



Caribbean Training Course in the Preparation of Nomination Dossiers for World Heritage 2012-2013
Capacity Building to Support the Conservation of World Heritage Sites and Enhance Sustainable Development of Local Communities in Small Island Developing States

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Recalling the spirit and the objectives of the 1972 World Heritage Convention,

Recalling the recommendations and decisions made at subsequent World Heritage Committee Sessions and regional meetings undertaken through the Global Strategy the related activities developed in the Caribbean,

Considering the commitment of and increasing amount of regional Governments to prepare and nominate sites with outstanding cultural and natural heritage values for inscription on the World Heritage List,

We, the participants* of the UNESCO Caribbean Training Course in the Preparation of Nomination Dossiers for World Heritage held in Kingston, Jamaica from 5-15 June 2012, with the support of the World Heritage Centre's Japan Funds-in-Trust project on "Capacity Building to Support the Conservation of World Heritage Sites and Enhance Sustainable Development of Local Communities in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)", and in line with the Caribbean Capacity Building Programme (CCBP), in respect of the follow-up training course being proposed for 2013, and of further steps aimed to strengthen the application of the World Heritage Convention in our Region, hereby,

Encourage UNESCO to:-

- Continue liaising with the State Parties, entities, and national offices in charge of cultural and natural heritage, the respective UNESCO National Commissions and the World Heritage Center as well as coordinating between the UNESCO Kingston and Havana Offices, in an effort to strengthen communication on heritage management, and endeavour to increase the heritage coeducation and outreach within the CCBP and other frameworks;
- Facilitate the planning and implementation of the follow-up training course;
- Involve representatives of IUCN and ICOMOS and other key relevant agencies in the follow-up training course;
- Circulate, for suggestions, a draft agenda for the follow-up training course, and ensure the inclusion of practical exercises, which respond to the State Parties' will, preferably regarding those sites included on their Tentative Lists;
- Follow-up systematically with the participants to ensure that the necessary steps are being taken to advance the various nomination dossiers;
- Facilitate communication among the participants and between the participants and UNESCO, with the assistance of the National Commissions;
- Recommend the inclusion of World Heritage matters and the action plan arising out

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of this training course at the upcoming meeting of the Regional Ministers of Culture, proposed for Suriname, from 6-7 September 2012; and

- Consider the preferred continuity of participation by attendees from this UNESCO Training Course held from 5-15 June 2012 when identifying potential participants for the follow-up training course.

Encourage State Parties to:-

- Continue prioritizing World Heritage Matters on national agendas;
- Continue promoting conserving and preserving of the cultural and natural heritage on their territories;
- Take the actions necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention in the Caribbean, refining, updating and/or elaborating Tentative Lists, facilitating the preparation of nomination dossiers, emphasizing risk preparedness, and involving local communities in heritage management;
- Support the preferred continuity of participation by attendees from this UNESCO Training Course held from 5-15 June 2012 in the follow-up training course;
- Commit to the heritage management process as reflected in the 1972 World Heritage Convention and in the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the Convention;
- Stimulate Antigua and Barbuda to advance the nomination of Nelson's Dockyard and submit same before February 2013;
- Stimulate Suriname to advance the nomination of Jodensavanne and Cassipora Cemetery and to submit same before February 2013;
- Stimulate Jamaica to advance the re-nomination of the Blue and John Crow Mountains and to re-submit same before February 2013;
- Prioritize inclusion of World Heritage matters at the upcoming meeting of the Regional Ministers of Culture, proposed for Suriname, from 6-7 September 2012; and
- Explore the possibility of serial and transboundary nominations between and among State Parties.

Encourage the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the only Caribbean State Party who has not yet signed, to ratify the 1972 World Heritage Convention;

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Encourage participants to:-

- Advise relevant national Agencies of the outcome of the training course;
- Increase public awareness and education on World Heritage matters and UNESCO Cultural Conventions;
- Continue preparing State Party-approved nomination dossiers;
- Submit recommendations to the State Parties for the inclusion of appropriate sites on tentative lists;
- Keep the lines of communication between and among themselves open so as to build a regional network of experts; and
- Continue to discuss, study and advance possible serial and/or transboundary nominations between and among State Parties.

***List of Participants (countries represented):**

1. Reginald Murphy (Antigua & Barbuda)
2. Tara Inniss (Barbados)
3. George E. Thompson (Belize)
4. Margaret (Peggy) Leshikar-Denton (The Cayman Islands)
5. Miriam Jonker (Curacao)
6. Raymond Lawrence (Dominica)
7. Nyasha Moore (Grenada)
8. Nirvana Sabrina Persaud (Guyana)
9. Debra Kay Palmer, (Jamaica)
10. Jasinth Williams-Simpson (Jamaica)
11. Stacy-Ann Robinson (Jamaica)
12. Vivienne T. Pitter (Jamaica)
13. Laura Jones (Jamaica)
14. Cameron Gill (St. Kitts and Nevis)
15. Ian Constantine (St. Lucia)
16. Neville York (St. Maartin).
17. Osei Morris (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
18. Harrold Sijlbing (Suriname)
19. Michael Pateman (The Bahamas)
20. Kris Rampersad (Trinidad & Tobago);

Agreed on 15 June 2012, Kingston, Jamaica W. I.