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## **Centre du patrimoine mondial World Heritage Centre**

### **Outcome Document of the CARICOM, SIDS, UNESCO World Heritage Meeting April 4-6, 2011 Christ Church, Barbados**

#### **Background to the meeting**

From 4 to 6 April 2011, over 30 participants from 8 Caribbean States (Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica), as well as representatives from the Pacific (Fiji) and the Indian Ocean (Mauritius), CARICOM, ICOMOS and the University of the West-Indies attended the Meeting on World Heritage and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Barbados, organised by the Government of Barbados and UNESCO's World Heritage Centre (WHC), in cooperation with UNESCO's Offices in Kingston and Havana, and with financial support of the World Heritage Fund, the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust and the Government of Andorra. The meeting was convened within the framework of the World Heritage SIDS programme which was adopted at the 29th session of the WH Committee in Durban (South Africa, July 2005), aiming at coordinating efforts to exchange information on and implement the 1994 Barbados Programme of Action and the 2005 Mauritius Strategy on the Sustainable Development of SIDS within the context of the 1972 *World Heritage Convention*. Since its adoption, several sub-regional activities have been developed, including the establishment of the Caribbean Capacity Building Programme, as well as national strategy workshops in the Caribbean and Pacific Ocean region.

The meeting was officially opened on 4 April by the Honourable Stephen Lashley, Minister of Family, Culture, Sports and Youth, who also chaired the meeting throughout the sessions until its closing on 6 April 2011.

The meeting aimed to discuss progress in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and the 2005 *Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of SIDS*, in particular the areas in

which the Caribbean Member States can make a contribution, and in what way they should do so. This meeting provided an opportunity to address several items of the EXB Decision 185/41 related to “UNESCO’s contribution to the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)”, in particular under its paragraph 11; to identify opportunities for interdisciplinary activities; to strengthen integration of cultural and natural heritage into national and regional sustainable development frameworks; and to discuss the revision of the Caribbean Action Plan in World Heritage (2004), and to consider how this integration could be reflected in a renewed commitment.

The programme included presentations of nominations on "Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison" and "Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park" which will be examined by the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in June 2011, and the African World Heritage Fund. Furthermore regional and thematic presentations were given followed by intensive discussion sessions. Please refer to attached programme for detailed presentations.

In regard to the Capacity Building for SIDS, the letter from the Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Malta to UNESCO was presented expressing the Ambassador’s interest in collaboration on their Category II Centre proposal called “WHISM – World Heritage Institute for Small Island States and Mediterranean Issues”.

The meeting adopted the following recommendations:

### **Recommendations**

1. In furtherance of the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy, review the Caribbean Action Plan for World Heritage 2004-2014 to assess what has been done and to identify priority actions for the next three years.
2. Recognising that 2011 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year of People of African Descent and the International Year of Youth, and to give priority to the Slave Route Project, consolidate UNESCO’s activities in this area, establish National Committees and work towards the achievement of the objectives of the project.
3. Further enhance the existing programmes and projects in capacity building for the safeguarding of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, underwater cultural heritage and cultural industries etc.

4. Affirming that, in relation to SIDS, there cannot be a separation of land and sea, natural and cultural heritage and tangible and intangible heritage, facilitate the use of inter-disciplinary and inter-sectoral strategies (including an ecosystems approach) that take into consideration the World Heritage Convention, other UNESCO conventions and programmes, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements and related conventions.
5. Ministers of Culture, Caribbean regional institutions and UNESCO advocate for the recognition of cultural heritage and cultural industries as critical components of sustainable development and the diversification of the economies of SIDS.
6. The inclusion of participants from Fiji and Mauritius underscored the importance of inter-regional meetings and sharing of experiences and best practices across regions. This should become a major strategy in future work in relation to World Heritage and SIDS.
7. Improve communication for the exchange of experiences, best practices and information, both intra- and inter- regionally, through the use of social media platforms, websites, video conferencing, teleconferencing and additional ICT mechanisms among others.
8. Further empower and institutionally strengthen National Commissions and national committees and foster broader participation for effective implementation at the country level
9. Ensure that member states have adequate representation at both the General Conference and the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention
10. Establish a Caribbean World Heritage Fund for the sustainable management of heritage resources, drawing from the lessons of the African World Heritage Fund and the Jamaica Protected Areas Fund.

