

International World Heritage Expert Meeting on the mainstreaming of the methodological approach related to the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in the *Operational Guidelines*

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 3 to 5 September 2013

Provisional programme/agenda

Tuesday 3 September

09:00 – 09:15 Opening of the meeting

Welcome address by Ms. Jurema de Sousa Machado, President of IPHAN (or her representative) and Mr. Kishore Rao, Director of the World Heritage Centre

09:15 – 09:30 Introduction of the participants

09:30 – 10:00 Item 1 – Background and objectives of the meeting (WHC) – Reference to the decision of the World Heritage Committee (36 COM 13.II), the role of the *Operational Guidelines* in the implementation of the Convention and the process towards their revision

10:00 – 11:30 Item 2 – Fundamentals on the Historic Urban Landscape

Presentations:

- UNESCO
- Brazil: Challenges on Managing the Urban Landscape of Rio de Janeiro (by the Representative of the Managing Committee)
- Representatives of the Regional Groups

Discussion

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:00 Item 3 – The Historic Urban Landscape: concept and approach

- UNESCO: The Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape: background, concept, objectives, challenges to its application and link to the World Heritage Convention (including the potential mainstreaming of its methodological approach in the *Operational Guidelines*)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Item 3 (Cont'd)

- Brazil: Approach from Rio de Janeiro's experience

- Contributions from representatives of the Regional Groups

Discussion

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30 Item 4 – Current trends of the World Heritage Convention in terms of conservation of urban ensembles inscribed on the World Heritage List (notably the main issues of “visual integrity” and “visual impact”) – Key point: the ineluctable development of the urban ensembles with an increasing number of projects implemented or foreseen in WH properties’ buffer zones or outside the latter (examples having generated debates at recent sessions of the World Heritage Committee)

Inputs from the representatives of the Regional Groups through case studies (1 from each of the 6 regions)

17:30 – 18:00 Day 1 closing discussion

18:00 - 19:00 Optional: visit to the Mar – Museu de Arte do Rio (in confirmation)

Wednesday 4 September

09:00 – 13:00 Visit to the Guanabara Bay.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 15:30 Item 5 – Presentation of proposals to adapt the *Operational Guidelines*

15:30 – 16:00 Item 6 – Division into groups and debates about the proposals to adapt the *Operational Guidelines*

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Item 6 (Cont’d)

18:00 – 18:30 Day 2 closing discussion

Free evening

Thursday 5 September

09:00 – 11:15 Item 7 – Presentation of the results of the discussions about the proposals to adapt the *Operational Guidelines*

Discussions

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Item 7 (Cont’d)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Item 8 – Elaboration of the meeting document

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Item 9 – Presentation of the meeting document

18:00 – 18:30 Closure of the meeting