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Response from the State Party to the World Heritage Committee's decision - WHC-13/37.COM/7B.Add, paragraph by paragraph

5. Requests that the State Party urgently carry out a full Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) which focuses on potential impacts on the OUV of the property following ICOMOS Guidance, covering not merely the first three berths of the Lamu Port, but for the full scope of the project; the HIA should focus not only on the possible impacts on the built heritage and natural environment of the property, but also on the social, cultural, and religious impacts to the property and its surrounding landscape and setting;

The National Museums of Kenya through technical and financial support from UNESCO and the Netherlands Funds-In-Trust commenced an HIA exercise of the LAPSSSET project which is expected to be completed by March 2014. A team of international experts led by Prof Karrel Baker (South Africa) has already made a site visit and held stakeholder meetings both with the local communities in Lamu and the national authorities in Nairobi with a view of collecting the relevant information that will inform the assessment exercise. The other members of the HIA experts team include Dr Ishanlosen Odiaua (Nigeria) and Prof George Abungu (Kenya) who is the local expert .Karalyn Monteil from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre Africa desk also attended the field trips and stakeholder discussions .so far the HIA experts have met representatives of a host of Kenya government agencies concerned with the Lapsset project .The experts also had an opportunity to meet and engage community groups and representatives of the local communities around the Lamu archipelago.

Another consultative meeting between the HIA experts and several Kenya government agencies that are lead actors in the Lapsset project has been scheduled for mid February on the request of the Kenyan government.

The HIA experts are expected to present their findings to the stakeholders in Lamu in March 2014 upon which the NMK will also have an opportunity to make decisions on the actions to be taken as recommended by the report.

6. Also requests the State Party to halt all work on the LAPSSET corridor and the new Lamu Port and Metropolis Development Project until the HIA has been carried out and its results discussed by the World Heritage Committee;

It is hoped that the consultations held between the HIA experts and the national government agencies will affect the position taken earlier by the Lapsset implementing authorities and that any further work will be delayed awaiting results of the HIA report. Further the New Kenyan Cabinet Secretary for Culture and the arts Dr Hassan Arero Wario is the immediate former Director of Sites and Monuments at the National Museums of Kenya, it is significant to note that the heritage concerns of the Lamu World Heritage Site will be best represented at the highest levels of decision making in Kenya by a person who has been overall in charge of the site.

Meanwhile Save Lamu an umbrella organization bringing together several local Community Based Organizations operating in Lamu County filed a petition in high court of Kenya to have the project halted until all impending issues are resolved. The High Court has since directed that the case on the Lamu Port filed by Save Lamu and other Civil Society groups to be placed urgently before the Chief Justice for the selection of a three-judge bench.

7. Further requests the State Party that a chapter on management issues, specifically related to the LAPSSET corridor and the new Lamu Port and Metropolis Development Project, be written and integrated into the management plan;

The NMK - Lamu World Heritage Site and Conservation with support from WWF Lamu and the Kenya world life services Lamu is in the final stages of incorporating the lapsset chapter which will be submitted once a consensus on the actions is finalized in consultation with the new Lamu county government

8. Reiterates its requests from its 34th (Brasilia, 2010), 35th (UNESCO, 2011) and 36th (Saint-Petersburg, 2012) sessions that the State Party furnish maps clearly showing the boundaries of the property and its buffer zone;

The National Museums of Kenya has already submitted the proposed extensions of the buffer zones to the county government and awaits approval of the boundaries by the relevant county government committee alongside other key actions factored into the new integrated county development plan. The boundaries decision was delayed after the county government experienced some problems delaying its constitution and subsequently a delay in rolling out her agenda and work programmes.

