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#### **Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda: Reports of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies**

#### **5A: Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions**

#### **SUMMARY**

This document presents a report on the main activities, conducted by the World Heritage Centre since the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Baku, 2019) and their results. It follows the structure of Expected Result 1 of Major Programme IV, as defined in the Approved 39 C/5 and 40 C/5 Programme and Budgets for 2018-2019 and 2020-2021.

The narrative part presents notably the progress made against the performance indicators defined in the Approved 39 C/5 and 40 C/5, a report on World Heritage Thematic Programmes and Initiatives as requested by Decision **42 COM 5A** (Manama, 2018), a report on the synergies with other conventions and programmes, and, finally, the challenges and way forward.

The table in Annex 1 presents a list of activities with results obtained in pursuit of the 5 Cs (Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building, Communication and Communities). Annex 2 contains the status of implementation of the Decisions adopted at the 43rd session (Baku, 2019). Annex 3 provides a list of meetings related to World Heritage in 2020 and 2021. A report on the use of the World Heritage Emblem can be found under Annex 4, while Annex 5 inventories World Heritage partnerships.

More information about all World Heritage Centre activities is available at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/activities>.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. To align with the reporting processes of the Governing bodies of the different Culture Conventions, the following information was streamlined to emphasize the synergies between conventions while highlighting the overall strategic assessment of the Secretariat's activities, its keys achievements and challenges encountered.

## II. MAIN DUTIES AND CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

2. As Secretariat of the World Heritage Convention, the World Heritage Centre (hereinafter also referred to as the "Secretariat") is coordinating all matters related to World Heritage within UNESCO. Its main duties are to ensure the day-to-day management of the Convention, organize sessions of the the Governing bodies of the Convention, assist and provides help and advice to States Parties in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention,
3. Currently, the World Heritage Centre comprises 28 established posts financed under the UNESCO Regular Programme (2 posts at Director's level, 17 Professional posts and 9 General Service staff posts), to serve 193 States Parties. The Directors and Professional staff (19 posts) are distributed among the 5 Regional Units and the Natural Heritage Unit which monitor the state of conservation of the 1,121 sites inscribed on the World Heritage List and also implement many activities, as reported in parts II, III and IV below. In addition, 26 positions are being financed through voluntary/in-kind resources. Several of these positions are financed thanks to the generous support provided by the States Parties of Austria, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Sweden, Spain and Turkey via secondments, Junior Professional Officers or through contributions to the sub-account for Human Resources.
4. Regarding **Knowledge management**, the databases of nominations and state of conservation developed by the World Heritage Centre and available on its website makes it a global heritage reference. In 2019, the World Heritage Centre's website represented some 41% of the page views and 33% of the visits to all UNESCO websites (data Googleanalytics).
5. In terms of **Communication and outreach**, social media is being integrated ever more in the communication and outreach activities of the Secretariat, with Twitter, Facebook and Instagram being used as platforms for disseminating information about World Heritage news, activities, competitions, calls for proposals, and capacity-building. A special issue of the World Heritage Review on World Heritage in Azerbaijan was published ahead of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee in collaboration with the Azerbaijani authorities and widely disseminated. A special issue of the World Heritage Review as well as a new edition of the World Heritage Map will be produced in view of the extended 44th session of the Committee. A reflection process with an external facilitator is underway for the World Heritage Review to better define the tone and content, make it available in a digital format, and ensure its production is more sustainable in the long term.
6. The World Heritage Centre is also professionalizing its communication, including brand identity and value proposition, in view of attracting new partners to strengthen climate adaptation capacity-building in natural World Heritage sites.

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPECTED RESULT

7. The activities of the World Heritage Centre since the 43rd session of the Committee (Baku, 2019) support the current Medium-Term Strategy (2014-2021) and Expected Result 1 under Major Programme IV: "**Tangible heritage identified, protected, monitored and sustainably managed by Member States, in particular through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention**" as approved in the Programme and Budgets for 2018-2019 (39 C/5) and 40 C/5 (2020-2021).
8. The Expected Result has 5 Performance Indicators (PI) defined in the 39 C/5 as follows:
  - PI 1 Sound governance of the 1972 Convention as shown by resolutions/decisions taken by the governing bodies
  - PI 2 Number of World Heritage properties where the conservation and management capacities are enhanced, including in collaboration with Category 2 Institutes and Centres
  - PI 3 Number of civil society stakeholders, including young people and women, contributing to the conservation of World Heritage properties and to World Heritage education within the framework of UNESCO-related projects and initiatives
  - PI 4 Number of World Heritage properties where the SDGs and the World Heritage Sustainable Development policy are mainstreamed in the conservation and management
  - PI 5 Number of States Parties which develop new or revised Tentative Lists and percentage of nomination dossiers in conformity with prescribed requirements
9. Special attention is paid to UNESCO's two global priorities, Africa and Gender Equality, in all activities of the Secretariat, as well as to priority target groups, youth and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). In this regard, an Item related to Priority Africa is inscribed on the Agenda of the World Heritage Committee since 2018. In the online consultation on the preparation of the 41 C/4 and 41 C/5 documents requested by the General Conference (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.1), a number of States Parties indicated that they do not clearly see evidence of the impact of World Heritage activities on Priority Africa and Priority Gender Equality. It would be therefore suitable to better showcase how the World Heritage Convention contributes to these priorities, as well as to SIDS and Youth to which UNESCO assigned a priority status.
10. In spite of its very limited resources compared with an ever-growing list of tasks assigned by Member States, the Secretariat undertook a large number of activities, which are listed in Annex 1. The main results are underlined below and illustrated with a non-exhaustive list of few concrete examples.

#### **Performance Indicator 1: Governing bodies**

11. The number of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention raised at 194 since the 43rd session of the Committee with the ratification of Somalia on 23 July 2020.
12. The Secretariat ensured the effective organization of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Baku, 2019), the 22nd session of the General Assembly of States Parties (November 2019) as well as the 14th (online, 2020) and 15th (online, 2021) extraordinary sessions of the Committee. More than 50 working and information documents were prepared by the Secretariat for these statutory

meetings and dispatched according to the statutory deadlines. The Decisions reports were also made available online and can be consulted at: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/43COM>, <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/22GA>, <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/14EXTCOM>, <https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/15EXTCOM> respectively. Summary records of the meetings as well as video recordings of the sessions are also available on the World Heritage Centre's website.

13. Through the organization of Orientation Sessions for Committee Members and Information Sessions for all States Parties, the World Heritage Centre continues to support the preparation of Committee Members and States Parties for the forthcoming sessions of the Committee and provides them with a better understanding of major statutory processes such as nominations and Reactive Monitoring, and of procedural matters. The first Orientation Session in view of the extended 44th session of the Committee, to be led by the Chairperson of the Committee, is scheduled to take place on 15 June 2021, in conjunction with the Information Session. A budget briefing will also be presented, as requested by the Committee. In addition, an Information Meeting was organized online by the World Heritage Centre on 18 January 2021 on the current ongoing work on the reflection on sites associated with memories of recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories. Other Information Meetings are scheduled in June 2021 related to the updated Policy Document on the impacts of climate change on World Heritage properties and for a budget briefing.
14. The World Heritage Centre organized several experts' meetings as requested by the World Heritage Committee:
  - a) an Expert Meeting to reflect on whether and how sites associated with recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories might relate to the purpose and scope of the World Heritage Convention (Paris, December 2019). (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.8 for the full report);
  - b) an expert drafting group to propose concrete changes to be introduced into the Operational Guidelines, in order to operationalize the principles and modalities endorsed by the Committee and on which the reform of the nomination process should build. The Ad-hoc Working Group has held several meetings since January 2021 to discuss this particular matter, with the participation of the Secretariat. The outcomes of its work are presented in Document WHC/21/44.COM/12 and have been discussed in the framework of the ad-hoc working group established by the Committee in 2014 which is meeting intersessionally;
  - c) four meetings of the expert Technical Advisory Group for the updating of the Policy Document on the impacts of climate change on World Heritage properties (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/7C);

The World Heritage Centre also ensured the smooth organisation as well as preparation of the relevant documentation to facilitate the work of the open-ended working group of States Parties to the Convention on the reflection on a Code of conduct that will be presented to the 23rd session of the General Assembly (2021). Several meetings of this open-ended working group have taken place with a view to develop a draft text on the basis of the previous reflection on the need to respect the highest standards of integrity and transparency of working methods within the process of decision-making of the Governing bodies of the Convention, as well as on the collective responsibility to uphold the integrity and the credibility of the Convention.

## **Performance Indicator 2: Capacity-building**

15. Requests for capacity-building have remained very high and have drastically increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the last Committee session, the World Heritage Centre organised and/or participated in numerous capacity-building activities on management of World Heritage properties in all regions, including tourism management, climate change adaptation, urban planning, identification and documentation of heritage, site monitoring, risk management and community involvement. Whenever relevant, these various workshops were implemented in cooperation with the respective Category 2 Centres (C2Cs), UNESCO Field Offices, Advisory Bodies and other partners.
16. Some of the results of these capacity-building activities contributed for example to reinforcing anti-poaching strategies and use of new technologies in the monitoring of the sites in Africa, developing risk management plans in several regions, tourism management plans for sites in Central Asia or in the Caribbean, as well as urban planning at Eastern Europe sites. More detailed information can be found in Document WHC/21/44.COM/6.
17. Capacity-building was also addressed in the framework of Periodic Reporting, notably in Africa and in Asia-Pacific where National Focal Points were trained in tools and method related to the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise, while numerous site managers were trained on how to fill in the questionnaire, which has empowered them to critically evaluate their sites and better understand their daily challenges in conservation and management. In addition, they were encouraged to explore tourism, small-scale industry and creative industry opportunities so as to propose solutions to the challenges they face by promoting fundraising, communities and stakeholders engagement. A detailed report on the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise in Africa can be found in Document WHC/21/44.COM/10B. More information on capacity-building activities can also be found in Document WHC/21/44.COM/6.
18. In addition, the recent translation in Arabic of the Operational Guidelines and several World Heritage guidance (on Tentative Lists, on Retrospective Statements of OUV; on Desired State of conservation for the removal of properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger) will greatly facilitate capacity-building initiatives in the implementation of the mechanisms and procedures established by the World Heritage Convention, in the Arab States region.

## **Performance Indicator 3: Civil society**

### **Managers Forum and networks**

19. Various civil society stakeholders actively participated in plenary debates and side-events during the 43rd session of the Committee (Baku, July 2019). For the first time, representatives of 3 States Parties from the Pacific SIDS (Palau, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands) participated in the 3rd edition of the World Heritage Site Managers' Forum. A site manager representing East Rennell (Solomon Islands) also participated in a Side Event on indigenous languages.
20. Through its **Marine Managers network**, the World Heritage Marine Programme connects 50 marine managers on a daily basis to share solutions and improve conservation outcomes. The network is maintained through peer-to-peer exchanges between sites with similar challenges, thematic capacity-building meetings and regular e-newsletters. On 4-9 September 2019, for the 4th time, marine managers joined up in a conference in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (Alaska, USA) to discuss strategic priorities for the next decade as well as a wide variety of topics. During this conference, representatives from the aboriginal community in the Great

Barrier Reef (Australia), the Kanak community in New Caledonia (France) and the customary owners of East Rennell (Solomon Islands) shared their experiences / good practices of cooperation with management authorities. In April 2020, a new digital knowledge platform was launched that brings local managers from across the 50 marine World Heritage properties together to share best practices and success stories.

21. A new **network of young cultural heritage professionals** also emerged from the E.U. funded project *“European Year of Cultural Heritage: Engaging Youth for an Inclusive and Sustainable Europe”*: the 28 participants of the Forum held in Zadar, Croatia, in May 2019 created a dedicated Facebook page, which they use to share information and discuss heritage-related issues. Several participants are developing joint initiatives in this framework following the ‘project laboratories’ format introduced during the Zadar Forum.

#### **Work with communities**

22. As part of the continued Community Management of Protected Areas Conservation (COMPACT) programme, support was provided to increase community engagement of the “Okavango Delta” (Botswana) thanks to financial contribution from the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme and UNESCO/Flanders Funds-in-Trust, as well as to the “Maloti-Drakensberg Park” (Lesotho/South Africa) through the UNESCO/Norway Programme Cooperation Agreement. The World Heritage Centre has also mobilized funding from the UNESCO/ Netherlands Funds-in-Trust for a project to support biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods of Lake Malawi National Park (Malawi). Through the Government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa, the World Heritage Centre supported the empowerment of local communities in the Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea), instrumental for the safeguarding of this property.
23. Three workshops funded by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust took place in March 2020, in close cooperation with the UNESCO Khartoum Office. They brought together relevant stakeholders and local communities, with the aim of developing a sustainable tourism strategy for Gebel Barkal that takes into consideration a community-based tourism approach.
24. Community involvement workshops were organised in India and Sri Lanka in 2019 and 2020. Funded under the UNESCO/Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust, the workshops identified potential target sites for activities to strengthen the role of local communities in the management and conservation of heritage sites. Through awareness-raising, dialogue and advocacy sessions, the workshops sought to recreate a link between local communities, their heritage and the management authorities, to encourage the full and informed involvement of all stakeholders.
25. An 18-month project financed by the German Government is currently being implemented at the Precolumbian Chiefdom Settlements with Stone Spheres of the Diquís (Costa Rica) to foster leadership among local youth in participatory heritage management and conservation practices.

#### **Gender equality**

26. Gender Equality remains one the two global priorities of UNESCO’s agenda for the coming 8 years together with Africa. For each global priority, a specific strategy has been developed to complement UNESCO’s Medium-term Strategy. Hence, the utmost is done to ensure that the activities of the World Heritage Centre are in line with the UNESCO Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021 (GEAP II), which provides an operational framework for the implementation of Priority Gender Equality. In this regard, gender equality dimension is consistently integrated in the implementation of all activities by ensuring equal and respectful consultation, full and

effective participation and equal opportunities for representation of both women and men within all mechanisms of the Convention.

27. In addition to balanced geographical and culture/nature expert representation, the gender equality dimension is one of the major criteria in the establishment of working expert groups, e.g. the Technical Advisory Group for the updating of the Policy on Climate Change and the expert group on the nomination process. The same approach is applied with regard to multimedia and animation products, with a balanced representation of female/male characters, such as the animated videos prepared as training material for the Third Periodic Reporting cycle.
28. Effective mainstreaming of gender equality is particularly demonstrated by the World Heritage Education Programme both for content and for participants, for example the participation of girls has exceeded 50% for the World Heritage Youth Forum.
29. The inclusion of a Gender equality perspective has also been adopted as standard practice by the World Heritage Centre in its new extrabudgetary project proposals. Particular attention is paid to the participation of women in decision-making positions. For initiatives already under implementation, the aim is that all genders have consistently strong representation among the participants in technical and capacity-building workshops. Direct involvement of women in World Heritage conservation is also growing gradually, whether as site managers (24% of them being women), custodians, rangers or heads of heritage offices.
30. The publication on the Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) showcases women's empowerment through activities implemented related to the management, conservation and use of this transnational World Heritage property. In this regard, many of the conservation activities (stone conservation workshops and others) organized by the States Parties within the framework of this project counted with the participation of at least 55% of women beneficiaries.

#### **Higher education activities**

31. Beyond the World Heritage Education Programme (see below part IV.A), the World Heritage Centre seeks to involve universities and UNESCO Chairs in World Heritage conservation or capacity-building activities in all regions and notably in Africa and Eastern Europe.
32. In Senegal, the University of Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) in Dakar in collaboration with the Universities of Gaston Berger, Thiès and Ziguinchor, successfully developed a new Master programme on heritage management and conservation as part of the project "Heritage enhancement and citizenship education" funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation. This project has also allowed the State Party to develop a strategy for job induction approaches for young heritage professionals who are trained in the University of Gaston Berger and UCAD.
33. Two UNESCO Chairs in the field of Heritage have also been established in Africa: a UNESCO Chair on African Heritage Studies and Sustainable Development at the University of Botswana (Botswana) and a UNESCO Chair on African Heritage, at the Great Zimbabwe University (Zimbabwe).
34. In Eastern Europe, some UNESCO Chairs, with support from the World Heritage Centre, have actively contributed to training in the protection of World Heritage properties in line with the Committee's Decisions regarding their state of conservation (e.g. Kizhi Pogost (Russian Federation); Budapest (Hungary); etc).

