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**Bonn, Germany
28 June – 8 July 2015**

GENERAL INFORMATION

This document provides important information concerning registration, compulsory visas, travel advice, recommended hotels, on site transfers and tourist information.

Further information on the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee is available at the following webpage:

www.39whcbonn2015.de

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Federal Republic of Germany is honoured to host the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2015, and is looking forward to welcoming all the delegates and participants in Bonn. In the light of the crucial importance of sustainability for our common future and also with respect to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, the organisers are seeking to make sustainability a hallmark of the entire event. Participants are therefore encouraged to consider and experience a sustainable approach to the organisation of the Committee session, not only regarding their own travel arrangements, but also the logistical set-up or service providers.

You are kindly invited to read the present document carefully. It contains useful information to ensure smooth travel and a pleasant stay in Germany.

2. PURPOSE

The **World Heritage Committee** comprises representatives from 21 States Parties to the *Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* elected by the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention.

The current composition of the Committee is as follows:

Algeria, Colombia, Croatia, Finland, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Serbia, Turkey, Viet Nam.

For further information, please see: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/committee/>

The essential functions of the Committee are:

- i. To identify, on the basis of nominations submitted by States Parties, cultural and natural properties of Outstanding Universal Value which are to be protected under the Convention, and to inscribe those properties on the World Heritage List;
- ii. To monitor the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, in liaison with States Parties; decide which properties included in the World Heritage List are to be inscribed on or removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger; decide whether a property may be deleted from the World Heritage List;
- iii. To examine requests for International Assistance financed by the World Heritage Fund.

The 39th session of the World Heritage Committee will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 28 June to 8 July 2015.

3. SESSION ORGANISERS

The 39th session is being organised by UNESCO and the Federal Republic of Germany, namely the Federal Foreign Office in cooperation with the German Commission for UNESCO. The agency "lab concepts" supports the operational process of the organisation.

The session will be held in Bonn at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), the former seat of the German Federal Parliament, the *Bundestag*.

For general logistical and organisational information queries regarding the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee, please contact the session organisers at the following email address: info@39whcbonn2015.de

3.1 Contact Details of the Organisers

For specific requests to the organisers, please find below a list of relevant contacts:

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3.2 Service Contacts

Hotel Bookings and Public Transport

Since hotels rooms in Bonn are very limited, a selection of hotel rooms for the period from 27 June to 9 July 2015 has been reserved. This selection is guaranteed with negotiated and fixed rates. The organisers therefore recommend to benefit from this selection and to book accommodation as soon as possible via the following link:

www.bonn-region.de/events/unesco-2015.html

Please note that all bookings through Tourismus & Congress Bonn GmbH include a free travel card for public transport in Bonn and the region valid for the period of your hotel booking. The majority of hotel rooms and indicated rates are guaranteed until four weeks before the opening of the Committee session. For the exact deadlines please see Annex I.

For any questions concerning hotel bookings please contact:

Ms Annette Isengard

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Side Events and Exhibitions, including Catering Requests

Please inform the organisers by 1 April 2015 at the latest, should you plan to organise a side event or an exhibition, indicating the required venue as well as catering and technical needs.

Contact: side.events@39whcbonn2015.de

Tours and Excursions

Guided visits to Bonn as well as fee-based day trips and post-Committee tours are being organised in cooperation with professional tour operators. Detailed information is provided on the webpage of the 39th Committee session: www.39whcbonn2015.de/the-39th-session/programme/

Media

Registration is mandatory for all media representatives. Please refer to chapter 11 of this document and to the media section of the webpage for instructions: www.39whcbonn2015.de/media.

For any further questions, kindly contact: media@39whcbonn2015.de

4. PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION

4.1. Participants

The main participants of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee are the **21 members of the Committee**.

The **States Parties** to the Convention, which are not members of the Committee, may attend the sessions of the Committee and its Bureau as observers.

