



Regional meeting on the application of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in the Arab States

Rabat, from 9 to 11 December 2013

Provisional programme and agenda

Sunday 8 Dec. Arrival of participants

Monday 9 December 09:00 – 18:15

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome of the participants

09:00 – 09:15 Opening of the meeting

09:15 – 09:30 UNESCO's action for the conservation of urban heritage in the framework of the United Nations response to the issue of urbanization – *Mr. Karim Hendili, World Heritage Centre (UNESCO)*

09:30 – 10:00 Background of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape: from the launching of the World Heritage Cities Programme to the adoption of the Recommendation in 2011 – *Dr. Ron Van Oers, Architect (WHITRAP)*

Discussion

10:00 – 10:20 Project of observatory for historic cities in the Arab world – *Dr. Hayet Guettat-Guermazi, Director of the Heritage Safeguarding Programme (ALECSO)*

Discussion

10:20 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:30 Examples of application of the historic urban landscape approach, particularly in Eastern Africa and Asia – *Dr. Ron Van Oers, Architect (WHITRAP)*

11:30 – 12:15 Relevance of the application of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in the Arab world – *Mr. Jad Tabet, Architect, Expert to UNESCO, Lebanon*

Discussion

12:15 – 13:00 First workshop on the application of the Recommendation concerning the Historic Urban Landscape in the Arab world, in Muharraq (Bahrain) – *Mr. Nezar Ebrahim Ahmadi, Ministry of Culture, Bahrain / Mr. Karim Hendili, World Heritage Centre (UNESCO)*

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 1st Case Study: City of Rabat (Morocco) – *Mr. Samir Kafas, Mr. Mohamed Kbiri Alaoui et Mr. Youssef Radi-Alaoui, Ministry of Culture, Kingdom of Morocco*

Discussion

(All case studies should tend to be structured around the following items: identification of urban heritage, tangible and intangible / state of conservation, protection and enhancement of this heritage / threats generated by the urban development on this heritage / difficulties and main challenges / institutional framework / role of local communities and of the civil society)

15:15 – 16:00 2nd case study: "Historic Cairo" – *Dr. Soheir Hawas, National Organization of Urban Harmony (NOUH), Egypt / Prof. Daniele Pini, Architect, Expert to UNESCO, Italy*

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30– 17:15 3rd case study: "Conservation of the historic city of Sana'a" – *Mr. Ghaleb Yaseen Hassan, Architect, General Organization for the Preservation of Historic Cities of Yemen (GOPHCY), Yemen*

Discussion

17:15 – 18:15 First day's conclusions

Tuesday 10 Dec. 09:15 – 19:30

09:15 – 10:15 4th case study: "The green areas of the city of Baghdad: reality and prospects" – *Mr. Mohammad Abderrahman Albadri, Architect, Iraq*

Discussion

10:15 – 11:00 5th case study: "Historic City of Suakin: vision for the future" – *Mr. Omran Ali Fath Arrahman, National Corporation for Antiquities and Museums (NCAM), Sudan*

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

- 11:30 – 12:15 6th case study, "Strategies for the protection of the historic city of Damascus" – *Ms. Mouna Alkhoul*, Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums (DGAM), Syria
- Discussion
- 12:15 – 13:00 Conclusions of the morning session
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:30 – 19:30 Visit of the city of Rabat – Functioning of the city from the perspective of the Recommendation concerning the Historic Urban Landscape – *Mr. Samir Kafas, Mr. Mohamed Kbiri Alaoui et Mr. Youssef Radi-Alaoui, Ministry of Culture, Kingdom of Morocco*

Wednesday 11 Dec. 09:15 – 13:30

- 09:15 – 11:00 Summary of the principle outcomes of the first two days
- Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Follow-up to the meeting and action plan for the conservation of urban ensembles and historic cities
- 13:00 – 13:30 Conclusions and closure of the meeting