#### **Performance Indicator 4: Conservation and Sustainable Development / SDGs**

35. In response to the Decisions of the World Heritage Committee, the World Heritage Centre carried out 16 Reactive Monitoring missions. However, a number of them had to be rescheduled due either to the Covid-19 pandemic or to security issues. The World Heritage Centre also brought its expertise in 7 Advisory missions undertaken in almost all regions during the reporting period, on topics such as assessments of new development projects (Saudi Arabia), disaster risk management (Armenia) or management plans (Uruguay).

#### **Sites in Danger**

36. The World Heritage Centre has been providing the necessary technical assistance to several States Parties for the elaboration of the Desired state of conservation for the removal of properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger in Africa (Mali), Arab States (Libya, Syria) and Asia-Pacific (Afghanistan, Federated States of Micronesia). The outcomes of these online meetings also contributed to confirming priorities for the Arab States regional action plan framework.
37. Thanks to the continued support from the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust, the renovation work to install firefighting equipment is ongoing at the Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Uganda). Meanwhile, two publications on a thatching guide and reconstruction guide are nearing completion.
38. Thanks to substantial funding from Norway, the World Heritage Centre launched in 2020 various projects for the conservation and improved management of World Heritage properties in danger in Africa, particularly natural World Heritage properties, notably for the demarcation of the western boundary of the Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Democratic Rep. of the Congo); for the habitat management and key species monitoring in Garamba National Park (Democratic Rep. of the Congo); and to implement an emergency action plan to retake control over the property and avoid loss of the Outstanding Universal Value of Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park (Central African Republic). A total of 20 activities are supported through this cooperation. More information can be found at: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/partners/381/>.
39. The World Heritage Centre has been following closely the implementation of a project funded by the U.S. Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation to safeguard the ancient ruins of Nan Madol (Federated States of Micronesia). Following the completion of the studies and research in the preliminary phase, activities from 2020 onwards will include the development of a sustainable conservation plan, strengthening site management structure, and providing capacity-building and training activities.
40. For East Rennell (Solomon Islands), 2 projects focussed on local communities and funded by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust and the World Heritage Fund respectively are directly contributing to achieving the Desired State of Conservation for removing the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger.
41. Thanks to funding from Norway, the World Heritage Centre has also developed a project with the objective to conduct an overall reflection and study on the image/perception of the List of World Heritage in Danger. A Contractor with expertise in strategic marketing, branding and communication has been identified and tasked with investigating the reasons why a negative perception overshadows the List of World Heritage in Danger, as well as suggesting ways forward to change the mindset towards the List of World Heritage in Danger into a more positive perception (also see Document WHC/21/44/COM/7).

## Emergency situations

42. In 2019, the World Heritage Centre organized 2 urgent evaluation missions in Africa, funded by the Heritage Emergency Fund. The first assessed needs relating to the built and intangible cultural heritage as well as the objects and practices associated with the Cliffs of Bandiagara (Land of the Dogon) in the context of aggravated conflicts between the Dogon and Fulani communities. A second mission to the Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (Côte d'Ivoire) assessed the impact of the floods of October 2019 on the state of conservation of the town. In the framework of the international assistance, support was provided for the emergency temporary stabilisation of houses in the old fabric of Djenné at risk of collapse (Mali).
43. The World Heritage Centre also provided technical support to several States Parties after disasters like wildfires, earthquakes or hurricanes notably through an evaluation of damages, losses and recovery needs at cultural and natural heritage sites. Further detailed information is contained in Document WHC/21/44.COM/7.

## Conservation / management activities at other sites

44. The World Heritage Centre provided support for the elaboration or the review of **conservation and management plans** for World Heritage properties through various means, notably International Assistance and voluntary contributions, in Africa (Benin, Botswana, Cabo Verde, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Niger), Arab States (Jordan, Palestine, Oman, Tunisia), Eastern Europe (Albania, Georgia, North Macedonia, Ukraine), Latin America and the Caribbean (Paraguay, Haiti).
45. **Africa** remains one the two global priorities of UNESCO's agenda for the coming 8 years together with gender equality. For each global priority, a specific strategy has been developed to complement UNESCO's Medium-term Strategy. Therefore, the utmost is done to ensure that the activities in Africa are in line with the UNESCO Operational Strategy for Priority Africa. In this regard, under the 4-year project Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI) project (2016-2020), funded by the European Union, strengthened conservation efforts and surveillance were made possible in an area of 225,000 km<sup>2</sup> which includes three World Heritage sites: Dja Fauna Reserve (Cameroon), Ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lopé-Okanda (Gabon) and Sangha Trinational (Cameroon, Central African Republic and Republic of the Congo). The management of these sites was also improved through the rehabilitation of infrastructure, the promotion of ecotourism, the training of local communities (more than 1,000 people) and updating / production of inventories of biological resources. In addition, the project organized an evaluation mission to assess the impacts of the Mékin dam on the "Dja Faunal Reserve" (Cameroon).
46. Support provided under the Hungary Funds-in-Trust allowed to sustain conservation efforts at Sukur Cultural Landscape (Nigeria), to enhance visitors information and site interpretation at the Ruins of Loropéni (Burkina Faso) and to prepare new publications of Heritage Passports; all activities will be finalized in the course of 2020.
47. Thanks to substantial funding from Norway, which was stepped up to reach USD 8,5M in total, a total of 20 projects for the conservation and improved management of World Heritage properties in Africa, especially those inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger, have been launched since 2020, notably for the improvement of the state of conservation of the Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba (Togo); for the protection measures against the impacts of agricultural and agro-industrial projects in Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal); and to implement a support programme for the preservation of the Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (Côte d'Ivoire). More information can be found at: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/partners/381/>

48. In the **Arab region**, with regards to strengthening resilience to address climate related hazards, the World Heritage Fund financed the establishment of two nurseries for endemic plants in Socotra (Yemen) to mitigate the impacts of hurricanes on local flora. A second phase of this project, which started in April 2020, focuses on building capacities of members of the local community to ensure their long-term maintenance. This project is being implemented in close cooperation with the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH), a UNESCO Category 2 Centre.
49. In addition, a number of online technical assistance meetings were organized in 2020 by the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with ICOMOS, for the elaboration of the Desired state of conservation for the removal of a property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR), in Iraq, Libya and Syrian Arab Republic.
50. In the **Asia and the Pacific region**, the World Heritage Centre organized and led a coordination workshop (Xian, China, July 2019) on the 'Silk Roads: Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor'. National officers and experts from China, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic subsequently prepared the joint submission of a state of conservation report and reinforced the coordinated management systems for component parts of this serial transnational site.
51. Several projects benefitting SIDS in the **Latin America and the Caribbean region** have been implemented, including activities in Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada and Barbados, as indicated in Annex 1.

#### **Sustainable Development / SDGs**

52. In the online consultation on the preparation of the 41 C/4 and 41 C/5 documents requested by the General Conference (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.1), respondents have expressed the view that the World Heritage Convention will be most relevant in the pursuit of some of the Sustainable Development Goals during the 2022-2025 period, especially SDG 11.4: *Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage* and SDG 8.9: *By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products*. Information on sustainable development and World Heritage in Africa can also be found in Document WHC/21/44.COM/5C.
53. The World Heritage Centre, together with the UNESCO Regional Office in Dakar (Senegal), initiated in 2020 a project in the Sahel, funded by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust. Focusing on World Heritage sites, notably in the urban context, the objective is to promote traditional building cultures, respond to the changing needs of local communities in terms of housing and involve them in the conservation and enhancement of heritage. Entrepreneurship is an important component that contributes to job creation and the reduction of emigration in the region.
54. Addressing development and tourism infrastructure projects has become a priority in the Arab States region, whereby technical advice is regularly provided to States Parties for ensuring protection of the World Heritage properties and their setting. Additionally, technical assistance has been provided along with UNESCO Amman Office to initiate the development of a sustainable tourism strategy at Petra (Jordan).
55. With support from the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust, the World Heritage Centre is developing a guidance tool for handling wind energy projects within World Heritage properties, their buffer zones and/or in their vicinity, in order to avoid or mitigate their impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the sites. With the support of the Ministry of Environment of Hungary, the World Heritage Centre is also preparing a publication which will showcase how renewable energies and World Heritage protection can be complementary in the Europe and North America region. These

tools / guidelines aim to assist States Parties in developing national policies to ensure conservation in relation to renewable energies and energy transition projects.

56. Supported by the French Biodiversity Agency and the government of the Principality of Monaco, the World Heritage Centre has coordinated and launched the first scientific assessment of blue carbon in marine World Heritage properties (in the framework of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development) (see <https://whc.unesco.org/en/blue-carbon-report/>).

## **Performance Indicator 5: Tentative Lists and Nominations**

### **Trends**

57. Following the inscription of 29 sites (24 cultural, 4 natural and 1 mixed) by the Committee at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019), the World Heritage List currently counts 1,121 properties of which 869 are cultural, 213 natural and 39 mixed. In total, 184 States Parties currently have a Tentative List.
58. Concerning the geographical distribution of inscriptions, the trend has been the same for more than 10 years, with Europe and North America and the Asia and the Pacific region always having much more properties inscribed than the other three regions. The same trend is observed for the submission of nomination dossiers. For the categories of properties inscribed, the trend is a huge predominance of cultural properties over the other categories (natural and mixed). Over the last four years, the trend in the number of nominations that were withdrawn is between 5 and 10 withdrawals per year, but no trend in their geographical distribution.
59. By the annual deadline in 2020, the World Heritage Centre received 32 nomination dossiers (26 cultural, four natural and two mixed), out of which 23 (19 cultural, three natural and one mixed) were considered as "complete" in conformity with paragraph 132 and Annex 5 of the Operational Guidelines. For the last years, the trend is that countries from all five regions submit nomination dossiers that are considered as incomplete after the completeness check by the Secretariat. But when considering the proportion between the number of dossiers considered as incomplete and the number of nomination dossiers submitted, Europe and North America has the lowest rate of incomplete dossiers.
60. Regarding the Tentative List, the trend in the categories of sites proposed for inclusion is clear, with a very high proportion of cultural sites. However, no trend is observed in the geographical distribution of submissions, with a great variation over the years.

### **Support to Tentative Lists**

61. A reflection by a team of experts has been launched on potential protection under the Convention of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction and is still ongoing.
62. The World Heritage Centre provided technical support and guidance as well as training to several States Parties towards the revision of their Tentative Lists (such as in Angola, Benin, Gabon, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Libya, Armenia, Grenada, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Honduras), notably through the government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa. In the Latin America region, Peru applied a new participatory and integral methodology for updating its Tentative List, which other States Parties from the region are now seeking to replicate.

### **Support to preparation of nominations files**

63. The World Heritage Centre provided technical support and guidance as well as training to several States Parties towards the preparation of nomination dossiers

(notably Barbados, Benin, Chad, Congo, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti (for its first dossier), Ethiopia, Gabon, Nigeria, Palestine, Suriname and Togo).

64. The World Heritage Centre also supported international cooperation in Africa by providing technical assistance in view of the preparation of several transboundary nomination dossiers: extension of Okavango Delta (Angola, Botswana and Namibia); nomination of Lake Chad (Niger, Nigeria, Cameroun and Chad); extension of Sukur (Cameroon and Nigeria). In Asia, the World Heritage Centre continues to support the work of the Inter-governmental Coordinating Committee of the Serial Transnational World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads, which gathers 17 participating countries.
65. It is also to be noted that after five years since the inclusion of the Upstream Process in the Operational Guidelines, lessons and conclusions in view of enhancing and strengthening the Upstream Process have been analyzed and can be found under Document WHC/21/44.COM/9A.
66. In 2019, the Committee decided to endorse the principle of a two-phase nomination process, with the "Preliminary Assessment" (PA) as a first phase of the nomination process, and requested the World Heritage Centre, in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, to convene a small expert drafting group to discuss the operationalization of the nomination process reform. More detailed information on this ongoing work can be found in Document WHC/21/44.COM/8.

#### **IV. REPORT ON THEMATIC PROGRAMMES**

67. By Decision **42 COM 5A** (Manama, 2018), the Committee requested "the World Heritage Centre to submit an updated result-based report on Thematic Programmes and Initiatives, under the Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities (Item 5A)".
68. These programmes / Initiatives are either fully funded under voluntary contributions or outsourced to respective partners under the overall strategic supervision of the World Heritage Centre. Their pursuit beyond 2020 will totally depend on their capacity to attract donors' interest.

##### **A. Small Island Developing States Programme** [\(https://whc.unesco.org/en/sids/\)](https://whc.unesco.org/en/sids/)

69. The activities of the World Heritage Programme for SIDS are in line with the priorities set out in the UNESCO SIDS Action Plan, the findings and recommendations of the IOS external evaluation undertaken in 2018, the regional World Heritage Action Plans for the Caribbean (2015-2019), and the Pacific (2016-2020). Considering that SIDS are a priority target group for UNESCO, and bearing in mind that they are found in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Caribbean and are relevant to several cross-cutting themes, key achievements from SIDS countries can be found above in the various sections covering regional and thematic activities, e.g. under Periodic Reporting, Capacity-Building, or the World Heritage Marine programme.
70. SIDS are given priority for International Assistance and the Upstream Process. The SIDS Programme also supports SIDS States Parties through the application process and provides advice for the development of national Tentative Lists for World Heritage. The World Heritage Centre has received the first request for upstream support from the Pacific in April 2020, which will be considered for 2021 cycle.

71. In addition to supporting SIDS's access to the World Heritage Fund, the SIDS Programme has mobilized voluntary contributions for projects in SIDS. In response to requests from Member States, the Director-General organized the first Caribbean Regional Partners Forum meeting in Kingston, Jamaica, in September 2019 to support resources mobilization. The Forum provided a platform for dialogue to reflect on future lines of action and offered an opportunity to identify entry points for enhanced cooperation and strategic partnerships.
72. Thanks to the support of the Japan and the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust, the World Heritage Programme for SIDS supported capacity-building of World Heritage site managers and other key stakeholders in the Caribbean SIDS to enable them to manage tourism more sustainably at World Heritage sites. In Cuba, a project on flood prevention at Old Havana in relation to climate change created an innovative model that would provide the basis for the development of potential risk mitigation measures.
73. The SIDS Programme also supported the improvement of the state of conservation of World Heritage properties in SIDS, and especially the works towards the removal of East Rennell, Solomon Islands and Nan Madol, Federated States of Micronesia, from the List of World Heritage in Danger.
74. A series of 15 online training sessions were organised by the World Heritage Centre for the National Focal Points for Periodic Reporting in Asia and the Pacific, with relevant sessions also including the Site Managers in the region (September 2020 – March 2021), including targeted session for specific sub-regions, especially the Pacific SIDS. This was supported by the UNESCO/Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust.
75. Conservation works at the UNESCO World Heritage property "Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park" (Saint Kitts and Nevis) were undertaken from August 2019 onwards. Prior to the commencement of conservation works, topographical, hydrological and archaeological surveys were undertaken, which resulted in a determination that certain portions of the remaining wall would have to be taken down, as they were weak and in danger of collapsing. Care was taken to ensure that the stones were placed according to the original style of construction. The conservation of the Orillon Bastion was completed at the end of November 2019. The property had previously received support via the project "Capacity Building assistance for the conservation and management of Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park", in 2016, and both activities were financed by the UNESCO/Netherlands Funds-in-Trust (see <https://en.unesco.org/news/conservation-works-unesco-world-heritage-site-brimstone-hill-fortress-national-park>).
76. Finally, the SIDS programme supported archaeological and conservation works towards the preparation of a nomination file in Suriname on "The settlement of Joden Savanne and Cassipora cemetery".