Adopted in Barbados on 6 April 2011

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*Annex 1: Programme of the meeting*

*Annex 2: List of Participants*

**CARIBBEAN SUB REGIONAL MEETING  
BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS 4 – 6 APRIL 2011**

**DAY 1. (Mon) 4 April**

**CARICOM Meeting**

09:00 -09:30	Registration of participants
09:30-09:45	Welcome: by the Honourable Stephen Lashley, Minister of Family, Culture, Sports and Youth
09:30-09:35	Opening Remarks – <i>Dr Hilary Brown, Programme Manager for Culture and Community Development, Secretariat (CARICOM)</i>
09:45-10:00	Opening Remarks – <i>Mr Kwame Boafo, Director, UNESCO Kingston</i>
10:00-10:30	SIDS Overview - <i>Mr Ron Van Oers, Coordinator, World Heritage SIDS Programme, UNESCO/WHC</i>
10:30-11:00	Presentation of the African World Heritage Fund
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-12:00	Brief Presentation of CARICOM nominations currently under consideration by World Heritage Committee –Jamaica and Barbados
12:00-13:00	CARICOM Meeting continued
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30-16:30	CARICOM CAUCUS
16:30-16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:45-18:00	Elaboration of conclusions - <i>Ms Alissandra Cummins</i>
19:30	Opening Ceremony of the International Meeting Remarks by the Honourable Stephen Lashley, Minister of Family, Culture, Sports and Youth
20:00	<i>Dinner</i>

## DAY 2. (Tue) 5 April

### Workshop on the Implementation of the SIDS Programme

#### <Setting the Scene + Regional and Thematic Focus>

- 09:00 -09:25      Setting the Scene: presentation & discussion of UNESCO's house-wide contribution to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy through its Intersectoral Platform for SIDS – *Mr Hans Thulstrup, UNESCO/CSI*
- 09:25 - 09:50      Q & A
- 09:50 - 10:10      Reflection on Mauritius Strategy by *Mr. Ram Prakash Nowbuth, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Arts and Culture (Mauritius)*, with a view to the establishment of a Sustainable Development Programme for the island of Mauritius
- 10:10 - 10:30      Q & A
- 10:30 - 11:00      Coffee break*
- 11:00-11:25      **Regional Focus:** presentation & discussion of Pacific initiatives related to Culture & Heritage, such as the Pacific Kit in Young Hands, Intangible Heritage preservation, and others – *Ms Suzie Yee Show, Secretary General, ICOMOS Pacifica*
- 11:25 - 12:00      Q & A + Discussion
- 12:00 - 12:25      **Regional Focus:** presentation & discussion on the Slave Route Sites of the Caribbean, in particular the research done by the University of the West-Indies in Barbados – *Dr. Tara Inniss, Department of History and Philosophy, University of the West Indies*
- 12:25-13:00      Q & A + Discussion
- 13:00-14:30      Lunch*
- 14:30-14: 55      **Thematic Focus:** presentation & discussion of the World Heritage Marine Programme, in particular the development of regional frameworks for protection and cooperation – *Ms Fanny Douvere, Coordinator, World Heritage Marine Programme, UNESCO/WHC*
- 14:55-15:20      Q & A + Discussion

- 15:20-15:45      **Thematic Focus:** presentations & discussion of training and capacity building measures: The implementation of the Caribbean Capacity Building Programme – *Mr Herman Van Hoof Director, UNESCO Havana Office*
- 15:45 -16:10      Q & A + Discussion
- 16:10- 18:00      Discussion on SIDS Outcome Document
- 18:00-18:10      Presenting the structure of the workshop for the next day
- 20:00              *Dinner*

### **DAY 3. (Wed) 6 April**

- 09:00- 09:15      Recall of presentations section, with short overview of discussions on SIDS Outcome Document – *by Rapporteur*
- 09:15-11:30      Continued discussion on SIDS Outcome Document
- 11:30-11:45      *Coffee break*
- 11:45-12:45      Endorsement of Agreed Outcome Document on SIDS by all participants
- 12:45-13:00      Summery and closing of the meeting
- 13:00-14:00      *Lunch*
- 14:00-16:00      Tour to the Nominated site
- 20:00              *Dinner*

### **DAY 4. (Thu) 7 April**

Departure of participants

**CARICOM, SIDS and UNESCO World Heritage meeting, Barbados**  
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