Non States Parties to the Convention who are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations may also be permitted by the Committee, upon written request, to attend the sessions of the Committee and its Bureau as observers.

Representatives of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will attend the sessions of the Committee in an advisory capacity.

The United Nations and organisations of the United Nations system, upon written request, and at least 15 days prior to the date of the session of the Committee, as well as other international governmental and non-governmental organisations, permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non-profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the Convention, according to criteria defined by the World Heritage Committee, may be authorized by the Committee to participate in the sessions of the Committee as observers.

4.2. Registration

Please note that all requests to participate in the 39th session of the Committee **must be submitted online** at the following address www.39whcbonn2015.de. Online registration will be open following the dispatch of the official invitation letters by the World Heritage Centre.

All delegates and those who wish to attend the 39th session as observers are kindly requested to register as soon as possible and preferably **before 15 June 2015**. This will allow the session organisers sufficient time to process the information, and make the necessary arrangements.

To register, please use the **registration code** provided in the invitation letter addressed to the Permanent Delegation, National Commission or organisation to which you belong.

If you have not received the registration code, please contact the Permanent Delegation or the National Commission that you represent. Contacts are available online at the following address: www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/worldwide.

Once you have registered online and your accreditation has been granted, you will receive an email confirming your registration.

Should you require any assistance or encounter any problems with the online registration, please contact:

Ms Maria Hoffmann
Tel.: +49 (0) 30 259 227 58

Email: registration@39whcbonn2015.de

5. PROTOCOL

The host country is in charge of all matters relating to protocol and the reception of VIPs. For more information, please send an email to the following address: protocol@39whcbonn2015.de.

6. ACCOMMODATION

Since hotels rooms in Bonn are very limited, a selection of hotel rooms for the period from 27 June to 9 July 2015 has been reserved. This selection is guaranteed with negotiated and fixed rates and includes a free travel card for public transport. The organisers therefore recommend to benefit from this selection and to book accommodation as soon as possible via the following link:

www.bonn-region.de/events/unesco-2015.html

The webpage provides comprehensive information on allocated hotel rooms in Bonn and all matters related to accommodation. Please note that only bookings through Tourismus & Congress Bonn GmbH include a free travel card for public transport in Bonn and the region during the period from 27 June to 9 July 2015.

The majority of hotel rooms and indicated rates are guaranteed until four weeks before the opening of the Committee session. For the exact deadlines please see Annex I.

Please find the complete list of hotels in **Annex I**.

Kindly note that in general hotels request a credit card in order to confirm a reservation.

The Maritim Hotel Bonn has been selected as the main conference hotel. Priority will be given to bookings made by representatives of Committee Member Delegations.

The World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB) is well served by public transport and easily accessible from most of the selected hotels, as indicated for each hotel.

A shuttle bus service will be provided in the morning and in the evening for those hotels hosting the highest numbers of participants (see table in Annex 1).

Participants of the 39th session are responsible for all expenses incurred during their stay.

For any questions concerning your hotel booking, please contact:

Ms Annette Isengard

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7. PASSPORT, VISA AND OTHER TRAVEL INFORMATION

7.1. Passport Requirements

Participants are required to present a valid national passport to enter Germany. Its validity has to extend the duration of their stay by at least three months and must have been issued within the previous 10 years.

7.2. Visa Requirements

Please note that visas will be processed **free of charge** for all accredited participants to the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee.

For all enquiries concerning visas and other formalities required to enter the Schengen region, participants are invited to visit the website of the competent consulate in their country:

www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/Uebersicht_node.html

To ensure that visas are issued in time, participants should file their applications **only once they have successfully completed their online registration and have been accredited by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, no later than four weeks before** the meeting is due to commence.

Please note that, depending on the country of residence, specific deadlines may apply for visa requests.