**B. World Heritage Education Programme**  
(<https://whc.unesco.org/en/wheducation/>)

77. The World Heritage Education (WHE) Programme provides youth with knowledge and skills to get involved in heritage protection. It contributes to the implementation of UNESCO Operational Strategy on Youth 2014-2021, especially its Axis 3 ("Civic engagement, democratic participation and social innovation").
78. In collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, the World Organization of the Scout Movement produced the "World Scouting-UNESCO World Heritage Recognition Programme Guidelines" to empower young people worldwide to take the initiative to protect World Heritage in synergy with local communities.

79. The action camps organized under the **World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative** enabled over 1,000 international volunteers to engage in concrete awareness raising and preservation activities at more than 100 World Heritage properties worldwide.
80. To ensure the sustainability of the WHV Initiative, capacity-building workshops were organized for its team leaders to enhance their skills in project management, funding and communications. A publication was released in May 2020 and provides a retrospective of the first 10 years of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative and aim to increase the visibility and sustainability of WHV (<https://whc.unesco.org/document/182024>).
81. The regional and international **Youth Fora** organized under the WHE Programme (Manama, Bahrain, June 2018; Zadar, Croatia, May 2019; Baku, Azerbaijan, June 2019; Tunis, December 2019) enabled about 90 young heritage professionals to exchange on common issues in heritage preservation. By building their capacities in a diverse range of themes such as global challenges for heritage, prevention of violent extremism and synergies between tangible and intangible heritage, and by training them in the tools of communication and project design, the Fora enabled them to become messengers of heritage protection in their respective countries / regions.
82. Due to the exceptional circumstances, the 2021 World Heritage Young Professional Forum will take place in an online format from 5 to 9 July 2021.
83. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a global call was launched for the **Little Artists Exhibition**, inviting children from around the world to share drawings of their favourite World Heritage properties (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.2).

### C. World Heritage Sustainable Tourism Programme (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/tourism/>)

84. The World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism (WHST) Programme provides an international framework for the sustainable management of tourism at World Heritage properties by fostering the awareness, capacities and equal participation of all stakeholders. Its activities also directly contribute to the achievement of SDG 8.9 on sustainable tourism.
85. **World Heritage Journeys:** This project developed cross-border tourism circuits and routes in Europe (with support by the European Union) and is now being expanded to Southeast Asia (with support by the Korean International Cooperation Agency). It aims to help travellers develop a greater understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage sites, while encouraging them to stay longer and support local culture and the creative industries. Additional marketing and communication tools have been developed to help site managers more effectively communicate and market the World Heritage properties. See [www.visitworldheritage.com](http://www.visitworldheritage.com) and <https://visitworldheritage.com/en/buddha>
86. The WHST Programme has successfully engaged with the **private sector** (Seabourn Cruise Line, Expedia) to develop a type of tourism that values and protects World Heritage properties. It has also established a fruitful **interagency collaboration** with the United Nations World Tourism Organization to strengthen partnerships between the tourism and culture sectors and enhance their role in the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development via annual international conferences on Tourism and Culture (Istanbul, Turkey, December 2018 and Kyoto, Japan, December 2019).
87. **Capacity-building in tourism management.** In the framework of the WHST Programme, the World Heritage Centre provided technical support and

backstopping to UNESCO Field Offices for regional and World Heritage site-specific workshops in Asia, in Eastern Europe and in Latin America and the Caribbean. It has also created an innovative Visitor Management Assessment Tool to enable World Heritage site managers to rapidly and efficiently assess how tourism is being managed according to a set of sustainability indicators, and to develop and implement relevant tourism strategies to protect heritage values while empowering and providing benefits to local communities. After a period of testing, the tool is currently being further refined and will be made publicly available in the course of 2021.

88. A new co-publication with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) entitled '**Visitors Count**' (2021) provides a standardized approach for measuring economic impacts of tourism in protected areas. This guidance document aims to build awareness, knowledge, and capacity internationally on how to best undertake economic evaluations of tourism in protected areas, and thereby contribute towards a globally acknowledged standard methodology. It serves as a key resource for protected area managers, site managers and their respective natural and cultural heritage agencies, practitioners, academia and consultancies, as well as international stakeholders and donor agencies. It was developed with support from the BMZ and the European Commission Joint Research Centre's BIOPAMA project (financed by the European Union's 11th European Development Fund).
89. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, an online survey to all World Heritage Site managers was launched to better understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic at the site-level between 2019 and 2020 (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.2).

#### **D. World Heritage Cities Programme** (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/cities/>)

90. The World Heritage Cities Programme aims to provide a framework for urban heritage conservation and technical assistance to States Parties for the implementation of new approaches and methodologies to that end. These have included the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape (HUL Recommendation) since its adoption in November 2011. The World Heritage Cities Programme is also part of the UNESCO Cities Platform (<https://en.unesco.org/unesco-for-sustainable-cities>) that brings together all UNESCO Cities programmes across the different Sectors to promote a multidisciplinary approach to sustainable development in cities.
91. Since June 2018, more than 18 workshops have been organized across the different regions for building capacities and for awareness raising relevant to urban conservation including on the HUL Recommendation (see Annex 1 for details). Many of these meetings also provided an important opportunity for exchange among Site Managers. Such exchanges are also facilitated by the World Heritage City Dialogues, established thanks to the financial support of Nanjing Municipality (China) as an online platform for exchanges between site managers and local authorities across their region. A monthly e-newsletter (Urban Notebooks) for Site Managers has also been launched as well as the World Heritage Canopy as a platform of innovative practices of heritage solutions for sustainable futures that is focused on World Heritage cities in the first phase.
92. The World Heritage Centre participated in various international events related to cities, such as the Congress of the Organization of World Heritage Cities (Krakow, Poland, 2019) or the 10th World Urban Forum (Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 2020). It also actively contributed to the recommendations issued by the Expert Workshop on

'Heritage in Urban Contexts' (Fukuoka, Japan, January 2020) (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1516/>).

93. The World Heritage Centre has organized the World Heritage City Lab in June 2020 as an innovative global, collaborative and intensive online workshop (see Annex 3) for developing strategies and solutions to the challenges of managing World Heritage Cities with the HUL Recommendation. It has also provided technical assistance for the conservation and management of urban heritage including for the preparation of Management Plans and participated or organized more than 21 Reactive Monitoring missions and 5 Advisory missions in World Heritage Cities since 2018. The World Heritage Centre has also engaged with the European Commission and the Union for the Mediterranean to align sustainable development policies and priorities with World Heritage, including integrating urban heritage management in urban regeneration policies and actions. In the framework of the 10th Anniversary of the HUL Recommendation in 2021, a Call for Action and a global online conference of World Heritage cities is planned for June 2021.
94. Finally, the World Heritage Centre has recently launched a community activity with the Global Earth Observation (GEO) Secretariat and GEO Greek Office on earth observations for climate change impacts on World Heritage Cities (see Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7 and WHC/21/44.COM/7C).

#### **E. World Heritage Earthen Architecture Programme** (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/earthen-architecture/>)

95. The World Heritage Programme on Earthen Architecture (WHEAP) aims to support the conservation and management of earthen architecture sites globally. CRAterre (International Centre for Earthen Architecture), principal partner of this Thematic Programme, is in charge of the operational implementation of the Programme, the Secretariat ensuring the necessary institutional overview and guidance (Decision **40 COM 5D**).
96. Significant activities have been carried out in areas of conflict and disaster to help with assessment, recovery, and reconstruction. CRAterre provided technical assistance for the restoration of the tombs in Timbuktu (Mali) and for the restoration of the Royal Palaces of the Abomey (Benin).
97. Proceedings of the 2016 TERRA conference (the twelfth in a series of international events organized since 1972) were published in 2018. An international workshop was organized in the World Heritage City of Yazd (Iran) where the European Union has supported CRAterre for a project on the conservation and enhancement of the earthen architecture of Yazd (2019-2024).
98. Finally, training workshops were carried out in Tajikistan with the support of UNESCO-Japanese Funds in Trust and in Uzbekistan with support from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. CRAterre also organized the Terra Education III international conference in the framework of the WHEAP to reflect on higher education and professional training in earthen architecture.

#### **F. World Heritage Marine Programme** (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-programme>)

99. The programme's main focus is currently climate change (also see Document WHC/21/44.COM/7C). The World Heritage Centre works with scientists to assess climate change impacts and supports sites to build resilience and climate adaptation strategies. With the help of a USD 9 million international consortium of private and public partners, five World Heritage-listed coral reefs in Palau, Belize, France and

Australia have embarked in October 2018 for a duration of four years on a new, leading-edge approach to change the way to understand climate risk and plan for the future. <https://whc.unesco.org/en/reefresilience/>. The World Heritage Centre has also designed a funding strategy to demonstrate the value of natural World Heritage properties in building climate change resilience.

100. Under the auspices of the World Heritage Centre, managers of the 50 World Heritage marine properties in 37 countries share expertise, lessons learnt and best practices for an enhanced management of marine sites, via exchange of staff, e-communication and tri-annual global managers conferences (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-managers/>). This work supports the achievement of SDG 14.2 and SDG 14.5 by strengthening the management of World Heritage marine properties, including their resilience; and SDG 14.7 by supporting SIDS in using their World Heritage status for the creation of sustainable livelihoods and jobs.
101. Under the Marine programme, the World Heritage Centre developed a South-South cooperation across marine World Heritage sites in Mauritania, Sudan and South Africa to share expertise in balancing World Heritage conservation with the reduction of poverty among local communities. Best Practice guidance tools have also been translated to Indonesian and Arabic and are now available in 5 languages. <https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-managers/>.
102. Finally, in collaboration with UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), and with the support of the governments of Monaco and France, the World Heritage Centre published a scientific assessment illustrating that marine World Heritage properties cover at least 21% of the world's [blue carbon ecosystems](#) and 15% of the world's blue carbon assets.

#### **G. Thematic Initiative on Heritage of Astronomy, Science and Technology** (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/astrometry-science-technology/>)

103. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) undertakes the operational implementation of the Initiative, the Secretariat ensuring the necessary overview and institutional guidance (Decision **40 COM 5D**). The Initiative aims to raise awareness on and promote the scientific values of sites, reinforce the management and conservation of such sites, as well as highlights their links with sustainable development. Various thematic expert consultations, workshops and conferences were held on these topics during the reporting period, thanks to the important in-kind contributions provided by the IAU and States Parties.
104. The IAU released its Annual Report on the implementation of the Initiative in January 2020. It provides information on numerous events organised in 2019 on the occasion of the celebration of the IAU's 100th anniversary.

#### **H. Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest** (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/religious-sacred-heritage/>)

105. The Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest proposes new forms of action to promote social cohesion and peaceful interaction among cultures, by considering properties of religious interest for their potential to enhance mutual respect, knowledge, understanding and dialogue between communities.
106. The States Parties of Armenia, Georgia, Germany, Poland, Spain and Ukraine, as well as partner institutions, provided important financial and in-kind contributions to support a pilot-project and various expert consultations related to the management of properties of Religious Interest. A Properties of Religious Interest – Sustainable

Management Thematic Questionnaire was also elaborated with a view to collecting case studies.

### **Way forward for the Thematic Programmes / Initiatives**

107. The results of the survey on the preparation of the 41 C/4 and 41 C/5 documents (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.1) clearly gave the highest priority to the World Heritage Sustainable Tourism Programme and the World Heritage Education Programme for the period 2022-2025.
108. **Sustainable Tourism:** the World Heritage Centre will continue to work on the expansion of the World Heritage Journeys project to include a larger number of World Heritage sites in Europe and Southeast Asia, as was recommended by an independent external evaluation of the Europe project (2016-2019). The evaluation highlighted the project's effectiveness with regards to increasing visibility, attracting international markets, and helping World Heritage properties grasp and implement sustainable tourism. The implementation of activities associated with the UNESCO Sustainable Tourism Pledge with the Expedia Group will continue with the support of UNESCO Bangkok. Expansion of the Pledge to other regions is also planned. A priority for the Programme will be to deliver technical assistance and capacity-building to sites on enhancing the visitor experience, sustainable tourism management and carrying capacity using the UNESCO Sustainable Tourism Toolkit. The World Heritage Sustainable Tourism programme will also continue to participate in UNESCO's response to COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. Supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), a new 2-million euro project '**Promoting sustainable tourism and private sector engagement for inclusive community development**' in response to the COVID-19 crisis will be implemented in 2021/2022. More detailed information is contained in Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.2.
109. **Education:** the World Heritage Centre will work on the organization of regional youth fora that address specific challenges faced by heritage in a region; on the production of new episodes of the cartoon series 'Patrimonito's World Heritage Adventures' in order to raise awareness amongst the young on targeted World Heritage properties; on the update of the World Heritage in Young Hands Kit to make it more interactive and user-friendly; and on enhancing the sustainability of the WHV Initiative.
110. The results of the survey on C/4-C/5 documents also showed that the World Heritage **Marine Programme**, the **Cities Programme** and the **Small Island Developing States Programme** should focus on their contribution to climate change adaptation, and also on sustainable development on the cities' and SIDS' side.
111. **Marine:** The World Heritage Centre will continue to attract professional expertise and invest in the network of World Heritage marine managers, with a focus on the African continent, and implement projects that aim to develop climate change adaptation strategies and build resilience. During the UN Decade of Ocean Science led by IOC-UNESCO (2021-2030), the World Heritage Centre intends to develop a roadmap that will set out the core scientific priorities for Marine World Heritage and identify core global partnerships necessary to address the science gaps.
112. **SIDS:** The World Heritage Centre will continue to develop activities and provide support along two main axes: (1) the development of a thematic and regional capacity-building framework for heritage professionals, stakeholders and civil society involved in heritage conservation; and (2) the provision of technical assistance to SIDS States Parties for the improvement of the state of conservation of World Heritage properties, especially those on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the preparation of Tentative Lists and nomination files.

113. **Cities:** The World Heritage Cities Programme should serve as center for advancing Climate Action and Sustainable Development. In this regard, a platform of good practices is under preparation to integrate heritage conservation with the 2030 Agenda. As the epicenter of the global COVID-19 health crisis has been in cities, the World Heritage Cities Programme could also enhance social and economic inclusiveness and promote community well-being in the context of recovery and rebuilding. In addition, the 10th anniversary of the 2011 UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL) will be celebrated.
114. In view of the priorities clearly expressed the survey on C/4-C/5 documents and of the results already achieved, keeping also in mind staff and funding constraints and existing implementing partners (IAU and CRAterre), it is suggested to phase out the Thematic Initiative on Astronomy and World Heritage and the World Heritage Earthen Architecture Programme. The Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest will be mainstreamed within the activities of the regional units while overall guidance on the governance, management and use of properties of religious interest will continue to be carried out in close cooperation with the Advisory Bodies.

## V. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS AND PROGRAMMES

115. In the framework of the online consultation on the preparation of the 41 C/4 and 41 C/5 documents requested by the General Conference (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.1), the main UNESCO Conventions and Programmes identified as being the ones the World Heritage Convention should collaborate with in the period 2022-2025, are the 2003, 1954, 1970 and 2001 Conventions as well as the MAB and Geoparks programme.
116. Synergies with other Conventions and programmes have been further enhanced by the World Heritage Centre in a proactive manner, as follows.
  - a) **Culture Conventions**
117. The World Heritage Centre participated in the meetings of the Culture Conventions Liaison Group (CCLG) throughout 2019 and 2020 and actively contributed to the discussions on Governance as well as the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts, issues related to Rules of Procedure, implementation of the Recommendations of the Governance Working Group. The World Heritage Centre shared with other Conventions its questionnaire for the on-line consultations for the 41 C/4 and 41 C/5 documents for their information.
118. The World Heritage Centre also systematically invited other UNESCO Culture Conventions to participate in workshops related to the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting. Other workshops demonstrated the importance of further synergies among the Culture Conventions, whether in the field of sites in danger (1954, 1970 and 1972 Conventions, such as the HeRe expert meeting in Romania in September 2019 – see Document WHC/21/44.COM/7) or in the impacts and mitigation of climate change (including in participating in technical meetings organized within the framework of the updating of the 2007 Policy Document on the impacts of climate change on World Heritage properties throughout 2020) (1972, 2003 and 2005 Conventions) or such as in the UNESCO reflection group organized by the Culture Sector in the margin of the 52nd session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (February 2020).

