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

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<td>First workshop on the application of the Recommendation concerning the Historic Urban Landscape in the Arab world, in Muharraq (Bahrain) – <em>Mr. Nezar Ebrahim Ahmadi, Ministry of Culture, Bahrain / Mr. Karim Hendili, World Heritage Centre (UNESCO)</em></td>
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<td>1³ Case Study: City of Rabat (Morocco) – <em>Mr. Samir Kafas, Mr. Mohamed Kbiri Alaoui et Mr. Youssef Radi-Alaoui, Ministry of Culture, Kingdom of Morocco</em></td>
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<td>(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)</td>
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<td>2³ case study: &quot;Historic Cairo&quot; – <em>Dr. Soheir Hawas, National Organization of Urban Harmony (NOUH), Egypt / Prof. Daniele Pini, Architect, Expert to UNESCO, Italy</em></td>
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<td>3³ case study: &quot;Conservation of the historic city of Sana'a&quot; – <em>Mr. Ghaleb Yaseen Hassan, Architect, General Organization for the Preservation of Historic Cities of Yemen (GOPHCY), Yemen</em></td>
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**Tuesday 10 Dec.** 09:15 – 19:30

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<td>5⁵ case study: &quot;Historic City of Suakin: vision for the future&quot; – <em>Mr. Omran Ali Fath Arrahman, National Corporation for Antiquities and Museums (NCAM), Sudan</em></td>
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<td>6th case study, &quot;Strategies for the protection of the historic city of Damascus&quot; – Ms. Mouna Alkhouli, Directorate General of Antiquities and Museums (DGAM), Syria</td>
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