The confirmation email received upon online registration and accreditation (see chapter 4 in this document) must be presented to support the visa request, together with:

- a copy of the official UNESCO invitation letter;
- passport and two copies of the passport;
- a visa application form;
- two colour passport-size photographs;
- proof of medical insurance;
- a confirmation of the hotel booking; and
- a flight reservation.

IMPORTANT: The documents listed above represent the minimum standard requested. The German visa sections in each country might require further information and/or documentation.

All German embassies will be notified by the organisers of all participants who have successfully registered through the online registration system.

Please note that the UNESCO World Heritage Centre will be unable to intervene regarding decisions taken on visa applications by the German authorities.

If you have any questions, please refer directly to the visa section of the competent consulate.

7.3. Travel to Germany and Bonn

Once you have received an email confirming your accreditation, you are strongly advised to organise your trip to Bonn.

Flying to Bonn

The closest international airports are Frankfurt (FRA), Cologne/Bonn (CGN) and Düsseldorf (DUS), from which a direct train or bus connection to Bonn is provided by the German Railway Service Deutsche Bahn [www.bahn.de/en].

In case you are planning to book a post-Committee tour, please also check the final stop of the tour. Several tours will end in a different city so that you may require a multi-destination flight or additional travel arrangements within Germany.

Bonn by Train

If your departure point is Paris, the quickest way to get to Bonn is via train. A direct train links Paris to Cologne that you can book via the following link:

<https://www.thalys.com/fr/fr/horaires-train/paris/cologne>

From Cologne Central Station regional as well as long-distance trains leave every 20 minutes to Bonn.

7.4. Medical Insurance

A first aid service and an ambulance will be available in case of need at WCCB, but no other medical service will be provided. Participants are expected to cover the costs of any medical expenses incurred in Germany. Therefore, it is recommended that participants take out a medical insurance policy in their home country in order to be covered while in Germany and elsewhere during their travel. Participants requesting an entry visa will also be required to submit proof of medical insurance (see also 7.2).

8. THE MEETING

8.1. Conference Venue

The 39th session of the World Heritage Committee will be held from 28 June until 8 July 2015 at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB), Germany.

From 1992 to 1999, the WCCB building served as the plenary chamber of the German Bundestag, where the representatives met until Berlin became the new federal capital. To this day, the 'Bonn Republic' is symbolic of diplomacy, democracy and Germany's post-war recovery.

The WCCB is located in Bonn's former government quarter, in the immediate vicinity of the United Nations Campus and the international media broadcaster Deutsche Welle, next to the river Rhine. The former government quarter is a place of unique historical relevance.

Please note that the venue is barrier-free accessible and equipped for people with special needs.

For further information about the venue, please consult the following link www.worldccbonn.com/?L=1

8.2. Local Transportation and Transfers to the Conference Venue

The WCCB can be reached within 15 minutes by public transport from Bonn city centre (Central Train Station). In order to reduce the ecological footprint of the session, participants of the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee are encouraged to benefit from the excellent and safe infrastructure of local public transport facilities.

Participants booking accommodation via Tourismus & Congress Bonn GmbH will be granted a free travel card for local public transport in Bonn. Comprehensive information on schedules and itineraries will be provided on the registration webpage: www.39whcbonn2015.de.

A shuttle service will be provided for a selected number of hotels listed in Annex 1 in the morning and evening. Please refer to the table listed in Annex 1. Taxis can be ordered at any time at the participants' own expense from the hotel reception and the registration desk at the WCCB.

8.3. Registration Desk and Distribution of Badges at the Meeting Place

As of Saturday 27 June 2015, 2.00 pm, the onsite registration desk will be opened. From 28 June 2015, until 8 July 2015, the registration desk will be open between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm. Participants may follow the registration procedure and receive their badges at the registration desk situated at the entrance of the WCCB. All participants are encouraged to present themselves at the onsite reception desk before the opening of the session of the World Heritage Committee on 28 June. An information and welcome dossier on the 39th session will be provided.

Please note that registration is mandatory for all participants.