## **2003 Convention**

119. Following several meetings and exchanges between the World Heritage Centre and the Secretariat of the 2003 Convention in 2019, the 2003 Convention has now adopted the same regional approach for its Periodic Reporting Exercise as the World Heritage Convention.
120. The E.U. funded project “European Year of Cultural Heritage: Engaging Youth for an Inclusive and Sustainable Europe” combines work on both the 1972 and the 2003 Conventions. During the Young Professional’s Forum organized in May 2019 (see also paragraph 81 on Youth), many participants declared that it was the first time they were exposed to an integrated approach to cultural heritage, and that they better understood the linkages between tangible and intangible heritage and the advantages of such a holistic approach.

### **b) Biodiversity-related Conventions**

121. Since the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee, the main focus on the work on synergies between the biodiversity-related Conventions has been on the preparation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) which will provide an overall strategic framework for all the Biodiversity-related Conventions, including the World Heritage Convention, for the next decade. More details on the preparation process is available in Document WHC/21/44.COM/7.
122. The 14th meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) took place in September 2019 and discussed extensively inputs, common messages and dates of all events leading to the GBF insisting on the fact that the GBF should provide a common framework for all Biodiversity-related Conventions and build on the strengths of each Convention (BLG meeting reports are available at <https://www.cbd.int/blg/>). A BLG conference call was convened in April 2020, joined by all the executive heads of the eight Conventions. A number of action points were agreed, including joint inputs for the forthcoming UN Biodiversity Summit (during the high-level week of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly). This was followed up during a conference call of the BLG parties in December 2020, when it appeared that all the governing body meetings of BLG conventions scheduled for 2020 have been postponed to 2021, except IPPC.
123. The World Heritage Centre actively engaged in the preparatory works leading to the first draft GBF which was released in January 2020 following its participation in the BLG, via UNESCO intersectoral submissions, and its participation in the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the GBF (Rome, February 2020) with the Science Sector. The World Heritage Centre advocated for the comparative advantage of the World Heritage Convention as the only international instrument which promotes a holistic approach to biodiversity conservation, and also as the custodian of some of the largest intact ecosystems on earth which are essential in the fight against climate change. The World Heritage Centre also proposed existing indicators under the Convention including the Culture|2030 Indicators to be included in the new monitoring framework of the GBF.
124. The World Heritage Centre also accompanied the members of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee who participated in the Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-related Conventions on the GBF (Bern, Switzerland, June 2019). The World Heritage Centre and some of the Bureau members also participated in an Online Briefing Session for the Bern II Workshop (March 2020), which highlighted the importance of proactive engagement by Parties to different Conventions to ensure synergies at a national level.

### **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**

125. In the framework of the UNESCO-Secretariat of the CBD joint programme on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity, the World Heritage Centre, together with other UNESCO biodiversity focal points (2003 Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, MAB, LINKS and ESD programmes) met with the CBD Secretariat and IUCN at UNESCO Headquarters on 12-13 February 2020 to discuss collaboration towards CBD COP 15 and beyond, as well as developing potential elements of work under the joint programme to further highlight the role of nature-culture linkages in the GBF. Inputs for the vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature" were also discussed.

### **Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**

126. At its 18th Conference of the Parties (August 2019), the CITES adopted a resolution which encourages a closer cooperation with the World Heritage Convention (<https://www.cites.org/sites/default/files/document/E-Res-18-05.pdf>). The resolution urges State Parties with World Heritage natural or mixed sites within their territory, whose integrity is threatened by poaching of CITES-listed species and associated illegal trade, to reach out to other range, transit and consumer countries as part of their efforts to address the issue. The World Heritage Centre is currently discussing with CITES Secretariat to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize this cooperation.

### **Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)**

127. The World Heritage Centre has continued its cooperation with CMS on the crucial issue of connectivity and is working with CMS to have a reference to connectivity included in the GBF.

### **Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar)**

128. The World Heritage Centre also continued its close cooperation with the Ramsar Secretariat on sites of multiple and joint designation. For example, the Ramsar Secretariat participated in the reactive monitoring mission to Doñana National Park, Spain, in February 2020 (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/7B).

### **c) Other programmes**

129. UNESCO wants to further strengthen its inter-sectoral work in the field of biodiversity conservation and climate change, focusing on UNESCO-designated sites (natural/mixed World Heritage properties, UNESCO Man and Biosphere sites and Global Geoparks). This was also discussed in a meeting of the Culture – Science Steering Committee in January 2020, followed by an Information Meeting on Biodiversity organized by the Science Sector together with the Culture Sector on 7 February 2020 to brief all Delegations on work under way during 2020.

### **Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme**

130. The World Heritage Centre exchange information with the MAB programme on the state of conservation of or on concrete management issues cooperation at jointly designated or overlapping sites. Examples are the mining project in Mount Nimba (Guinea), the revision of the buffer zone of the Dja Wildlife Reserve (Cameroun) or the state of conservation of the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve (Mexico). Another concrete example is the joint work on sustainable management of the resources in the Lake Chad Basin through the Biosphere and Heritage of Lake Chad (BIOPALT) project, involving 7 African countries (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Mauritania). Through the Rapid

Response Facility (RRF) an emergency grant of over USD29,000 was also provided in March 2020 to the Yabotí Biosphere Reserve in Argentina, to tackle a dramatic increase in poaching.

#### **UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP)**

131. The World Heritage Centre has a long-standing cooperation with the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) on the Community Management of Protected Areas for Conservation (COMPACT) programme, through which it engages local communities in the stewardship of a number of World Heritage sites across the globe. The World Heritage Centre and UNDP GEF-SGP are currently discussing the update of their joint Memorandum of Cooperation with CBD.

#### **Natura 2000 / Bern Convention**

132. The World Heritage Centre is also discussing with the Council of Europe and the European Commission on how to further strengthen the cooperation on World Heritage sites which are included in the Natura 2000 network or are European Diploma holder under the Bern Convention. Information is already being exchanged on the state of conservation of such sites.

#### **Legacy Landscape Fund**

133. The World Heritage Centre and IUCN are participating in the project preparation team for a new multi-donor public / private fund initiated by Germany to support the protection of “high biodiversity and wilderness areas”. This “Legacy Landscape Fund” will provide long-term financial support to selected protected areas in developing countries, including natural World Heritage sites. It is expected to be launched at CBD COP15.

## **VI. KEY CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD**

134. Several reflections undertaken by the Governing Bodies of the Convention underlined areas in which challenges should be addressed, notably Conservation, Governance and Climate Change.
135. This is also reflected in the online consultation on the preparation of the 41 C/4 and 41 C/5 documents requested by the General Conference (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.1), where respondents identified “Achieving a balance between World Heritage conservation and development needs”, “Reducing the level of politicization of decisions by the Governing Bodies of the Convention” and “Addressing the effects of climate change on World Heritage properties” as the 3 key challenges which will be most relevant for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention during the 2022-2029 period.

#### **Conservation**

136. Conservation and management of World Heritage properties, at the core of the World Heritage Convention, remain a constant challenge. The impact of industrial and infrastructure projects, across all regions, as well as the increasing tourism pressure on the Outstanding Universal Value and integrity of World Heritage properties, both cultural and natural, are becoming more pressing and challenging as time goes by.
137. In this regard, the need to reconcile development and conservation, while integrating sustainable development approaches is more important than ever. Challenges related to conflict or post-conflict situations are persistent, including challenges related to issues of reconstruction and the integration of culture in post-conflict recovery.

138. Furthermore, the global health situation linked to the COVID-19 outbreak has had a significant impact on the activities planned by the World Heritage Centre in all regions for 2020 and 2021. The implementation of decisions by the World Heritage Committee on the monitoring of state of conservation of World Heritage properties, including among others missions capacity-building workshops, Periodic Reporting exercise and other events that required participation of experts trainers and/or UNESCO representatives have been postponed. Many impacted activities have been implemented through online meetings and webinars. The ones which could not be converted into an online format were rescheduled to a later date. Further details on specific impact on activities are contained in Annex III of the present Document as well as in Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.2.
139. It is expected that this will have a quantitative impact on the implementation of the Convention in many States Parties in the coming years.

### **Governance**

140. Ensuring the level of technical expertise in the decision-making process by the Governing Bodies of the Convention is an increasing challenge faced by the Convention. Indeed, the credibility of the Convention and of the World Heritage List, mostly regarding the inscription process, continues to be at risk. This undermines the principles of scientific excellence and impartiality that are at the heart of the Convention, as the trend over the past decade is to see recommendations by the Advisory Bodies on nominations disregarded by the Committee. This trend can also be seen in the state of conservation process.
141. Consequently, discussions and reflection around the indispensable ethical values of the different stakeholders of the Convention to ensure that the fundamental principles of objectivity, transparency and impartiality are respected and promoted within the process of decision-making of the Governing bodies of the 1972 Convention, have taken place both during World Heritage Committee and General Assembly sessions over the past 10 years.
142. It is in this framework that the 22nd session of the General Assembly at its last session in 2019, emphasized the collective responsibility of all stakeholders – States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies – to uphold the integrity and the credibility of the World Heritage Convention and, as such, expecting all stakeholders to conduct themselves according to the highest ethical standards of professionalism, equity and transparency. It consequently decided to establish an open-ended working group of States Parties to the Convention, with the mandate to develop, for consideration by the 23rd session of the General Assembly of States Parties, a Code of Conduct, or a Statement of Ethical Principles or equivalent text. At the time of drafting this document, four meetings of the open-ended working group have already taken place under the able leadership of H.E. Mr. Ghazi GHERAIRI, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Tunisia to UNESCO.

### **Climate-Change**

143. Since the beginning of the years 2000, Climate Change has been the subject of in-depth discussion and debates by the Governing bodies of the Convention as one of the main challenges of its future. Since 2005, UNESCO has been at the forefront of exploring and managing the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage. This led to the adoption in 2007 by the General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention of a Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties* (hereafter “Policy Document”).
144. Aware that Climate Change-related knowledge has drastically improved over the past 10 years, the Committee requested at its 40th session in 2016 (Decision **40 COM 7**), that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies “*periodically*

*review and update the Policy Document, to make available the most current knowledge and technology on the subject to guide the decisions and actions of the World Heritage community”.*

145. A project funded by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust has been initiated by the World Heritage Centre to update the Policy Document, for consideration by the Committee at its 44th session. The draft Policy Document, prepared by a team of 2 senior internationally recognized experts, guided by a Technical Advisory Group composed of experts in the fields of natural and cultural heritage, climate change, as well as representatives and observers of States Parties, Advisory Bodies and from the UNESCO Science and Culture Sectors. All information background on the update of this Policy Document as well as the text of the updated Policy are contained in Document WHC/21/44.COM/7C.
146. In June 2020, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) approved a UNESCO-ICOMOS proposal for a co-sponsored International Expert Meeting on Culture, Heritage and Climate Change to be organized by UNESCO, ICOMOS and the IPCC end of 2021 to assess the state of knowledge related to culture and climate change; identify key research and knowledge gaps in this field; and strengthen research leading to peer-reviewed scientific publications to help promote the role of culture for climate change mitigation and adaptation and better integrate culture in the international climate agenda. In preparation of this meeting, a Scientific Steering Committee, co-chaired by the Director of the World Heritage Centre, was established (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/7C for more details).
147. The World Heritage Centre will continue to ensure that the impacts of climate change be integrated in management and conservation approaches.

#### **Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak**

148. The unprecedented crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic had major impacts on World Heritage properties globally, among them the closure of World Heritage sites resulting in socio-economic impacts, disruption of community life in and around properties, aggravation of poverty notably. Impact on the ground of the COVID-19 crisis will be a long-lasting one which will make some current challenges more acute and will entail additional ones. For further details, see Document WHC/21/4.COM/INF.5A.2.
149. In the framework of the World Heritage Sustainable Tourism programme, the Secretariat has adopted a two-pronged approach to culture, tourism, recovery and resilience. In this framework and in the short-term, operational measures and good practices will be shared to facilitate networking and support governments in responding effectively to the crisis and manage the recovery process. This will include measures to support communities and safeguard livelihoods in the transition towards more versatile and resilient systems, examples of approaches to reopening World Heritage properties and cultural institutions, and the sharing of global trends.
150. In the mid-term, coordinated policy guidance at the international and national levels on the future of cultural tourism will be developed - in consultation with key stakeholders - building on shared normative tools, including UNESCO's Culture Conventions and the Historic Urban Landscape Approach (HUL).
151. A Task Force on Culture and Resilient Tourism has been established with the Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Convention. The Task Force is leading a global dialogue addressing key issues relating to tourism and heritage management during and beyond the COVID-19 crisis. The process will result in a roadmap that outlines a strategic approach for tourism that harnesses heritage values to rejuvenate communities, protects nature and contributes to sustainable development. The first global debate was held in September 2020. The panel of

experts called for a shift towards tourism that regenerates destinations and provides economic, social and environmental benefits, while not losing sight of global challenges such as climate change.

152. Finally, a last but not least challenge concerns the ratio between the requests put forward to the Secretariat and the actual human and financial means available. Limited human resources are still a major challenge faced by the Secretariat. The Secretariat continues to rely heavily on temporary staff thanks to some reinforcement and contributions received from States Parties. However, there is an increasing number of new thematic considerations and initiatives that the Governing Bodies of the Convention request to initiate and implement. Therefore, this reinforcement which is not sustainable on the long-term does not offset the regular statutory and operational workload of the Secretariat, which continues to increase.

#### **Use of the UNESCO logo and World Heritage emblem**

153. The Department of Public Information (DPI) of UNESCO informed the Secretariat that changes have been made to item 13.9 'Use and Authorization of UNESCO's Name, Acronym and Logo' of the UNESCO Administrative Manual. These changes were published on 2 April 2021.
154. As these amendments may have an impact on the joint use of the UNESCO logo and World Heritage emblem, revisions may be required to Chapter VIII "The World Heritage Emblem" of the Operational Guidelines and in particular, its Annex 14 "Tables of Uses of the World Heritage Emblem".
155. It is therefore suggested that the Secretariat includes potential changes required into a working document on the Revisions to the Operational Guidelines to be presented to the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee (Kazan, Russian Federation, 2022).

#### **50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention**

156. In view of the 50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention in 2022, preliminary discussions took place by the Secretariat including three meetings of an internal working group since December 2020, and with the UNESCO Department of Public Information (DPI). A website for the 50th anniversary has been established and a potential theme, 'World Heritage – towards sustainable futures', has been identified. The 45th session of the World Heritage Committee in Kazan (Russian Federation) will fall in this period and invitations and suggestions for events have also been received from States Parties. The World Heritage Centre also reviewed the documentation and results of past anniversaries including:
- 20th anniversary 1992 (Santa Fe, USA; UNESCO Paris), which led to the Adoption of Strategic Orientations;
  - 30th anniversary 2002 (Budapest, Hungary; Venice, Italy) which led to the 2002 Budapest Declaration;
  - 40th anniversary 2012 (St Petersburg, Russian Federation and Kyoto, Japan), which led to the work on the "Future of the World Heritage Convention"
157. The World Heritage Committee launched major works with the "Future of the World Heritage Convention". Its preparation and subsequent Outcomes and Progress in the Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan 2012-2022 is being reported and reviewed by each General Assembly since 2011. A last report is foreseen to be presented to the 23rd session of the General Assembly of States Parties in November 2021.

