heritage in Danger, RMM, …)* presented by Mr. Guy Debonnet (Chief, WHC/SPU)

10.45 – 13.00: Debate
13.00 – 15.00
LUNCH BREAK

15.00 – 18.30
Including coffee break

THEME 2 – “Management” issues
Chairperson 2: (Greg Terrill)
Rapporteur 2: (to be identified)
- Assessing Management effectiveness: why? how?
- Management and/or Planning tools: how to develop new ones or improve existing ones?
- What are the required basic standards and guidelines for the preparation of Management Plans
- Legislation, financing and governance issues: their impact? how to address them?

15.00 – 15.20 Presentation on the World Heritage properties of Senegal and their conservation issues, presented by Mr. Hamadi Bocoum (Cultural Heritage Director, Senegal)
15.20 - 15.30: Thematic presentation on Management of World Heritage properties in Civil unrest and armed conflicts context – example of Natural properties (DRC properties – tbc)
15.30 – 15.45: Thematic presentation on Management effectiveness assessments (by ICOMOS and IUCN)
15.45 – 15.55: Thematic presentation on a good Management practice – example of a Natural property (Bwindi Forests – tbc)
15.55 – 18.30: Debate

18.30 – 19.00
Drafting Group on Recommendations with Chairpersons and Rapporteurs 1 and 2

19.30: Reception and cultural event hosted by the State Party of Senegal at IFAN; Opening of an exhibition on World Heritage properties of Senegal
THURSDAY 14 APRIL

09.00 – 13.00
Including coffee break

THEME 3 – “Development and other human activities” issues
Chairperson 3: (to be identified)
Rapporteur 3: (to be identified)
- Main issues encountered to mitigate the threats? why? how to improve it?
- Best way to provide leadership to wider efforts to address threats
- What are the most needed/efficient policy approaches to common threats?

09.00 – 09.10: Thematic presentation on Natural resources extraction – example of a Natural property (Selous – tbc)
09.10 - 09.20: Thematic presentation on Development issues – example of a Cultural property (Timbuktu - tbc)
09.20 – 09.30: Thematic presentation on Challenges with the local communities – example of Cultural properties (Mijikenda Kaya Forests – tbc)
09.30 - 09.40 : Mining companies or Tourism operators: how do they see their interests intersecting with conservation aims? (tbc)
09.40 – 13.00: Debate

13.00 – 15.00
LUNCH BREAK

15.00 – 19.00
Including coffee break

THEME 4 – “Capacity Building and Experience sharing / Best Practices”
Chairperson 4: (to be identified)
Rapporteur 4: (to be identified)
- Awareness of the local communities on World Heritage: importance? how to improve it?
- Training of site-managers/local authorities on World Heritage issues: who needs training? on what? needs?
  how to make capacity building programmes more efficient?
- Experience sharing/Best practices: in which fields? how to identify them? how to best share them

15.00 – 15.10: Thematic presentation on the awareness of local communities on World Heritage (Cliff of Bandiagara - tbc)
15.10 – 15.20: Thematic presentation on building capacity in the field of heritage conservation (by ICCROM)
15.20 – 18.00: Debate

18.00 – 19.00:
(Drafting Group on Recommendations with Chairpersons and Rapporteurs 3 and 4)
In parallel (Plenary meeting Room): Presentation on the African World Heritage Fund activities (by AWHF)
FRIDAY 15 APRIL

09.00 – 13.00
09.00 – 10.30: Drafting Group on Recommendations with Secretariat and all Chairpersons and Rapporteurs

10.30 – 10.45:
Coffee break

10.45 – 13.00:
Adoption of the Recommendations of the Expert meeting for discussion during the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in June 2011

Chairperson: (to be confirmed)

- 10.45 – 10.55: Presentation by Rapporteur 1 on Theme 1
- 10.55 – 11.05: Presentation by Rapporteur 2 on Theme 2
- 11.05 – 11.15: Presentation by Rapporteur 3 on Theme 3
- 11.15 – 11.25: Presentation by Rapporteur 4 on Theme 4
- 11.25 – 13.00: Debate and adoption of the Report and the Recommendations according to following 3 objectives:
  - Information sharing on management approaches
  - Guidance to assist States Parties to mitigate threats
  - Policy approaches to common threats to properties

13.00: Closure of the meeting

13.00 – 15.00
LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon

Site-visit to the Island of Gorée