8.4. Badges

Subject to approval and accreditation through the online registration process, you can collect your badge once you have been identified by means of your identity card or passport, upon arrival at the venue.

It is **important** that participants check in at the onsite registration desk upon arrival, so as to allow sufficient time for the badges to be printed and collected.

The identification badge is non-transferable. For security reasons, the badge must be visible at all times to gain entry into the conference centre and to be able to participate in meetings and other activities. Entry will be refused to all persons not officially accredited or who use their badge in an inappropriate manner.

8.5. Service Area for Participants

Free wireless Internet connection will be provided in the whole conference centre at all times.

An area equipped with a limited number of computers with internet access, as well as docking stations for your own portable devices will be available for all participants at the WCCB. Service staff will be available to assist participants at all times of the meeting.

For ecological reasons, only one printed set of the documents related to the 39th session will be available for each Committee member delegation.

All other delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies or to make use of the memory stick containing all relevant documents for the session provided to all participants upon registration. All documents will also be made available online six weeks prior to the opening of the session.

8.6. Meals and Refreshments

During the 39th session, coffee, tea and refreshments will be offered outside the main meeting room free of charge.

During lunch time, several fee-based meal options will be provided in the restaurant area of the WCCB.

8.7 Prayer Room

At the conference center a Prayer Room will be at the participants' disposal during the entire Committee session.

9. INFORMATION ON THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

9.1. The Federal Republic of Germany

The Federal Republic of Germany lies in the heart of Europe and is a cosmopolitan, democratic country with long-standing traditions and a lively, diverse culture. Germany offers an innovative research and education landscape. It has a strong, creative economy and a dynamic cultural scene. It is the European Union's most populous nation with 82 million inhabitants. German society is marked by a pluralism of lifestyles and a diversity of cultures.

Germany is surrounded by nine neighbouring countries. It stretches from the North Sea and the Baltic Sea in the north to the Alps in the south. Some of the largest European rivers – the Rhine, the Danube and the Elbe – flow through Germany.

Historical schisms mark Germany's path towards constitutional democracy and a functioning parliamentary system: they include the failure of the March Revolution (1848) and the Weimar Republic (1919–1933), but, above all, the upheaval of National Socialism, the Holocaust and the Second World War (1933–1945). One of the consequences of the Second

World War was the division of Germany into the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic (GDR). The peaceful revolution by the people of the GDR brought down the Wall in 1989. The Two Plus Four Treaty with the victorious powers of the Second World War cleared the path for German reunification on 3 October 1990 and, since 2012, is part of UNESCO's Memory of the World Register.

Since 1949, the Federal Republic of Germany has been a democratic parliamentary federation consisting of 16 *Länder* (states) as of today, each with its own constitution, parliament and government. The highest government authority lies with the federation. Germany supports peace, democracy and human rights, as well as environmental and climate protection worldwide, in cooperation with its European and transatlantic partners. The Federal Republic of Germany is a founding member state of the European Union (EU) and has been a full member of the United Nations (UN) since 1973.

Long before the Federal Republic of Germany was admitted as a member of the United Nations in 1973, UNESCO opened the door to Germany's return to international politics at the multilateral level. The Federal Republic of Germany's admission to UNESCO on 11 July 1951 ended the spiritual isolation into which Germany had fallen since 1933. For Germany, this provided the opportunity to take part in international dialogue, placing its particular historical responsibility at the service of a durable peace.

To learn more about UNESCO and Germany, please visit www.unesco.de.

9.2. The State of North Rhine-Westphalia

North Rhine-Westphalia is the most populous among the 16 German states and home to 18 million people. Vast ancient roman settlements, a plethora of medieval cathedrals and outstanding 19th century industrial sites bear witness to its rich and eventful history. Among them are five UNESCO World Heritage sites: Aachen Cathedral, Cologne Cathedral, the Castles of Augustusburg and Falkenlust at Brühl, the Carolingian Westwork and Civitas Corvey and the Zollverein Coal Mine Industrial Complex in Essen.