158. As the Committee, with Decision **43 COM 8** (point 8), recommended “that consideration is given to using the opportunity of the 50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention in 2022 to undertake a reflection on the Global Strategy”, a study was prepared to contribute to this reflection on the Global Strategy. This document is being presented under item 8.

## VII. DRAFT DECISION

### **Draft Decision: 44 COM 5A**

*The World Heritage Committee,*

1. *Having examined Document WHC/21/44.COM/5A, WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.1 and WHC/21/44.COM/INF.5A.2;*
2. *Recalling Decisions **42 COM 5A** and **43 COM 5A** adopted at its 42nd (Manama, 2018) and 43rd (Baku, 2019) sessions respectively,*
3. *Takes note, with appreciation, of the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre over the past year in pursuit of the five Strategic Objectives set by the World Heritage Committee and of the Expected Result 1 of Major Programme IV to ensure that “Tangible heritage [is] identified, protected, monitored and sustainably managed by Member States, in particular through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention”;*
4. *Also takes note of the results of the on-line consultation with the Governing Bodies of the World Heritage Convention for the preparation of the 41 C/4 and 41 C/5 documents;*
5. *Further takes note with concern of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on World Heritage and commends the Secretariat for the responses to this extreme situation;*
6. *Further takes note of the progress reports on the Thematic Programmes / Initiatives, thanks States Parties and other stakeholders for their support and invites them to continue to provide human and financial resources to support the implementation of these Programmes / Initiatives;*
7. *Acknowledges the results attained by the Earthen Architecture Programme and the Thematic Initiative on Heritage of Astronomy, Science and Technology, which have both achieved their key objectives, and decides to phase them out, requesting the World Heritage Centre to continue to cooperate with IAU and CRAterre in identifying, conserving and managing of earthen architecture, astronomy, science or technology heritage of Outstanding Universal Value;*
8. *Welcomes the continued efforts to enhance synergies among UNESCO’s Culture Conventions and the inter-sectoral work with the biodiversity-related conventions and programmes;*
9. *Requests the World Heritage Centre to further strengthen these synergies and exchanges, including on critical issues and challenges such as climate change impacts, and calls on all States Parties to the Convention to actively engage in the preparation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) in order to set an ambitious global agenda to halt biodiversity loss and to reflect the contribution of the World Heritage Convention to global biodiversity conservation;*
10. *Thanks the Governments of Australia, Flanders, France, Hungary, Japan, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway and the Republic of Korea for their support to the implementation*

*the activities carried out by the World Heritage Centre for the implementation of the Convention, and invites other States Parties to provide such support;*

11. *Also recalling Decisions **43 COM 8**, adopted at its 43rd session (Baku, 2019), takes note of the preliminary preparations for the 50th anniversary of World Heritage Convention;*
12. *Requests the World Heritage Centre to present a report on its activities at its 45th session as well as an updated result-based report on Thematic Programmes, under Item 5A: Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities, for examination at its 46th session.*

**RESULTS-BASED REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE IN PURSUIT OF THE “5 Cs”  
(COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 2019 TO JUNE 2021)**

Please note this annex should be read in conjunction with the following documents when available: “Progress report on Priority Africa, sustainable development and World Heritage” (WHC/21/44.COM/5C), “World Heritage Convention and Sustainable Development” (WHC/21/44.COM/5D), “Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres” (WHC/21/44.COM/6), “State of conservation of World Heritage properties” (WHC/21/44.COM/7), “Nomination Process” (WHC/21/44.COM/8), “Outcomes of the Expert meeting on sites associated with recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories” (WHC/21/44.COM/INF.8.1), “Review and approval of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value” (WHC/21/44.COM/8E), “Report on the results of the Third cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the Arab States” (WHC/21/44.COM/10A), “Report on the results of the Third cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in Africa” (WHC/21/44.COM/10B) and “Progress report on the preparation of the Third cycle in the other regions” (WHC/21/44.COM/10D), “Revision of the Operational Guidelines” (WHC/21/44.COM/12).

Abbreviations: Advisory Bodies (**ABs**), Africa (**AFR**), Asia and the Pacific (**APA**), Arab States (**ARB**), Europe and North America (**EUR**), Global (**GLO**), Latin America and the Caribbean (**LAC**), the World Heritage Centre (**WHC**).

REGION	ACTIVITIES BY WHC	DECISIONS	RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered
<b>1C - Activities to make the World Heritage List more representative, balanced and credible (Credibility)</b>			
<b>A) General</b>			
GLO	The WHC published the 2016 UNESCO-IUCN report on World Heritage in the High Seas in English, French and Spanish; released the proceedings of the 2018 legal expert meeting; and prepared several communication tools to share the results of this work. Supported by the French Biodiversity Agency and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.	Global Strategy <b>18 GA 8</b> <b>36 COM 9A</b>	Members of the World Heritage Committee have at their disposal the appropriate scientific and legal background information to discuss matters related to World Heritage properties in marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.  See: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/highseas">https://whc.unesco.org/en/highseas</a>
GLO	Meetings of the Expert Drafting Group on the Reform of the World Heritage Nomination Process organized by WHC in coordination with the Advisory Bodies (Paris, November 2019, January and February 2020). It brought together 12 experts representing all regions of the world, including representatives of the Advisory Bodies and of WHC.	<b>43 COM 12</b>	The small expert drafting group has proposed concrete changes to be introduced into the Operational Guidelines.  The outcome of their work is to be examined the ad-hoc Working Group then by the Committee at its 44th session in Documents WHC/21/44.COM/8 and WHC/21/44.COM/12.
GLO	Expert meeting on the sites associated with recent conflicts and other negative and divisive memories organized by WHC with the financial support of the Governments of Australia, France, Kuwait, Republic	<b>42 COM 5A</b> <b>42 COM 8</b> <b>42 COM 8B.24</b>	The experts jointly drafted an outcome paper with specific recommendations to be examined by the World Heritage Committee as requested by the Committee at its 42nd session.

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	of Korea and UNESCO, as well as in-kind support of the African World Heritage Fund (Paris, 4-6 December 2019).		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.8.1 for the full report and recommendations.
AFR	Technical support provided by WHC to the State Party of Somalia, which deposited its instrument of ratification on 11 February 2020 to the Director General of UNESCO.		The State Party of Somalia has successfully ratified the <i>Convention</i> , which came into effect in 23 October 2020.
AFR	WHC will participate in the Expert meeting on sites associated with memory of recent conflicts and the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> (previously planned on April, postponed to 2021, Johannesburg, South Africa).		The discussion was led in the framework of the experts' meetings in Paris on the same topic implemented at global level under the coordination of the Secretariat, in which experts from Africa actively participated and discussed related issues and challenges for the <i>Convention</i> .
AFR	With support of UNESCO's Participation Programme, a high-level National Heritage Committee was established in Ghana to coordinate the work of all stakeholders and implementing agencies under the Ministries of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Lands and Natural Resources, Local Government, and Rural Development, Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs.		The National Heritage Committee was established in September 2020 with the organization of a training workshop and an inauguration ceremony, which also benefitted from technical assistance from the World Heritage Centre.
<b>B) Tentative List</b>			
AFR	Technical support provided by WHC through the Flemish Funds in Trust to the Angolan authorities in order to prepare a Tentative List for natural properties.		A workshop for the review of the Tentative List of the State Party of Angola is planned for the second quarter of 2021.
AFR	In the framework of the international assistance, support provided by WHC in the establishment of the Tentative List of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and update of the Tentative List of Togo.		Thanks to WHC support, the State Party of Equatorial Guinea has started to work on its Tentative List and Togo is currently reviewing its Tentative List.
AFR	Technical support provided by WHC through the Government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa to the Gabonese authorities in order to support the inventory of Gabon's cultural heritage, the results of which will be used to update Gabon's Tentative List.		Thanks to WHC support, the State Party of Gabon has started to inventory its heritage and work on its Tentative List (ongoing)
AFR	In the framework of the international assistance, support provided by WHC in the update of Rwanda's Tentative List and in the establishment of a National Committee for World Heritage		Thanks to WHC support, the State Party of Rwanda has partially updated its Tentative List in January 2021 (ongoing)

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AFR	In the framework of the international assistance, support provided by WHC in the establishment of the Tentative List of Zimbabwe		Thanks to WHC support, the State Party of Zimbabwe has started to work on its Tentative List (ongoing)
AFR	Technical support provided by WHC to the State Party of Benin in the update of its Tentative List		Thanks to WHC support, the State Party of Benin has updated its Tentative List in February 2021
APA	Joint UNESCO-ASEAN meeting on Shared Maritime Heritage, organized in collaboration with the Indonesian authorities and the ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta & Belitung, Indonesia, 5-9 November 2019).	Global Strategy	Ministries of Culture of ASEAN countries had a unique opportunity to reflect on the possible areas and modalities of collaboration among their countries for the promotion of shared maritime heritage, including the safeguarding of underwater heritage and a possible serial World Heritage nomination.
EUR	WHC advisory mission, financed through the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund. General recommendations provided to the Armenian authorities regarding disaster risk management and Upstream Process in Armenia.	Upstream Process	The State Party of Armenia has adequate elements to strengthen the disaster risk management of the City of Gyumri's cultural heritage, affected by a powerful earthquake in 1988, as well as to prepare a revision of its Tentative List in view of a possible future nomination of the City.
LAC	Organization by WHC of an International Workshop in Honduras for the revision of the State Party's Tentative List with the participation of the Advisory Bodies (Tegucigalpa, February 2020).	Global strategy	The State Party of Honduras has updated its Tentative List following a methodology provided by the Advisory Bodies and WHC which will serve as pilot project for the sub region.
LAC	Assistance by WHC to the State Party of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the development of a cultural and natural heritage inventory, financially supported by the Participation Programme and the Netherlands Fund-in-Trust.	Global strategy	National institutions from the State Party benefited from a capacity-building exercise on the priorities of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> and the proper use of the World Heritage List in view of potential proposals.
LAC	Investigation and analysis of the Cultural and Natural Heritage inventory of potential World Heritage properties of Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as part of the Grenadine Islands Group Upstream Process (Phase II)		Survey, analysis and stakeholder consultations with various government and private institutions were undertaken and Cultural and Natural inventories for both Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were developed utilizing UNESCO's criteria for assessing OUV. They are to include the type of site, location, brief description, historical reference, boundaries and buffer zones, property owner contact information, location plan indicating the relevant properties.
<b>C) Nominations</b>			
AFR	The BIOSphere and Heritage of Lake Chad (BIOPALT) project supported the development of the Transboundary Management Plan	Global Strategy	The States Parties of Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria and Chad have successfully submitted a nomination dossier to WHC in January 2020,

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	for Lake Chad Cultural Landscape. WHC provided comments and a review of the draft nomination file submitted in September 2019.		after developing a Transboundary Management plan for Lake Chad Cultural Landscape.
AFR	With support from WHC through the EU-funded Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI), technical assistance was provided to the Gabonese authorities to prepare the “Ivindo National Park” (Gabon) nomination file. A validation workshop was organized in January 2020, which also included a training session for the revision of Gabon’s Tentative List of natural and mixed sites.	Global Strategy	The State Party of Gabon is currently reviewing its Tentative List and submitted to WHC the nomination file for “Ivindo National Park” in January 2020.
AFR	Financial support from the “Government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa” was provided to the States Parties of Chad, Nigeria, Benin and Togo, respectively for the finalization of the “Zakouma National Park” nomination file, the review of “Surame Cultural Landscape” draft nomination and the extension to Benin of the World Heritage site of Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba.		The State Party of Chad has submitted the nomination file for “Zakouma National Park” to the Secretariat in January 2020. A draft nomination proposal for “Surame Cultural Landscape” was submitted in September 2019 for technical review by WHC, and activities for further documentation and restoration are ongoing. The State Party of Benin submitted the extension proposal of Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba to the Secretariat in January 2021.
AFR	Technical support provided by WHC through the EU-funded CAWHFI project to Congolese authorities for the preparation of a nomination file for “Odzala Kokoua Forest Landscape” (Congo). A validation workshop was organized in January 2021.		The State Party of Congo has submitted to WHC the nomination file for “Odzala Kokoua Forest Landscape” in January 2021.
AFR	Technical support provided by the WHC through the Flemish Funds-in-Trust to the authorities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angola, Botswana and Namibia to assess the feasibility of a serial extension to the “Okavango Delta” World Heritage Site.</li> <li>Ethiopia to prepare a nomination for the “Bale Mountains National park” and the Significant Boundary Modification of “Simien National Park”.</li> </ul>	<b>42 COM 7B.91</b> <b>38 COM 8B.5</b>	Angola, Botswana and Namibia have set up a steering committee in Maun (Botswana) in June 2019, and it met in Kasane (Botswana) in February 2020 and virtually in March 2021 for the extension project. The Steering Committee is operational and has approved an action plan.  Ethiopia prepared and submitted a nomination file for Bale Mountains National Park in January 2021 with the financial and technical support of WHC.
AFR	Support to Djibouti for the preparation of an international assistance request for the identification of an appropriate site towards a future nomination for inscription on the World Heritage List (IA n°3175).  In the framework of the international assistance, support from WHC to Comoros for the preparation of the nomination file “Sultanats Historiques des Comores” (IA n°2999).		The States Parties of Djibouti, Comoros and South Sudan are working on the preparation of nomination files with the support of the World Heritage Fund.

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	Support to South Sudan with the development of an action plan for the preparation of a nomination file through organization of an Advisory Bodies meeting (AI n°2984).		
AFR	Financial support provided by “Government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa” to the State Party of Cameroon to undertake the prefeasibility study for the nomination of “Diy-Gid-Biy Cultural Landscape” on the World Heritage List.		In the aftermath of the field mission, Nigeria and Cameroon agreed to submit a nomination file for a next cycle (2021) for “Diy-Gid-Biy Cultural Landscape” as an extension of “Sukur Cultural Landscape”. Cameroon updated accordingly its Tentative List to reflect these results.
AFR	Financial support was provided by the Ministry of Culture of France for the development of the first nomination dossier from Djibouti		Preparatory meetings have been organized; implementation is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.
ARB	In the framework of the international assistance, support from WHC to Palestine for the preparation of the nomination file for Jericho Millenary City, Archaeological and Historical Urban Development (IA n° 3028)		The State Party of Palestine is working on the preparation of a nomination file with the support of the World Heritage Fund.
APA	6th Coordinating Committee Meeting of the Serial Transnational World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads organised by WHC and the UNESCO Cluster Office in Tehran, in cooperation with the Iranian national and local authorities (Hamedan, Iran, 23-25 September 2019), partially funded by the Japanese Funds-in-Trust project “Support for the Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia (Phase II)” and by the Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust project “Support for the Asian Silk Roads World Heritage Serial and Transnational Nomination(s) (Phase II).	<b>43 COM 10B</b>	The Silk Roads International Coordinating Committee and member States have reinforced further their cooperation on serial transnational Silk Roads nomination and strengthened understanding between themselves. Stakeholders also shared successful experience and methodology thanks to the provided platform for exchanges.
APA	Following the granting of International Assistance, upstream support and guidance was provided to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to conduct a feasibility study to identify the potential Outstanding Universal Value of Mt. Kumgang for inscription on the World Heritage List, and further technical assistance was provided to finalize the draft nomination dossier of Mt. Kumgang (IA n°2985).		The State Party of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea submitted the nomination file of Mt. Kumgang to the Secretariat in January 2021.
LAC	Preparatory support provided by WHC for the Nomination file for “Jodensavanne” (Suriname) financed under the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust.	Global Strategy	The Surinamese national authorities completed an archaeological survey and conservation works.