The maps indicating the sites boundaries and the approved extensions to the buffer zones will be published by mid February 2014

HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

Safeguarding Heritage Resources within the Lamu Archipelago and Mainland Coastal Areas

INTRODUCTION

UNESCO with financial support from the Netherlands Funds-In-Trust is collaborating with The National Museums of Kenya to undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment Study (HIA) for the Lamu World Heritage Site in light of the scheduled Lamu port and associated infrastructure development. The planned HIA study will be conducted within the Lamu archipelago and more specifically the Lamu World Heritage Site and its environs to identify potential threats posed by the envisaged mega port developments to the world heritage sites OUV. Data collection is to be participatory for purposes of effectively engaging the wider stakeholders not only the directly affected segments of the indigenous communities but also the different government and non- government actors and the business community. Since much focus will be on identification of heritage resources that may be at risk especially those linked to the Lamu World Heritage Site, the living and abandoned ancient settlements along the Lamu coastline and islands, and the marine conservation area of kiunga, consultations will also be done with local, national and international bodies concerned with the preservation of natural and cultural heritage.

OBJECTIVE

The broad objectives of the heritage impact assessment are as follows:

- identify the known and unknown sites or remains of archaeological, historical and cultural interest within the subject area;
- provide baseline information for these sites or remains;
- identify the adverse impacts resulting from the proposed Project to these sites or remains of archaeological, historical cultural and natural interest; and

- Recommend measures to mitigate these direct or indirect impacts caused by the Project construction.

ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted for the cultural heritage assessment shall strive to efficiently assess the potential of the different cultural landscape units within the precincts of the proposed mega port area and the surrounding traditional settlements of Pate, Manda ,Kiwayuu and Lamu islands and the historic sites along Lamu’s mainland coastline . The assessment will focus on all the cultural and natural heritage attributes such as historic buildings, traditional settlements, archeological sites, clan graves or cultural landscapes found within this area and emphasis will be on the natural pristine environment that is the setting for this heritage assets.

The assessment methodology will be divided into distinctive components, as follows:

- (a) HIA Studies documentation and research
- (b) Consultation meetings with local communities and Stakeholders in Nairobi and in Lamu, and its environs.
- (c) Final Report Writing.

The first and third components of the study shall be undertaken by the HIA experts (one national and 2 international).

The consultative meetings will be organized and coordinated by the Lamu World Heritage Site and Lamu Museum.

Consultation Meetings with Local Communities and Stakeholders in Lamu and Environs

Effective and participatory consultations with all the relevant stakeholders and actors within the Lamu archipelago is crucial to the HIA study. Lamu World Heritage Site and Conservation Office (Lamu Museums Sites) shall be appointed to:-

- Carry out a comprehensive mapping of stakeholders;
- Organize preliminary meetings to introduce the Project to and its objectives to stakeholders;
- Prepare a Programme for the Consultation meetings;

- Organise the consultative meetings.

Objective of Consultative Forums

The HIA process is designed to be balanced, open and inclusive. Consultations are an essential component of the process by ensuring that all decisions take into account, and are responsive to, the interests of all potentially affected parties. This includes the public, local governments, county and national agencies and, where warranted, Lamu neighboring jurisdictions. These forums will provide the HIA experts with the opportunity to collect all the diverse concerns regarding Lamus' heritage in light of the Lamu Port-LAPPSET corridor development programme.

The process will be spearheaded by Lamu World Heritage Site and Conservation Office (LWHCO) which is best placed in understanding all the different actors and their specific roles in the management of heritage resources within the precincts of the Lamu world heritage site and the Lamu archipelago. Lamu World Heritage Site Secretariat continuously engages with different stakeholders for implementation of the management plan to improve the management of the Site.

Activities

Stakeholder Mapping

In order to capture the concerns from all the different stakeholders LWHCO will update the list of stakeholders by conducting a stakeholder mapping exercise of all the different interest groups within the site and her environs. LWHCO will in addition to updating the list of stakeholders make inquiries with Lamu Port Steering Committee and other umbrella groups to identify all the relevant stakeholders. LWHCO will also travel to the different locations to ascertain the stakeholders and draw up a stakeholder profile for each interest group.