9.3. The City of Bonn

The Federal City of Bonn is located on the banks of the Rhine and is home to 300,000 inhabitants. It is the second official residency of the President and the Chancellor of Germany. Founded as a Roman settlement, it is one of Germany's oldest cities. From 1949 to 1990, Bonn was the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) and remained the seat of the government until 1999. Today, the city hosts 19 United Nations institutions, among them the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). For visitors, the Beethoven House, birthplace of the famous composer, the outstanding medieval church, Bonner Münster and a range of top-rated museums make Bonn a rewarding destination.

9.4. Climate

Germany's climate is moderate and generally has equal periods of cold or warm weather. The north western and coastal regions of Germany have a maritime climate, which is characterised by warm summers and mild, cloudy winters.

9.5. Currency

Germany is a member of the Eurozone, EUR 1 = 100 cents. Money may be exchanged in all foreign exchange offices or banks. A large number of ATMs are available 24h/7. Credit cards are widely accepted in restaurants and hotels, but not in all small shops or at market places.

9.6. Gratuities

It is customary to leave a small tip in restaurants (10% of the bill).

9.7. Electricity Supply

The sector power is 220v 50Hz

9.8. Smoking

In Germany, smoking is prohibited in public spaces. Certain restaurants and cafeterias have a designated area for smokers. Some hotels may offer their guests a smoking room. The availability of such rooms should be verified with the hotel.

9.9. Time Zone

Germany is part of the Central European Time (CET; UTC+01:00) and from 29 March 2015 to 24 October 2015 part of the Central European Summer Time (CEST; UTC+02:00).

9.10. Drinking Water

It is highly recommended to make use of Germany's excellent tap water which is always potable.

10. RECEPTION PROGRAMME AND RELATED EVENTS

As a registered participant, you are cordially invited to attend the receptions and events that will be held during the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee. The programme will be made available on the webpage.

Delegates who wish to attend the opening and/or the closing ceremony are kindly requested to indicate explicitly their participation when registering online.

The **opening ceremony** of the 39th session will be held on **28 June 2015** at 7.00 pm at WCCB and will be followed by a reception.

Detailed information about the **closing ceremony** of the 39th session will be provided on the webpage: www.39whcbonn2015.de.

10.1. Guided Tours and Day Trips

Guided visits to the city of Bonn as well as fee-based day trips to World Heritage sites in the vicinity of Bonn will be offered during the Committee session.

You will be able to make bookings via the webpage. You are requested to register online and to confirm your participation at the excursion desk located in the entrance hall of the WCCB.

Please note that availability for each tour is limited and that a minimum number of participants is required. You are therefore encouraged to book early so as to avoid any inconvenience and to enable proper planning.

Detailed information on the guided visits and day trips will be available on the following webpage: www.39whcbonn2015.de/the-39th-session/programme/.

10.2. Post-Committee Tours

Tours of one to several days to World Heritage sites in Germany will be offered at a fee after the Committee session.

You can make bookings via the webpage. Kindly register online and confirm your participation at the excursion desk located in the entrance hall of the WCCB.

Please note that availability for each tour is limited and that a minimum number of participants is required. You are therefore encouraged to book early to avoid any inconvenience.

Detailed information about these tours will be available on the following webpage: www.39whcbonn2015.de.

11. MEDIA

Germany honours the principles of press freedom and welcomes media representatives from around the world. The session is open to media representatives at all times. The session will be livestreamed at www.39whcbonn2015.de/media/live-webcast as well as on the World Heritage Centre's webpage. For further information, please read the following sections carefully.

11.1. Accreditation

Accreditation is mandatory for journalists wishing to cover the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee. To accredit, please register online at the following address: www.39whcbonn2015.de/registration.