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LAC	Preparatory support provided by WHC for the Nomination file on “The Industrial Heritage of Barbados: The Story of Sugar and Rum”, Barbados, under the Japanese Funds-in-Trust.	Global Strategy	The State Party of Barbados has assembled the research team for the preparation of the Nomination file of the site.
<b>2C - Activities to ensure the effective Conservation of World Heritage properties (Conservation)</b>			
<b>A) Reactive Monitoring missions and emergency missions</b>			
AFR	<p>Six Reactive Monitoring missions have been carried out in all sub-regions and two are planned (but postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic) at the time of drafting this document, as per Decisions taken by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint WHC/ICCROM/ICOMOS mission to Lamu Old Town, Kenya, November/December 2019</li> <li>• Joint WHC/IUCN mission to Rwenzori Mountains National Park, Uganda, December 2019</li> <li>• Joint WHC/ICCROM/ICOMOS mission to Stone Town of Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania, December 2019</li> <li>• Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “Salonga National Park” (Democratic Republic of the Congo, January-February 2020)</li> <li>• Joint WHC/ICCROM/ICOMOS mission to “Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions” (Ghana, February 2020)</li> <li>• Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “Lake Turkana National Parks” (Kenya, March 2020)</li> <li>• Joint WHC/ICCROM/ICOMOS mission Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove, Nigeria, initially planned for March 2020 and postponed to a later date.</li> <li>• Joint WHC/IUCN mission to Serengeti National Park, United Republic of Tanzania, initially planned for March/April 2020 and postponed to a later date.</li> </ul>	<p><b>43 COM 7B</b> <b>43 COM 7A</b></p>	<p>The States Parties of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Kenya, UR of Tanzania, Ghana, Nigeria have actively participated and engaged in the preparation and hosting of the missions as per decisions of the Committee.</p> <p>States Parties received a detailed analysis of the state of conservation of their properties with recommendations.</p> <p>Support to States Parties for the implementation of mission recommendations ongoing.</p>
AFR	An emergency evaluation mission to the Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (Côte d'Ivoire), conducted by seven experts and funded by the Heritage Emergency Fund of UNESCO, has been carried out in November 2019 following the floods of October 2019.		The State Party of Côte d'Ivoire received a detailed analysis of state of conservation with concrete recommendations. With the assistance of the WHC and the funding through the Heritage Emergency Fund, the State Party is better equipped for the implementation of the emergency plan and face the challenges caused by the floods.
AFR	An urgent evaluation mission, funded by the Heritage Emergency Fund, to assess needs relating to the built and intangible cultural		Thanks to the funding by the Heritage Emergency Fund and with the assistance of the WHC, the State Party under the National Directorate

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	heritage as well as the objects and practices associated with the Cliff of Bandiagara (Mali).		of Cultural Heritage of Mali (DNPC) prepared and handed an extensive report including annexes.
AFR	Evaluation mission in the framework of the Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI), to assess the impacts of the Mékin dam on the “Dja Faunal Reserve” (Cameroon, January 2020).		A workshop in Yaoundé (Cameroun) to present the results of the evaluation mission was organized in November 2020.
APA	<p>Six Reactive Monitoring missions have been carried out in the region and one is in preparation at the time of drafting this document, in line with the Committee’s previous decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to Lumbini (Nepal, postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic);</li> <li>• Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to the Samarkand – Crossroad of Cultures &amp; Historic Centre of Bukhara (Uzbekistan, January 2020);</li> <li>• Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to the Mountain Railways of India (India, December 2019);</li> <li>• Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to the Kathmandu Valley (Nepal, October 2019);</li> <li>• Joint WHC/IUCN mission to the “Trang An Landscape Complex” (Viet Nam, September/October 2019);</li> <li>• Joint WHC/IUCN mission to the Sundarbans (Bangladesh, December 2019)</li> </ul>	<b>43 COM 7B</b>	<p>The States Parties actively participated and engaged in the preparation and implementation of the missions as requested by the Committee.</p> <p>States Parties received a detailed analysis of the state of conservation of their properties with recommendations.</p> <p>Support to States Parties for the implementation of mission recommendations is ongoing.</p>
APA	<p>Consultation meeting between Japanese national authorities, WHC and international experts following the fire of October 2019 at the Shuri-jô site, a component of the World Heritage property “Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu” (online meeting, 5 June 2020). The meeting facilitated discussions on the ongoing and planned restoration works following the fire.</p> <p>The on-site UNESCO Expert Mission initially planned for March-April 2020 had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>		<p>The Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan presented the current state of conservation of the property and the State Party’s efforts to ensure the restoration of the site.</p> <p>The State Party of Japan was provided proper technical advice on restoration and site management including additional fire prevention measures, participation of local communities and fostering of local and traditional crafts.</p>
EUR	Joint WHC/IUCN-Ramsar mission to assess potential impacts of current and future developments and water management on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage property “Doñana National Park” (Spain, February 2020).	<b>43 COM 7B.20</b>	Results of the mission will soon be forwarded to the State Party of Spain with recommendations providing guidance that will help the State Party to better protect the Outstanding Universal Value of this World Heritage property.
EUR	With support of the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund, technical assistance from the WHC was provided to the State Party of Albania		The State Party of Albania received comprehensive information and was fully prepared to adequately undertake an evaluation of damage,

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	regarding the damages on cultural heritage sites caused by the earthquake of 26 November 2019.		losses and recovery needs following the earthquake in the framework of the international Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA).
EUR	Joint WHC/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to the Albanian and Romanian components of the transnational World Heritage property World Heritage property "Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe" (November 2019, Albania and Romania), to check logging operations activities in the buffer zones of the property and assess whether they might have negative impacts on its Outstanding Universal Value.	<b>43 COM 7B.13</b>	Results of the mission will soon be forwarded to the concerned States Parties with recommendations providing guidance that will help them to better protect the Outstanding Universal Value of this World Heritage property.
EUR	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to the World Heritage property "Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region" (Albania and North Macedonia, January 2020).	<b>43 COM 8B.9</b>	States Parties received recommendations to ensure a proper state of conservation of the property, especially regarding the impact of accelerated urban development, increased traffic, inadequate treatment of wastewater and solid waste as well as unsuitable tourism.
EUR	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to the World Heritage property 'Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra' (10-14 February 2020).	<b>43 COM 7B.92</b>	The State Party has received comprehensive recommendations to ensure an appropriate state of conservation regarding the protection of the historic urban landscape of the property.
<b>B) Advisory missions</b>			
AFR	Joint WHC/IUCN Advisory mission to the "W-Arly-Pendjari" property (Benin-Burkina Faso-Niger, April 2020).		Initially planned on April 2020, the mission was postponed to a later date and is expected for the end of 2021, if the situation allows.
APA	Three Advisory missions are being prepared in the region by WHC at the time of drafting this document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IUCN mission to "Shiretoko" (Japan, September 2019);</li> <li>IUCN mission to "Lorentz National Park" (Indonesia, postponed due to security reasons and the COVID-19 pandemic);</li> <li>IUCN mission to "Keoladeo National Park" (India, postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic);</li> </ul>	<b>43 COM 7B</b>	The States Parties actively participated and engaged in the preparation of the missions. An analysis of the state of conservation of the visited property was transmitted to the State Party, along with recommendations. Support to States Parties for the implementation of missions and resulting recommendations is ongoing.
ARB	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to At-Turaif District in ad-Dir'iyah (Saudi Arabia, December 2019).	Request by the State Party	Based on the outcomes of the mission, collaboration was initiated with the State Party about the implementation of recommendations provided by the mission team.
ARB	WHC Advisory mission to Egypt, 30 January to 4 February 2021.	Requested by the State Party	The State Party received several recommendations provided by the mission team in relation to enhancing the management of several World Heritage properties: Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis;

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			Historic Cairo; and Memphis and its Necropolis – the Pyramid Fields from Giza to Dahshur
EUR	Advisory assistance to the State Party of Georgia undertaken by WHC during the preparation of urban planning documentation for the World Heritage property “Historical Monuments of Mtskheta”.		Site managers, government officials, community members and heritage experts have enhanced their capacities in urban planning for the finalization of urban planning documentation.
EUR	Joint UNESCO WHC/IUCN Advisory mission to the World Heritage Property ‘Volcanoes of Kamchatka’ (Russian Federation, August 2019).	<b>42 COM 7B.79</b>	The State Party received technical guidance and recommendations based on the 2007 mission in order to ensure the adequate protection and conservation of the World Heritage property, particularly with regards to the establishment of an access policy for its sustainable use.
EUR	Joint WHC/ICOMOS-Ramsar Advisory mission to the World Heritage property “Venice and its Lagoon” on the state of conservation (January 2020 Italy).		The State Party received technical advice for the intersectional cooperation between stakeholders, updating the Management Plan and mass tourism management and risk preparedness related to the last high-tide event.
EUR	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to the World Heritage property “Auschwitz Birkenau, German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945)” (planned for March 2020, to be rescheduled in 2021).	<b>42 COM 7B.27</b> <b>40 COM 7B.55</b>	Support provided to the State Party regarding the establishment of a dialogue between the authorities, other key stakeholders, as well as local communities in relation to the historical and other associative values of the immediate setting of the property; the development of the Management Plan; implementation of the conservation guidelines of the Conservation Strategy for the property. On 12 February 2021, WHC communicated to the SP of Poland that the organization of the mission in two phases, online and on-site, due to the ongoing sanitary situation would require the preliminary submission by the State Party of a list of documents for review by the experts ahead of a first online phase.
LAC	ICOMOS Technical Advisory mission to Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape, with the support of WHC (Uruguay, March 2020).	<b>41 COM 7B.65</b> <b>39 COM 8B.39</b>	The State Party of Uruguay is currently in the process of updating the Management Plan of the property.
<b>C) Conservation projects</b>			
GLO	WHC organized and/or participated in specific events related to the 2011 Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation (HUL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge partnership with the Union for the Mediterranean by participating in the preparation of an Action Plan on urban regeneration during meetings with the European Commission, in September, December 2019 and June 2020 (Brussels, Belgium);</li> </ul>		States Parties, regional institutions and other stakeholders to the Convention have held consultations and discussions with support of international expertise on the HUL Recommendation to foster their national policies on heritage and quality of life in an urban context.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symposium on the “Transformation of Cultural Environments” (Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2019);</li> <li>Meeting of the European Commission Expert Group on Cultural Heritage (Brussels, Belgium, October 2019).</li> </ul>		
GLO	<p>Continuously raising awareness with the private sector on the “No Go Commitment”:</p> <p>Following the joint workshop organized with IUCN at the International Hydropower Congress in 2019, discussions have continued with the International Hydropower Association to raise awareness for the No Go Commitment in the hydropower industry.</p> <p>WHC is cooperating with Friends of the Earth and Green Hub to raise awareness targeting banks and financial institutions in China.</p>	<b>42 COM 7</b>	<p>The number of companies joining the No Go Commitment is increasing (for the full list of companies see Document WHC/21/44.COM/7, section II.E).</p> <p>WHC has secured funding from the Flemish Funds-in-Trust to develop the criteria and more communication materials on the “No Go”, as requested in Decision <b>42 COM 7</b>.</p>
GLO	<p>Implementation of the UNESCO Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational activities on conservation and management of World Heritage properties of religious interest: Pilot-project “Conservation strategy for World Heritage properties of religious interest in Armenia”, financially supported by the German World Heritage Foundation (<a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/904/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/904/</a>);</li> <li>Side-event “Properties of Religious Interest Sharing Best Practices in World Heritage Management” held during the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Baku, 2019, <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1491/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1491/</a>).</li> </ul>	<b>42 COM 5A</b>	<p>With WHC’s general guidance, stakeholders to the <i>Convention</i> continued the development of a broader vision for the protection and management of World Heritage properties of religious interest while reinforcing their expert network.</p>
GLO	<p>Coordination and global launch of the first scientific assessment of blue carbon in marine World Heritage properties (in the framework of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development). Supported by the French Biodiversity Agency and the Government of the Principality of Monaco. See: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/blue-carbon-report/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/blue-carbon-report/</a></p>	<b>41 COM 7</b>	<p>Increased awareness about the crucial role of marine World Heritage properties in fighting climate change (as carbon sinks).</p> <p>Initial guidance provided to States Parties and local management teams in how to pursue blue carbon finance mechanisms to support conservation (including in the framework of Nationally Determined Contributions).</p>
GLO	<p>The World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) 2019 campaign: Empowering Commitment to World Heritage was launched with 68 action camp projects which were implemented at 62 World Heritage properties and sites inscribed on the Tentative Lists, from June to December 2019, by 55 organizations in 36 countries. Action camps bring together organizations, institutions, volunteers, communities and specialists working towards the conservation of World Heritage properties by</p>		<p>The action camps provide the volunteers with opportunities to learn about the day to day life at World Heritage properties, acquire basic preservation and conservation skills, and engage themselves in intercultural exchanges.</p>

