DRAFT PROGRAMME

WORLD HERITAGE YOUNG EXPERTS FORUM 2015
“Towards a Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites”
From 18 to 29 June 2015 in Koblenz and Bonn

As part of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee the German Commission for UNESCO – as cooperation partner of the Federal Foreign Office – and the State of Rhineland-Palatinate organize the Young Experts Forum 2015 – in cooperation with the NGO European Heritage Volunteers. The Forum is part of the World Heritage Education Programme of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and is financed by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany.

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE / AIRPORT – KOBLENZ
7:30 Morning and afternoon arrival of participants at Frankfurt International Airport and Cologne/Bonn Airport: Welcome at the dedicated UNESCO desk at the airport, Transfer and check-in at Hotel Mercure in Koblenz
12:00 Lunch and registration
19:00 Dinner

THURSDAY 18 JUNE / FORTRESS EHREN BREITSTEIN (KOBLENZ)
From 8:00 Breakfast
9:30 Departure to Fortress Ehrenbreitstein in Koblenz
10:00 Welcome of participants and General Briefing
12:00 Lunch at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
14:00 Opening Ceremony at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
Welcome addresses:
- Federal Foreign Office of Germany
- German Commission for UNESCO
- Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate
15:30 Coffee break
16:00 Presentation of the Objectives of the Young Experts Forum by the German Commission for UNESCO
17:30 Introductory Speech/Workshop: “Sustainability and World Heritage” by the German Secretariat of the UN-Decade “Education for Sustainable Development”
19:00 Festive Dinner at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
FRI DAY 19 JUNE / UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VAL LEY – FORTRESS E HRENBREITSTEIN

8:00  Breakfast
8:45  Departure by bus to Bacharach (Village at Rhine Shore, 45 min. from Koblenz)
10:15  Guided boat trip in Upper Middle Rhine Valley from Bacharach to Koblenz
13:30  Lunch break at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
14:30  Guided tour at State Museum of Rhineland-Palatinate at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
15:30  Coffee break
16:00  Presentation about Sustainable Management of the World Heritage Site by the site management Upper Middle Rhine Valley, RWTH Aachen, Ministry Rhineland-Palatinate (tbc)
18:00  Dinner at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
20:00  Cultural Programme at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein (voluntary)

S A TA R I T U R D A Y 20 JUNE / UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VAL LEY

7:30  Breakfast
8:15  Departure to field of hands-on work
9:00  Welcome and introduction to the venue of the hands-on-work (tbc)
10:00  Coffee break
10:30  Introduction to the “World Heritage Volunteer Programme” and to the procedure of the hands-on work by European Heritage Volunteers
12:00  Lunch break
13:30  Hands-on work I (in 3 groups), led by European Heritage Volunteers
17:45  Departure to Hotel Mercure in Koblenz
19:30  Dinner in local restaurant in Oberwesel

S UN D A Y 21 JUNE / UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VAL LEY

7:45  Breakfast
9:00  Hands-on work II
13:45  Lunch break at Hotel
15:30  Guiding tour at fortress Marksburg (25 Minutes from Hotel)
18:30  Dinner at Hotel Mercure
20:00  Participants’ Presentation I of an example of a sustainable management of one World Heritage Site in the participants’ countries

M ONDAY 22 JUNE / UPPER MIDDLE RHINE VAL LEY – K OBLENZ

7:45  Breakfast
9:00  Hands-on work III
13:30  Lunch break at Hotel
14:30  Participants’ Presentation II of an example of a sustainable management of one World Heritage Site in the participants’ countries
16:15  Coffee break
16:30 Preparation for Youth Model I – Presentation of aims, Rules of Procedure, Q&A, “dry run”
18:30 Baking of German Bread at a German Bakery (aspirant for the inscription in the German inventory of intangible cultural heritage)
20:00 Traditional German “Abendbrot” (Bread with traditional cold cuts)