11.2. Media Registration and Security Measures

As of Saturday, 27 June 2015, 2.00 pm, the registration desk will be opened. From 28 June 2015, until 8 July 2015, the registration desk will be open between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm. A special reception desk will be reserved onsite for media representatives. Please note that your online registration and accreditation must be done before you present yourself at the onsite reception desk.

Once you have registered online, you are asked to upload your information. Subject to approval and accreditation through the online registration process, an identification badge will be ready to be printed and collected when you identify yourself upon arrival at the venue.

It is imperative that media representatives identify and present themselves at the reception desk upon arrival to allow sufficient time for the badges to be printed and collected. Identification badges must be worn visibly at all times to gain access to the venue, and must be presented to security staff upon request.

Identification badges are non-transferable. Access to the Plenary or meeting rooms will be denied to any individual who uses the badge improperly.

Please be advised that security staff may examine and verify equipment and personal effects taken into the Media Centre. Please allow for sufficient time in your schedule to pass the security checks.

11.3. Media Centre

A Media Centre will be available to journalists covering the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee. It can be used as a work station and will be equipped with a Wi-Fi connection. Journalists who wish to organise interviews with Committee members are required to submit their requests to the Media Centre at: media@39whcbonn2015.de.

11.4. Press Conferences

Press conferences will take place in a designated area within the conference centre for accredited media. The programme of events planned for the media will be provided at the time of registration as well as on the webpage.

11.5. Press Material

Press material including photos, press releases or interviews will be posted on the session's webpage: www.39whcbonn2015.de/media.

The webpage will also contain links to the Committee's working documents and to the livestream of the session.

11.6. Media Access to the 39th Session

A media relations team will be present at the Media Centre during the 39th session. Information meetings on World Heritage Committee decisions will be held as required, and press releases will be published throughout the session.

The World Heritage Committee session will be held with an online and on-screen broadcast of debates at the WCCB.

For any questions regarding media accreditation and facilities, please contact the session organisers at the following address: media@39whcbonn2015.de

For any media questions regarding the World Heritage Committee, please contact:

Ms Sue Williams

Chief of Media Relations Section, UNESCO

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12. YOUNG EXPERTS FORUM OF THE 39TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Young Experts Forum Germany 2015 "Towards a Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites"

The World Heritage Youth Forum has become an annual event held in conjunction with the session of the World Heritage Committee. As part of the 39th session, the German Commission for UNESCO, in cooperation with the Federal State of Rhineland-Palatinate, will organise an international Forum of Young Experts.

The Young Experts Forum (YEF) will be held in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley and in Bonn, Germany, from 18 to 29 June 2015. Germany welcomes the participation of young people aged 20 to 30 years, who are eager to learn more about the challenges of a sustainable management of World Heritage sites, their conservation and protection. Participants may be students or young professionals with a background in cultural or natural heritage-related issues.

Via a call for participation, interested young experts coming from States Parties to the World Heritage Convention can apply for participation online.

Priority is given to young experts from World Heritage Committee States Parties Members: Algeria, Colombia, Croatia, Finland, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Serbia, Turkey, Qatar and Viet Nam.

According to the priorities of Germany's Federal Foreign Cultural Policies, participants from the following States Parties are invited to submit applications: Brazil, Cambodia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Rwanda, Tunisia, Ukraine and United Republic of Tanzania.

Application documents are available online via www.39whcbonn2015.de/yef. Also, National Commissions and Permanent Delegations of the above-mentioned countries will be encouraged to publish the call for participation. The German Commission for UNESCO will select one participant from each country. The main criteria will be the applicant's qualification regarding World Heritage issues as well as a gender balance.

All travel, board and accommodation costs will be covered by the host country.

In dialogue with heritage experts, the YEF participants will discuss the challenges of sustainable management of World Heritage sites. They will take part in workshops, carry out basic hands-on conservation activities, and participate in discussions focusing on cultural and natural heritage, practices and processes (management, preservation, sustainability and impact on local communities). The young experts will also be given the opportunity to share presentations on selected sites in their respective countries.