Preliminary Meetings

LWHCO will organize five meetings for stakeholders to introduce the HIA project prior to arrival of the appointed HIA experts. The three meetings will be designed to group together common interests groups (stakeholders with similar backgrounds and concerns as will

have been highlighted by the stakeholder mapping results) the preliminary meetings will ensure that all the stakeholders are well informed off the studies intentions, its scope and anticipated findings and recommendations. This information will better prepare all the stakeholders for tier effective participation in the study.

Stakeholder Forums

A total of six stakeholder forums will be organized by LWHCO for the HIA experts to collect information from the different stakeholders. This will ensure that each stakeholder grouping is provided with an appropriate platform on which to express themselves and that the concerns of the different stakeholders are well captured.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	Stakeholder Mapping	Preliminary Meetings	Stakeholder Meetings
PLACE	Lamu Island and environs	Lamu Town ,Shella/Manda ,Matondoni/Kipungani ,Pate island	Lamu ,
DURATION	7 days 1 st -8 th December 2013	6 days 11 th -16 th December 2013	7 days Option A Nairobi: 16-17 th Dec. Lamu: 18-22 nd Dec. Lamu: March 2014 Option B Nairobi: 6-7 th January Lamu:8-12 th January Lamu: March 2013
DETAILS	Identify and update data on stakeholder groups (state and non-state actors) within the Lamu archipelago and Lamu coastal settlements and create groups and develop a stakeholder map	Preliminary Meetings to introduce the HIA study to a broader section of the stakeholders within target area. Meetings to be held in Shella/Manda,2 meetings Lamu town, 1 meeting pate town	Stakeholder consultations by experts to be conducted. Three meetings will be dedicated to gathering information from the stakeholder concerns and 2 days for visits, in March for presentation of results

PROPOSED PROGRAMME

MAPPING OF STAKEHOLDERS	DATE	DETAILS
Lamu Town (Mkomani , Langoni ,Gardeni, Wiyoni, Kashmir and Kandahar)	1-8 th December	Identifying and Meeting different groups' active within all the Lamu neighborhoods and updating existing list of stakeholders.
Shella /Manda		Shella and Manda villages
Matondoni /Kipungani		Matondoni and Kipungani villages
Mokowe		Mokowe, and Kililana settlements
Pate Island		Pate, Faza, Kizingitini, Siyu, Shanga, Mbajumwali
Lamu fort		Consolidate all collected information, write up of stakeholder profiles, forming common interest/ representative groups, map development
PRELIMINARY STAKEHOLDER FORUMS	DATE	DETAILS
Lamu fort	11-16 th December	Identification of umbrella/representative/common interest groups, relevant state and non-state actors , preparation of venue and sending of invitations
Lamu fort		Meeting with Lamu County Executive Committee, Lamu county development committee ,county leadership and other state agencies to introduce the HIA study
Lau Fort		Meeting different community groups, local leadership and state and non-state actors to introduce the HIA study
Shella Social Hall		Representatives from the Swahili settlements of Kizingitini, Faza, Siyu, Shanga ,Mbwajumwali,Nyabogi and Mtangawanda
Matondoni /Kipungani social hall		
Pate town social hall		
Lamu fort		
		Compilation of meeting reports and final report writing
CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS with Experts	DATE	DETAILS
Option A	Nairobi: 16-17 th Dec.	Consultations with stakeholders in Nairobi
	Lamu: 18-22 nd Dec.	Consultations with Lamu stakeholders and Site Visits
	Lamu: March 2014	Presentation of Results
Option B	Nairobi: 6-7 Jan. 2014	Consultations with stakeholders in Nairobi
	Lamu: 8-12 Jan.2014	Consultations with Lamu stakeholders and Site Visits
	Lamu: March 2014	Presentation of Results
PRELIMINARY MAPPING OF STAKEHOLDERS		Lamu County Executive Committee, Lamu County Development Committee ,County Leadership, tourism sector representatives, Save Lamu Organization ,Lamu Port Steering Committee
		Community representatives, clerics, cottage industry representatives, women and youth groups ,provincial administration,
		Fishermen organizations , boat operators, mangrove harvesters ,fisheries department ,WWF ,wild life services ,NMK
		3 feedback report meetings