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	participating in practical activities and awareness-raising campaigns, developing an appreciation of World Heritage values.		
AFR	The European Union has renewed its support for the conservation of cultural heritage in Mali by providing funds of 500,000 Euros for continued and expanded rehabilitation works at the four Malian World Heritage properties, for the conservation and promotion of the ancient manuscripts and for capacity building.		The new project has been launched in January 2020 and follows-up on the support provided (USD 1,25 million) by the European Union for the implementation of phases I and II of the Programme for the rehabilitation of the cultural heritage and the safeguarding of the ancient manuscripts of Mali since 2013.
AFR	Support by WHC for the conservation and promotion of World Heritage in West and Central Africa. Rehabilitation, Research and Promotion projects funded by the Hungary Funds-in-Trust in Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Chad.		Projects are progressing and are to be finalized in the course of 2020.
AFR	<p>The Government of Norway has stepped up its financial support to the World Heritage Fund (USD 8,5M in total) aimed at conservation work to preserve World Heritage properties in Africa, in particular natural World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger or properties severely threatened. A total of 20 activities are supported through this cooperation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing Manovo-Gounda St. Floris National Park (Central African Republic)</li> <li>• Conflict mitigation in Okapi Wildlife Reserve (DRC)</li> <li>• Ecological monitoring in Garamba National Park (DRC)</li> <li>• Securing Kahuzi Biega National Park (DRC)</li> <li>• Salonga National Park boundary demarcation (DRC)</li> <li>• Protecting against impacts of agricultural and agro-industrial projects in Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal)</li> <li>• Towards removing Niokolo-Koba National Park from the World Heritage List in Danger (Senegal)</li> <li>• Addressing threats and impacts of development projects in Dja Faunal Reserve (Cameroon)</li> <li>• Strengthening the governance and management of Lope National Park (Gabon)</li> <li>• Restoration of Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Niger)</li> <li>• Ecological monitoring and sustainable management of W-Arly-Pendjari Complex (Benin &amp; Burkina Faso &amp; Niger)</li> <li>• Development and implementation of corrective measures and DSOCR for Lake Turkana National Parks (Kenya)</li> </ul>	<p><b>43 COM 7A</b> <b>43 COM 7B</b></p>	<p>The discussion with the State Party of Malawi to identify key implementing partners is progressing. The project for the Ussher Fort Slave Museum and Documentary Centre (“Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions”, Ghana) has started in late 2019.</p> <p>The largest regional satellite collaring initiative was carried out on a total of 25 elephants and 14 antelopes in W-Arly-Pendjari Complex (Benin-Burkina Faso-Niger).</p> <p>Several activities such as the preparation of collaring and monitoring operations on giraffes and elephants’ populations in the Garamba National Park (DRC), the acquisition of equipment for ecological monitoring in Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal) or mobile clinic missions mixed with environmental education outreach, and awareness raising have been carried out.</p> <p>Half of the activities were initiated in 2020 with the concerned national authorities and beneficiaries, with some delays encountered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All activities are scheduled to be operational in 2021. A WHC/Government of Norway partnership website has been created and each individual activity has a dedicated webpage to inform of progress and outcomes. In addition to conservation work, promotional material is under preparation by WHC to raise the importance of natural heritage to global biodiversity conservation, meeting SDGs and human wellbeing through the ecosystem services and benefits that sites offer.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing sustainable fisheries in Lake Malawi National Park (Malawi)</li> <li>Engaging Local Communities in the Stewardship of World Heritage (COMPACT) in Maloti-Drakensberg Park (Lesotho, South Africa) and Okavango Delta (Botswana)</li> <li>Rapid Response Facility (RRF)</li> <li>Uplifting the perception of the List of World Heritage in Danger</li> <li>Support to African States Parties to finalise DSOCRs for natural properties</li> <li>Preservation of the Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (Côte d'Ivoire)</li> <li>Improving conservation of Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba (Togo)</li> <li>Applying HUL approach to safeguard Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Uganda) and Royal Palaces of Abomey (Benin)</li> </ul>		See: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/partners/381">https://whc.unesco.org/en/partners/381</a>
AFR	<p>Support by WHC for the removal of the “Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi” property from the List of World Heritage in Danger, funded by Japanese Funds-in-Trust.</p> <p>Support to the State Party following a fire that on 5 June 2020 destroyed the “Enyumba za Balongo”, one of the three spiritual houses in the court-yard.</p>		<p>A thatching guide and a reconstruction guide are being prepared to provide site managers of the “Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi World Heritage property” (Uganda) with efficient tools towards the removal of the property from List of World Heritage in Danger.</p> <p>The State Party has enhanced the emergence risk plan of the property.</p>
AFR	Through International Assistance and the “Government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa”, WHC supported the reconstruction of management infrastructure destroyed by floods and landslides to enhance the conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of Rwenzori Mountains National Park World Heritage Site.		The proposed architectural design of the five bridges in the site has been approved by IUCN. The construction and the development of a disaster and risk management plan for the site is under preparation.
AFR	<p>In the framework of the international assistance, support was provided by WHC in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening of surveillance against gold panning and poaching inside the Taï National Park (Côte d'Ivoire)</li> <li>Elaboration of high-resolution maps of the updated boundaries of the Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea)</li> <li>Overflight of the Kahuzi-Biega National Park in order to meet the implementation of the corrective measure to address the problems of illegal occupation (DRC)</li> </ul>		<p>Most of the activities are still ongoing.</p> <p>Due to the delay in firefighting equipment procurement and the COVID-19 preventive measures in place in Uganda, the Restoration of the Bujakukula project is on hold and will resume once the conditions have improved.</p> <p>In Garamba National Park (GNP), the elephant population has stabilised at approximately 700 individuals and the Kordofan giraffe population has already surpassed GNP's goal of reaching 60</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening of surveillance and the fight against illegal gold panning in the Comoé National Park (Côte d'Ivoire)</li> <li>Emergency temporary stabilisation of houses in the old fabric of Djenné at risk of collapse (Mali)</li> <li>Restoration of the Bujjakukula (Gate House) at the Kasubi Royal Tombs of Buganda Kings (Uganda)</li> <li>Minimisation of impacts of the invasive yellow crazy ant <i>Anoplolepis gracilipes</i> at the "Vallée de Mai" to preserve its Outstanding Universal Value (Seychelles)</li> <li>Habitat Management and Key Species Monitoring in Garamba National Park</li> <li>Project to improve the protection of the Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary</li> </ul>		individuals by 2022. However, the management of invasive species remains a major challenge for the site.
APA	Support from WHC towards the removal of the "Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley" (Afghanistan) from the List of World Heritage in Danger.	<b>43 COM 7A.41</b>	UNESCO and the Government of Japan agreed on a new major financial assistance of USD 3.8M to remove the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger and established a costed action plan for this endeavour. Thanks to this support, the State Party will start the technical work to fulfil some of the desired state of conservation in mid-2020.
APA	State of Conservation Coordinating Workshop of the "Silk Roads: Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor" between States Parties of China, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan (Xi'an, China, July 2019). National Officers and experts from China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and other partners have been trained successfully with the support of WHC.  Funded by the Chinese authorities and the municipality of Xi'an (China).	<b>42 COM 7B.5</b>	Participants agreed to work together for the preparation of a joint state of conservation report for the "Silk Roads: Routes Network of Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor" and to reinforce the coordinated management systems for component parts/sites of this Silk Roads Serial Transnational property.
APA	Two Annual meetings of the Lumbini International Steering Committee (Lumbini, Nepal, 4-6 March 2020 and 16-18 March 2021): 40 international, national and local stakeholders, including representatives of several Buddhist organizations, presented to the Government of Nepal the technical progress of operations carried out in 2019 and in 2020 as part of the project in Lumbini.  Funded by the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust as part of Phase III of the project on the safeguarding of Lumbini.	<b>43 COM 7B.71</b>	Participants agreed upon technical aspects of the programme for the coming year and emphasized on the need for improved coordination between various development and infrastructure projects carried out by international agencies and governments in Lumbini.

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ARB	<p>Finalisation of the implementation of the first phase of the project Mitigation of hurricane impacts on endemic and threatened plants of Socotra Archipelago in close cooperation with the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) – December 2019.</p> <p>The project is within the framework of emergency assistance under the World Heritage Fund.</p>		The State Party has established two nurseries for endemic plants and members of the local community have enhanced their capacities in the conservation of threatened plants.
ARB	<p>Launch of the implementation of the second phase of the project Mitigation of hurricane impacts on endemic and threatened plants of Socotra Archipelago (Yemen) in close cooperation with the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) – April 2020.</p> <p>The project is within the framework of emergency assistance under the World Heritage Fund.</p>		The State Party is implementing the tools to monitor and maintain nursery fencing, irrigation system and plants.
ARB	<p>Technical Meeting on the Recovery of the World Heritage Site of Palmyra held on 18 December 2019 at UNESCO Headquarters.</p> <p>Organized by WHC, participation at the meeting included 34 international experts, UNESCO partners (ICOMOS ICCROM, ARC-WH), the UNESCO Office in Beirut, and the UNESCO Entity on Culture and Emergencies.</p>	<p><b>43 COM 7A.36</b></p> <p><b>42 COM 7A.35</b></p> <p><b>41 COM 7A.49</b></p> <p><b>40 COM 7A.21</b></p>	The stakeholders have agreed upon a set of recommendations guiding the recovery of the property, including priorities such as rehabilitating the site museum and the necessity of emergency interventions. While reconstruction work should not be implemented in the immediate phase, stakeholders agreed that a detailed assessment of the damaged structures individually, as well as the site as a whole would be crucial in a next phase for the recovery of the property.
ARB	<p>Workshop to provide technical support to Libya regarding the establishment of Desired state of conservation for the removal of properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSCOR) and other essential measures for conservation and management (5 to 6 March 2020, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France), through the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust.</p> <p>The meeting organized by WHC included ICOMOS, the Libyan authorities and the UNESCO Field Office in Rabat.</p>	<p><b>43 COM 8C.2</b></p> <p><b>43 COM 7A.26</b></p> <p><b>43 COM 7A.24</b></p>	<p>In the aftermath of the meeting, the State Party has initiated the drafting of corrective measures and a Desired state of conservation for the removal of the Old Town of Ghadames from the List of World Heritage in Danger.</p> <p>A draft Statement of Outstanding Universal Value has been drafted, exchanged with the Advisory Bodies and finalized (see Document WHC/21/44.COM/8E).</p>
ARB	<p>Online meetings on the Third cycle of Periodic Reporting exercise organized on 20 and 21 July 2020 by WHC In collaboration with the Arab Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) and the participation of the National Focal points, site managers, the Advisory Bodies and UNESCO Field Offices from the Arab States region.</p>	<p><b>43 COM 10A</b></p> <p><b>41 COM 10A</b></p>	Following this activity, the report on the Third cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the Arab States region was finalized, and a regional action plan framework has been developed.

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ARB	Online meeting on “World Heritage in Danger in the Arab States Region - Processes and Actions” on 23 November 2020, organized by WHC in collaboration with Arab Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) and the participation of National Focal points and site managers from State Parties with properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger, the Advisory Bodies and the respective UNESCO Field Offices.	<b>43 COM 8C.2</b>	State Parties with properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger initiated the process of developing the DSOCR for the respective properties. Outcomes of the meeting also contributed to confirming priorities for the regional action plan framework.
ARB	Online technical assistance workshops for the elaboration of the Desired State of Conservation for the Removal of a Property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR), in Libya, held on 25 November 2020; 14 December 2020, 12 January 2021 and 1 March 2021. The meetings were organized with the technical support provided by ICOMOS.	<b>43 COM 7A</b> <b>43 COM 8C.2</b>	The State Party of Libya has started the drafting of the DSOCR for the removal of the <i>Old Town of Ghadamès</i> and <i>the Archaeological Site of Leptis Magna</i> from the List of World Heritage in Danger.
ARB	Online technical assistance workshops for the elaboration of the Desired State of Conservation for the Removal of Syrian properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR), held on 19 November 2020, 15 February 2021 and 3 May 2021 to address the DSOCR of the Ancient City of Damascus. The first online workshop for the DSOCR of the Crac des Chevaliers and Qal’at Salah El-Din is foreseen in 8 June 2021. The meetings were organized with the technical support provided by ICOMOS.	<b>38 COM 7A.12</b> <b>43 COM 8C.2</b>	The State Party of the Syrian Arab Republic, has initiated the drafting of the DSCOR for the removal Ancient City of Damascus and Crac des Chevaliers and Qal’at Salah El-Din from the List of World Heritage in Danger.
ARB	Online technical assistance workshop for the elaboration of the Desired State of Conservation for the Removal of a Property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR) for properties in Iraq, held on 15 December 2020 and 13 January 2021; the latter was organized with the technical support provided by ICOMOS.	<b>43 COM 7A</b> <b>43 COM 8C.2</b>	Following the meetings, the process for drafting the DSOCR for the removal of <i>Hatra</i> from the List of World Heritage in Danger will be initiated.
ARB	Online technical meetings on the Kasbah of Algiers, Tipaza and Timgad on 25 June and 23 July 2020. It was organized by WHC and aimed at supporting the State Party on the way forward towards the protection and the sustainable management of the properties.  The meeting included representatives of the Algerian authorities and the UNESCO Office in Rabat.	<b>42 COM 7B.54</b>	Following the meetings, the State Party has begun addressing issues related to the protection and sustainable management of the properties.

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ARB	Online technical meeting on the site of Banc d'Arguin National Park. It was organized by WHC and aimed at providing support and advice concerning the sustainable management of the property. The meeting included representatives of IUCN, the Mauritanian authorities and the UNESCO Office in Rabat.	<b>42 COM 7B.54</b>	Several recommendations were transmitted to the State Party towards ensuring sustainable tourism management and protection of the property.
ARB	Launch of the International Assistance project for the implementation of risk mitigation measures at the Ancient Wall of the Ancient City of Damascus (Syria) and the preparation of a restoration project for the collapsed portion of the wall between Bab al-Salam and Bab Touma, December 2020 – May 2021.	<b>43 COM 7A.33</b>	The project will contribute to the conservation of the World Heritage property inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.
ARB	Ongoing implementation of the International Assistance project for the first phase of the master plan for Qal'at Salah El-Din of the property Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din (Syria), July 2020 – April 2021.	<b>43 COM 7A.34</b> <b>43 COM 7A.37</b>	The State Party is being supported in developing a Master Plan for the property and its setting, including policies to foster sustainable tourism development that respects the Outstanding Universal Value of the property based on a comprehensive documentation at the site.
ARB	Ongoing implementation of the International Assistance project for the elaboration of the master plan for Crac des Chevaliers of the property Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din (Syria) January 2019 – December 2021.	<b>43 COM 7A.35</b> <b>43 COM 7A.37</b>	The State Party has received assistance for conducting documentation in view of the elaboration of a Management Plan and a Master Plan for the property.
EUR	Co-organized by WHC's project Development of UNESCO Natural & Cultural Assets (DUNC), the "Baltic Sea World Heritage Summit" was held in Karlskrona (Sweden) from 24 to 26 September 2019, gathering representatives from all coastal World Heritage properties around the Baltic Sea, including World Heritage Coordinators, officials and local authorities, representatives from the tourism industry or other organizations and businesses involved in the World Heritage.		Representatives from all coastal World Heritage properties around the Baltic Sea strengthened their cooperation and exchanged best practices on conservation and management, which will support better disaster risk management, sustainable tourism development to help build inclusive communities, and protection and safeguard of coastal heritage assets for future generations.
LAC	Financed through the World Heritage Fund, the project "Conservation, revitalization and sustainable cultural development of the Temple of la Limpia e Inmaculada Concepcion de la Antigua Guatemala" is currently under implementation in Antigua Guatemala by the National Council for the Protection of La Antigua Guatemala.	<b>43 COM 13</b>	Thanks to the financial support of WHC, the National Council for the Protection of La Antigua Guatemala undertook the first phase of the project, resulting with the consolidation and restoration works on the most damaged structures of the Temple of la Limpia e Inmaculada Concepcion, one of the iconic buildings of the inscribed property la Antigua Guatemala.
LAC	Finalization of the three-year project financed by the UNESCO-Japanese Funds-in-Trust designed to strengthen the participatory	<b>42 COM 7B.33</b> <b>40 COM 7B.1</b>	The States Parties have successfully finalized all the activities (18) foreseen in the framework of this project. The Technical Secretariats of all States Parties have achieved Inter-institutional cooperation between

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	management and conservation system of “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”.	<b>38 COM 8B.43</b>	themselves, and so have also achieved all relevant institutions and stakeholders in charge of the management and conservation of the property.
LAC	Development in Spanish of the Conservation Guide entitled “Guía para la Capacitación en Conservación Preventiva de estructuras arqueológicas en piedra y tierra, Qhapaq Ñan, Sistema Vial Andino”, in the framework of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust Project coordinated by WHC.	<b>42 COM 7B.33</b> <b>40 COM 7B.1</b> <b>38 COM 8B.43</b>	The Technical Secretariats of Ecuador and Argentina have successfully elaborated and published a Guide for Preventive Conservation, which synthesizes and presents the appropriate stone conservation strategies and techniques developed by the States Parties constituting this World Heritage property. Involved stakeholders have at their disposal a concrete manual on conservation measures to be applied throughout the property.
LAC	Project “Assistance for the conservation of Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park” (Saint Kitts and Nevis) financed by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust (since October 2019).		With the support from WHC and the UNESCO Office in Kingston, the State Party has improved the state of conservation of “Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park” while reinforcing its national capacities in the field of archaeological conservation and management. Conservation works at Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park completed.
LAC	Financed through the World Heritage Fund, the project “Optimising usage control and monitoring for the conservation & management of the pelagic ecosystems of the Galápagos Marine Reserve” is currently under implementation.	<b>43 COM 13</b> <b>42COM 7B.85</b>	Advances were made on the indicator development, monitoring strategies and cost-benefit analysis for the development of an Integrated Monitoring Plan that optimises the surveillance and control activities of the Galápagos National Park Directorate for the long-term successful management of the Galápagos Marine Reserve World Heritage Area.
<b>D) Management plans</b>			
GLO	Implementation of Resilient Reefs, a pioneering USD 9 million public-private consortium to build and embed comprehensive resilience strategies into the management of 5 pilot World Heritage marine properties. See: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/reefresilience/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/reefresilience/</a>	<b>41 COM 7</b> <b>40 COM 7</b> 2017 UNESCO Updated Strategy for Action on Climate Change	Management teams of World Heritage marine properties have strengthened their capacities in how to embed resilience in their climate adaptation strategies.  Two properties, namely “Lagoons of New Caledonia: Reef Diversity and Associated Ecosystems” (France) and “Ningaloo Coast” (Australia), have appointed their Chief Resilience Officer and have started the preparations toward the design of their climate adaptation strategy, while properties in Belize, Palau and Australia’s Great Barrier Reef have started their work in 2020 and 2021.  A communication strategy has been developed by the World Heritage marine programme in close collaboration with the project partners. Its implementation has started in May 2020.