A special feature of the event will be a Youth Model of the World Heritage Committee session, an educational simulation drawing attention to issues related to heritage preservation and its promotion. During the Youth Model, the participants will draft a declaration for enhancing the role of young people in World Heritage policies.

The declaration and outcome of the Young Experts Forum will be presented by the young experts to the Committee at the opening ceremony of the 39th session on 28 June in Bonn. This provides an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss with the members of the World Heritage Committee and its Advisory Bodies.

On 29 June, the last day of the Forum, the young experts will have the opportunity to attend the 39th session so as to experience the debates and observe the working methods of the World Heritage Committee.

For further information please contact: yef@39whcbonn2015.de

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information about the World Heritage Committee and the World Heritage Convention, please see the UNESCO World Heritage Centre's website at the following link: <http://whc.unesco.org>

For all questions of an organisational nature concerning the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the session organisers:

info@39whcbonn2015.de

Thank you for your attention and have a good trip!

ANNEX I: LIST OF HOTELS

Since hotels rooms in Bonn are very limited, a selection of hotel rooms for the period from 27 June to 9 July 2015 has been reserved. This selection is guaranteed with negotiated and fixed rates and includes a free travel card for public transport. The organisers therefore recommend to benefit from this and to book accommodation as soon as possible via the following link:

www.bonn-region.de/events/unesco-2015.html

Kindly note that only bookings through Tourismus & Congress Bonn GmbH include the free travel card for public transport in Bonn and the region.

The majority of hotel rooms and indicated rates are guaranteed until four weeks before the opening of the Committee session. For the exact deadlines please check the table below.

The Maritim Hotel Bonn has been selected as the main conference hotel. Priority will be given to bookings made by representatives of Committee Member Delegations.

Maritim Hotel Bonn

Godesberger Allee

53175 Bonn

Germany

Tel.: +49 228 81080

<http://www.maritim.com/en/hotels/germany/hotel-bonn/hotel-overview>

The host country will provide a shuttle bus service, operating in the morning and in the evening, from those hotels hosting the highest numbers of participants (see last column in the table below). Please note that the provision of a shuttle service at the indicated hotels is subject to a minimum number of bookings by participants at each hotel.

For any questions concerning hotel bookings, please contact:

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Please see below, detailed information on the complete selection of available hotels:

HOTEL in alphabetic order	RATING	TIME TO WCCB WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT	FIX RATES	BOOKING DEADLINE	CONTACT	SHUTTLE SERVICE
Acora Hotel und Wohnen	Comfort	25 min	Single room 85,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 66860 www.acora-bonn.de	
Ameron Hotel Königshof	First Class	15 min	Single room 115,00 € Double room 145,00 € Please note: no rooms available from 1 to 3 July	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 26010 www.hotel-koenigshof-bonn.de	
Best Western Hotel Domicil	First Class	15 min	Single room 105,00 € Double room 115,00 €	30.04.2015	Tel: +49 228 729090 www.bestwestern.de/hotels/Bonn /BEST-WESTERN-Hotel-Domicil	X
Best Western Hotel Regina	Comfort	35 min	Single room 70,00 € Double room 95,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 2241 995560 www.hotelregina.bestwestern.de	
Bonnox Boardinghouse & Hotel	Comfort	25 min	Single room 72,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 92667808 www.bonnox.de	
CJD Bonn	Standard	40 min	Single room 67,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel.: +49 228 98960 www.cjd- bonn.de/angebote/tagungs-und- gaestehaus/	
Collegium Leoninum	First Class	20 min	Single room 124,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 62980 www.leoninum-bonn.de	X
Derag Livinghotels	First Class	10 min	Single room 134,00 €	05.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 68440 www.deraghotels.de/hotel- kanzler-bonn/en/	
Derag Livinghotels Apartments	First Class	10 min	Single room 85,00 €	05.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 68440 www.deraghotels.de/hotel- kanzler-bonn/en/	

