

Workshop on the application of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape

Muharraq, from 23 to 25 April 2013

Provisional programme/agenda

Tuesday 23 April

10:00 – 10:15 Opening of the workshop (official speeches)

10:15 – 10:30 Introduction session: background and objectives of the workshop

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break (this early break allows the officials to leave)

10:45 – 11:30 Urban planning policies in Bahrain and notably the Bahrain 2030 Plan (Bahrain)

11:30 – 12:15 General presentation of the history of Muharraq and its development since the beginning of the 20th century (Bahrain) – Ministry of Culture with focus on maps and ancient photos

12:00 – 12:45 Current trends in Muharraq in terms of development of the city (Bahrain)

12:45 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 15:15 Vision of the Ministry of Culture in terms of protection of Bahrain's urban heritage in general and Muharraq's heritage in particular – this should include an inventory of heritage areas and buildings in the city

15:15 – 16:00 Role of the Pearling project in the protection of the heritage of Muharraq – Ministry of Culture

17:00 – 20:00 Visit to Muharraq (part 1) – the visit shall include regular exchanges with the stakeholders

Wednesday 24 April

09:00 – 12:00 Visit to Muharraq (part 2) – the visit includes regular exchanges with the stakeholders

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:15 Vision of the Municipality of Muharraq for the city – (very important to expose the strategy and future development planning for housing, infrastructure and of course heritage conservation)

14:15 – 15:15 Introduction to the HUL Recommendation as well as its objectives and tools (Expert group)

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30 Discussion: Is Muharraq an Historic Urban Landscape? And if yes, how can the HUL Recommendation can be used as planning tool?

17:00 – 20:00 Visit to Muharraq (part 3) – the visit includes regular exchanges with the stakeholders

Thursday 25 April

09:00 – 10:30 Discussion on how to develop a holistic approach for the future development of the city of Muharraq (context, stakes, actors, etc.)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 Road map towards the development of development plan for the city which includes urban heritage conservation strategies

12:30 – 13:00 Recommendations and closure of the workshop

19:00 – 20:30 Conference at the auditorium of the Shaikh Ebrahim Centre for Culture and Research (Muharraq)

- Brief introduction to the HUL Recommendation (Expert Group)
- Presentation of the outcomes of the workshop (Expert Group and participants)
- Discussion