TUESDAY 23 JUNE / FORTRESS EHRENBREITSTEIN – LIMES
7:45 Breakfast
8:30 Departure to Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
9:00 Participants’ Presentation III of an example of a sustainable management of one World Heritage Site in the participants’ countries
10:45 Coffee break
11:00 Workshop with “kulturweit”-Alumni (“kulturweit” is the voluntary service of the Federal Foreign Office and the German Commission for UNESCO) to the topic of Youth Involvement in World Heritage (peer to peer)
13:00 Lunch Break at Fortress Ehrenbreitstein
14:45 Field trip to the World Heritage Site “Frontiers of the Roman Empire” to the topic of communicating the values of the site and of youth involvement
19:00 Dinner at Hotel Mercure
20:00 Open Space

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE / BONN
7:30 Breakfast
8:00 Departure from Koblenz to Bonn
9:00 Check-in at Derag Livinghotel Kanzler
9:30 Free time for either relaxing or visiting the city center
11:30 Reception at Old Town Hall of Bonn by the Mayor
15:30 Visit of the Museum “Haus der Geschichte der Bundesrepublik Deutschland”. (The foundation presents German history from post-war times to the present day with an interactive approach.)
17:30 Discussion about World Natural Heritage with Barbara Engels, German focal point for World Heritage Nature, and Site-Management of the Wadden Sea at “House of Nature” in Bonn
19:30 Barbecue at “House of Nature”

THURSDAY 25 JUNE / BONN, DERAG LIVINGHOTEL – YOUTH MODEL
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Youth Model, Simulation of World Heritage Committee Session
13:00 Lunch at Derag Livinghotel Kanzler
14:00 Youth Model, Simulation of World Heritage Committee Session
20:00 Dinner at local restaurant and brewery “Bönnsch”
FRIDAY 26 JUNE / BONN, DERAG LIVINGHOTEL

8:00  Breakfast
9:00  Definition of 5 Working Groups in which the participants discuss and prepare different sections of the declaration
10:00  Coffee break
10:30  Drafting of the declaration I in Working Groups
12:30  Lunch at Derag Livinghotel Kanzler
13:30  Drafting of the declaration II in Working Groups
14:30  Presentation of the outcomes of the Working Groups
15:30  Coffee break
16:00  Preparation of the presentation of the declaration in Working Groups
18:30  Dinner at Derag Livinghotel Kanzler
20:30  Cultural Programme (voluntary)

SATURDAY 27 JUNE / BONN, DERAG LIVINGHOTEL – AACHEN

8:00  Breakfast
9:00  Presentation of the work that was done the day before
10:30  Coffee break
11:00  Adoption of the declaration
12:30  Lunch at Derag Livinghotel Kanzler
14:00  Departure to Aachen
15:45  Guided tour in Aachen Cathedral, 1st German World Heritage Site (1978)
17:15  Presentation of the cooperation project of the German Commission for UNESCO and the specialist for cleansing Kärcher about the topic of how to involve the whole society in the Preservation of WH, by Sina Wohlgemuth
18:15  Dinner in a local restaurant in Aachen
20:30  Departure to Bonn

SUNDAY 28 JUNE / BONN, DERAG LIVINGHOTEL – WCCB

8:00  Breakfast
9:00  Definition of a Follow-up
10:30  Evaluation of the Youth Forum
11:00  Coffee break
11:30  Official Closing Ceremony with awarding of the diploma at the Old Town Hall of Bonn
12:30  Lunch (restaurant to be determined)
13:30  Free time
17:00  Photo session with Prof. Maria Böhmer, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office and President of the 39th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, World Conference Centre Bonn (WCCB)
18:00  Opening Ceremony of the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee at WCCB
**MONDAY 29 JUNE / BONN**

7:30  Breakfast
9:00  Official participation of the young experts as delegates in their national delegations / or as observers if their countries have no delegation
19:00 Departure to Derag Livinghotel Kanzler
20:30 Farewell Dinner and Party at “Castle Drachenfels”

**TUESDAY 30 JUNE / BONN**

Either further participation in the delegations or individual departure