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Dorint Hotel Venusberg Bonn	First Class	40 min	Single room 145,00 € Double room 165,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 2880 hotel-bonn.dorint.com/en/	X
Galerie Design Hotel Bonn	First Class	40 min	Single room 109,00 €	14.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 18480 www.maritim.fr/fr/hotels/allema gn e/galerie-design-hotel- bonn/description-de-lhotel	
Günnewig Hotel Bristol	First Class	15 min	Single room 129,00 € Double room 159,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel.: +49 228 2697-0 www.guennewig.de	X
Günnewig Hotel Residence	First Class	15 min	Single room 119,00 €	28.03.2015	Tel.: +49 228 2697-0 www.guennewig.de	X
Hilton Hotel Bonn	First Class	25 min	Single room 149,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 7269 0 www.hiltonhotels.de/deutschland/ hilton-bonn	X
Hotel Astoria	Comfort	25 min	Single room 85,00 € Double room 112,00 €	02.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 9696490 www.hotel-astoria.de	
Hotel Consul	Comfort	20 min	Single room 75,00 - 95,00 € Double room 105,00 - 125,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 72920 www.consul-bonn.de	
Hotel Deutsches Haus	Comfort	25 min	Single room 87,00 € - 92,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 633777 www.deutscheshaus-bonn.de	
Hotel Eden am Hofgarten	Comfort	15 min	Single room 93,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 289710 www.eden-bonn.de	
Hotel Mercedes Garni & Appartements	Comfort	15min	Single room 94,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 91800490 www.hotel-mercedes-bonn.de	
Hotel Rheinland	Comfort	20 min	Single room 74,00 - 85,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 820000 www.hotel-rheinland-bonn.de	
Hotel Villa Esplanade	Comfort	15 min	Single room 98,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 983800 www.hotel-villa-esplanade.de	

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Hotel zur Post	Comfort	25 min	Single room 100,00 € Double room 140,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 972940 www.hotelinbonn.com	
Ibis Hotel Bonn	Standard	25 min	Single room 72,00 - 89,00 € Double room 82,00 - 99,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 72660 www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-1441-ibis- bonn/index.shtml	X
InterCityHotel Bonn	First Class	15 min	Single room 129,00 € Double room 148,00 €	17.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 9261810 de.intercityhotel.com/Bonn/InterC ityHotel-Bonn	X
KAMEHA Grand Bonn	Luxury	30 min	Single room 149,00 - 179,00€ Double room 169,00 - 199,00€	14.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 43345000 www.kamehagrand.com	X
Maritim Hotel Bonn	First Class	15 min	Single room 129,00 €	30.04.2015	Tel: +49 228 81080 www.maritim.com/en/hotels/germ any/hotel-bonn/hotel-overview	X
Maritim Hotel Königswinter	First Class	30 min	Single room 132,00 - 142,00 € Double room 161,00 - 171,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 2223 7070 www.maritim.com/en/hotels/germ any/hotel-koenigswinter/hotel- overview	
Mercure Hotel Bonn	First Class	45 min	Single room 88,00€	29.03.2015	Tel: +49 228 25990 www.hotel-bonn.org/	
Rheinhotel Dreesen	First Class	30 min	Single room 110,00 - 140,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 82020 www.rheinhoteldreesen.de	
Steigenberger Grandhotel Petersberg	Luxury	60 min	Single room 166,00 -186,00 € Double room 186,00 - 206,00 € , Suites starting from 270,00 €	28.04.2015	Tel: +49 2223 740 en.steigenberger.com/Koenigswi nter-Bonn/Steigenberger- Grandhotel-Petersberg	
Sternhotel Bonn	First Class	20 min	Single room 145,00 € Double room 185,00 €	28.05.2015	Tel: +49 228 72670 www.sternhotel-bonn.de	X