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			First economic valuation study launched for Ningaloo Coast, informing the development of the World Heritage site's climate risks and adaptation strategies.
AFR	WHC supported the review of management plan for the World Heritage property of "Cidade Velha, Historic Centre of Ribeira Grande" (Cabo Verde).	<b>33 COM 8B.10</b>	The State Party of Cabo Verde has updated and finalized the management and conservation plan for the World Heritage property of "Cidade Velha, Historic Centre of Ribeira Grande".
AFR	Significant progress made in the implementation of European Union financed project, Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI). Financial support provided through the project and technical assistance given by WHC to the States Parties for the management of "Ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lopé-Okanda" (Gabon); "Sangha Trinational" (Congo, Cameroon and Central African Republic) and "Dja Faunal Reserve" (Cameroon).	<b>43 COM 7B.29</b> <b>43 COM 7B.30</b> <b>41 COM 7B.37</b>	States Parties have enhanced the management of their natural properties by funding conservation activities and building the technical capacity of park staff.
AFR	In the framework of the International assistance to ensure the effective Conservation of World Heritage properties, WHC organized a capacity building workshop on effective World Heritage conservation and management in Malawi, focusing on the conservation of "Chongoni Rock-Art Area" and the revision of its management plan.		As a result of the workshop, the State Party of Malawi increased its capacities and reviewed the management plan for "Chongoni Rock-Art Area" World Heritage property in order to develop a new integrated management planning framework.
AFR	In the framework of the international assistance, WHC supported the review of management plan for the Okavango Delta World Heritage property (Botswana)		The State Party of Botswana is currently updating the management plan for the Okavango Delta World Heritage property. The project was however delayed due to several factor including the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.
AFR	In the framework of the international assistance, WHC supported the preparation of a management plan for the Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions (Ghana)		A hybrid (physical and online) four-day capacity-building workshop was organised in January 2021 and attended by more than 35 participants comprising heritage experts and marked a major step in the implementation of this activity.
AFR	In the framework of the international assistance, WHC supported the elaboration of a development plan and participatory management plan for the Aïr and Ténéré National Nature Reserve (Niger)		

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ARB	<p>Technical meeting on the site of Petra, 11 October 2019, at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France. It was organized by WHC and aimed at providing input on actions and next steps for the sustainable management of the property.</p> <p>The meeting included representatives of ICOMOS, Jordanian authorities and the UNESCO Amman Office.</p>	<b>42 COM 7B.54</b>	Following the workshop, UNESCO and the State Party initiated collaboration towards ensuring sustainable tourism management and the protection of the setting of the property.
ARB	In the framework of the International Assistance, the WHC is supporting the State Party of Palestine in the elaboration of a Management and Conservation Plan for <i>Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town</i> with the support of the UNESCO Field Office in Ramallah (IA n°3007).		Once finalized, the management plan will serve to guide the management and conservation of the World Heritage property.
ARB	In the framework of the International Assistance, the WHC is supporting Tunisia in the "Elaboration of a safeguarding and enhancement management plan- PSMV for the Medina of Tunis", (IA n°3189)		Once finalized, the plan will contribute to the sustainable conservation and management of the property.
ARB	In the framework of the International Assistance, the WHC is supporting Tunisia in the "Finalization of the Protection and Development Plan (PPMV) of Dougga' Thugga" (IA n°3152).		Once finalized, the plan will contribute to achieving improved mechanisms for the protection of the property.
EUR	WHC undertook jointly with Bureau of Strategic Planning of UNESCO a mission to Tirana (Albania) from 25 to 27 September 2019 to discuss the main achievements of the project first phase "Towards strengthened governance of the shared transboundary natural and cultural heritage of the Lake Ohrid Region".	<b>43 COM 8B.9</b>	Though the second phase of the project will only be envisaged in 2021 instead of 2020, stakeholders have strengthened the transboundary management effectiveness for the protection of the Lake Ohrid region's natural and cultural heritage, by sharing lessons learned as well as difficulties encountered during the implementation of its first phase.
EUR	SP Albania signed on 18 December 2020 the Intergovernmental Body Allocation Contract (Nr 4500430097) for the International Assistance Nr 2932 'Development of an Integrated Management Plan of Gjirokastra and Berat'.		The main objective of the project is to develop an overarching Integrated Management Plan for the World Heritage property 'Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra' and its buffer zone (Albania). The Plan will be prepared in consultation with the Advisory Bodies to the Committee (ICOMOS International and ICCROM) and will include active community engagement in its elaboration process.
LAC	Meeting for the project "Development of a Sustainable and Participatory Management Plan for the Paraguayan Pantanal" financed by the Spanish Funds-in-Trust, implemented by UNESCO		With this meeting, the stakeholders of the project had the opportunity to work together at the national and local level to identify national needs

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	Office in Montevideo and in coordination with WHC (Asuncion, August 2019).		and options for developing a consolidated management plan for this part of the Pantanal.
LAC	<p>UNESCO-CDEMA Workshop on Disaster Resilience in the Caribbean's Culture Sector (Barbados, March 2020) organized by the UNESCO Office in Kingston with the support of the WHC.</p> <p>Guidelines towards the development of a strategy and plan of action for Disaster Resilience and Recovery in the Caribbean Culture Sector developed including the protection of cultural and natural heritage during the four phases of disaster risk management (mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery).</p>		<p>States Parties and partners of the Caribbean sub-region have enhanced their knowledge on Disaster Risk Management for Cultural Heritage.</p> <p>Follow-up activities are foreseen with pilot World Heritage Properties to update disaster management plans.</p>
<b>3C - Activities to promote the development of effective Capacity-Building measures (Capacity-Building)</b>			
All regions	<p>WHC organized and/or participated in capacity-building events specific to the 2011 Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation (HUL) in all regions (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7th International Network of Tropical Architecture Conference: "Urban Tropicality" in Queensland, Australia with a specific focus on the implementation of the HUL Recommendation in Tropical cities (November 2019);</li> <li>• Palestinian National Forum for Regeneration of Historic Centres in October 2019 (capacity building event in urban historic centres);</li> <li>• Kaunas Forum "From Modern to Contemporary: Practices in Preserving Architectural Legacy of the 20th Century", Based on the Tel Aviv Document for the Modern Cities and with a dedicated workshop held on how to present the HUL approach for non-professionals and encourage them to participate in heritage protection (Kaunas, Lithuania, September 2019).</li> <li>• Weeklong international interactive collaborative workshop "Cultural Heritage and Resilience: Urban Regeneration of World Heritage Trail in Kathmandu, Nepal", was organized on 30 June-8 July 2019 to promote heritage preservation and socio-economic development (Kathmandu, Nepal);</li> <li>• Capacity-building workshops for professionals and local communities of Shakrisyabz, Samarkand, and Bukhara (Uzbekistan, January 2020) in the framework of a high-level joint WHC/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission.</li> </ul>	<p>2011 Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation (HUL)</p> <p><b>43 COM 5A</b></p>	<p>A wide range of stakeholders to the Convention - including national and local authorities, NGOs, academics, the private sector and the participation of communities - have a better understanding of the HUL approach and how to integrate cultural heritage in urban development plans and measures.</p>

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GLO	<p>International Experts meeting: “Heritage in Urban Contexts: Impacts of Development Projects on World Heritage properties in Cities”, co-sponsored by Japan’s Agency for Cultural Affairs and Kyushu University and in close cooperation with WHC, ICOMOS and ICCROM (Fukuoka, Japan, January 2020).</p> <p>International high-level experts discussed implementation tools and processes linked to the HUL Recommendation, Heritage Impact Assessment processes and relationships between heritage and urban issues, thus contributing to the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p>	<p><b>43 COM 7.3</b></p> <p>Other matters</p>	<p>The experts draw thematic recommendations, provided conceptual guidance for establishing attributes for heritage properties in urban contexts and deepened a methodology for implementing the 2011 Historic Urban Landscape (HUL Recommendation), which will support States Parties and stakeholders in better integrating Management Plans of World Heritage properties in urban development planning.</p>
GLO	<p>World Heritage City Webinar “Re-thinking Urban Heritage for Recovery and Resilience” organized by WHC in the framework of the World Heritage Cities Programme (online, 17 June 2020). The Webinar allowed for an international panel - including 7 Mayors of World Heritage cities, high-level international experts and partners institutions - to share their views and experiences. This first World Heritage City Webinar was broadcasted live with a total of almost 400 people engaged in it.</p> <p>The World Heritage City Webinar served as an opening session to the World Heritage City Lab, a first of its kind online international Expert Workshop structured as an innovation laboratory (online, 17-26 June 2020). Senior experts and site managers from 30 different countries representing all regions discussed how to address current challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis for a wide range of World Heritage cities.</p>	<p><b>43 COM 7.3</b></p> <p><b>41 COM 7</b></p>	<p>Through presentations, debate and exchanges, participants proposed a wide range of strategies to address current challenges faced by World Heritage cities and reinforce through heritage their resilience towards a post-COVID-19 recovery (outcomes of the meeting are available online at <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1526/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1526/</a>).</p> <p>Participants to the workshop enhanced their capacities in the implementation of up-to-date urban heritage management approaches in line with the HUL Recommendation.</p>
GLO	<p>WHC conducted a detailed mapping of international frameworks to identify alignments across different programs and their respective policy measures, including the Agenda 2030, Africa 2063, the UNESCO SIDS Action Plan, the Sendai Framework, and the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>WHC is also developing a World Heritage and Sustainable Development Policy Toolkit for a quick preliminary assessment of the sustainability status of a site, a city or a country.</p>	<p><b>43 COM 5D</b></p> <p><b>43 COM 5C</b></p>	<p>A consolidated draft Table of Synergies across different development agreements is in preparation to support stakeholders to the Convention in operationalizing the World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy (WH-SDP).</p> <p>The toolkit will provide a broad initial assessment of proposed development projects so that possible adjustments could be made.</p>
GLO	<p>Within the framework of the World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme with funding provided by the Government of Norway, WHC has been developing and testing a Visitor Management Assessment Tool to enable World Heritage site management</p>	<p><b>42 COM 5A</b></p>	<p>The pilot phase has been completed and the tool will undergo final enhancements based on the feedback from the testing phase. Public launch is scheduled for 2021.</p>

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	stakeholders to assess tourism management according to a set of social, economic and environmental indicators, linking to the Sustainable Development Goals.		
GLO	<p>Operational activities of the World Heritage marine site managers' community network with 50 marine properties in 37 countries, including the 4th World Heritage marine managers conference with the support of the governments of Flanders, Australia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and of the organizations of the French Biodiversity Agency, the Carnival Corporation, the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and Alaska Geographic (Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, USA, 4-9 September 2019). See <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-managers/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-managers/</a></p> <p>The Marine World Heritage Best Practice Guide has been translated into Arabic: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2017/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2017/</a></p> <p>In April 2020, a new digital knowledge platform was launched that brings local managers from across the 50 marine World Heritage properties together to share best practices and success stories. The goal is to bring the best of expertise, scientific innovation and conservation solutions within reach of local management teams. Initial online meetings focused on blue carbon/biodiversity, dealing with COVID-19 impacts, adaptation to climate change, and the application of the Climate Vulnerability Index.</p>	<b>42 COM 5A</b>	<p>West Norwegian Fjords – Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord and Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve signed an official agreement to work together and share lessons learned for the management of their World Heritage properties. <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2051">https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2051</a></p> <p>With the support of WHC, which submitted the candidature for Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (Philippines), this property was honored with the esteemed 2019 KfW-Bernhard-Grzimek-Preis. This biannual award comes with a prize of 50,000 Euros. <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2036/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2036/</a></p> <p>World Heritage marine sites managers have increased their capacities in successfully establishing private-public partnerships, building climate resilience and adaptation, cooperation with indigenous communities, the use of satellite &amp; space technology and the growing problem of plastics and marine debris.</p> <p>Arabic speaking site managers have at their disposal information in Arabic to apply best practices for Marine World Heritage properties.</p> <p>Marine World Heritage managers exchanged lessons learned in dealing with COVID-19 impacts on their conservation and community work.</p>
GLO	Development of professional expertise and materials toward the establishment of a new portfolio of partners in support of climate adaptation in natural World Heritage properties. Professional expertise is being attracted to develop materials and start prospecting.	<b>42 COM 7</b>	A new Funds-in-Trust project was signed in March 2020 with the Government of Flanders, doubling the initial investment made by the Government of Australia. The new agreement will start climate adaptation work in an initial 2 African natural World Heritage properties.
GLO	<p>Translation of the World Heritage Resource Manuals Series: in Russian for <i>Managing Natural World Heritage</i>, in Italian for <i>Managing Cultural World Heritage</i>, in Serbian and Croatian for <i>Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage</i>: <a href="http://whc.unesco.org/en/resourcemanuals/">http://whc.unesco.org/en/resourcemanuals/</a>.</p> <p>Translations have been supported by IUCN, ICCROM, the Italian World Heritage Association, and the Ministry of Culture and Media of Croatia and the Ministry of Culture and Information of Serbia.</p>	<b>37 COM 6</b>	Although fundraising to cover costs is a constant challenge, site managers from Italian, Croatian, Serbian and Russian-speaking countries have now access to some manuals, which will help them better managing World Heritage properties.

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GLO	World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2019 'World Heritage: Local Insights for Global Challenges' was held from 23 June to 2 July 2019 in Baku (Azerbaijan) with participation of 30 young people (18 female, 12 male) from 30 countries. See: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2008">https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2008</a> .		Young participants improved their knowledge on heritage preservation and deepened their understanding of the challenges and opportunities of the management of World Heritage properties. Results of the participants' work was presented in the form of a Declaration at the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee.
GLO	A series of Webinars was initiated (from May - July 2020) by WHC to support and build the capacities of the implementing organizations of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic and following the postponement of the 2020 Campaign to 2021. It addressed various subjects pertinent to WHV, including International Voluntary Service and Communication Tools for WHV organization, along with project presentations from different WHV organizations.		Implementing organizations of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative from all regions reinforced their cooperation and shared experiences thanks to this channel for peer-to-peer dialogue and exchange of good practices for WHV. Organizations enhanced their knowledge and received tools for a better preparation and implementation of WHV projects.
GLO	4th UNWTO-UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture, jointly organized by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and UNESCO with the strong commitment of WHC, and hosted by the State Party of Japan (Kyoto, December 2019).	2015 WH-SD policy	Ministers of Tourism and Ministers of Culture as well as private sector stakeholders and experts strengthened partnerships between the Tourism and Culture sectors, thus contributing to the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.  Actors of both sectors adopted the "Kyoto Declaration on Tourism and Culture: Investing in future generations", which calls for the strengthening of capacities geared towards the sustainable development of cultural tourism and a better understanding of shared values.
AFR	Training will be provided to support the implementation of the World Heritage <i>Convention</i> in Sao Tome and Principe, as part of the MoU signed between the AWHF and WHITRAP during the UNESCO-Africa-China-Forum (Island of Principe).  A training to introduce the application of New Technologies for the Monitoring and Evaluation of Natural Resources in Biosphere Reserves and World Heritage properties (6 -14 September 2019).	Global Strategy  Decisions of World Heritage Committee under 7A and 7B	The State Party has strengthened its understanding of the <i>Convention</i> and its operational instruments and will start developing a National Tentative List for Sao Tome and Principe. The training scheduled on 15-26 February 2021 was postponed until further notice.  Thirty-three participants from fifteen African countries benefited from this workshop and are now able to use new technologies for a better management of natural resources from protected areas in Africa, in particular the World Heritage properties and Biosphere Reserves.
AFR	A workshop, funded through the World Heritage Fund, aimed at strengthening the conservation of World Heritage properties in Mali, by fostering a Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World heritage in Danger (DSOCR) of three danger listed properties in Mali (Timbuktu, The Old Towns of Djenné		The State Party and the Advisory Bodies developed a training module to optimize capacity building in the persistent context of the critical security situation at the sites through a distant training and tutoring of site managers and stakeholders.

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	and the Tomb of Askia), as well as developing capacity building for sites managers and stakeholders.		
AFR	Annual Technical Meeting of African Experts to the World Heritage Committee to improve their readiness to actively contribute to the items on the agenda during the upcoming World Heritage Committee session.		The African Experts to the World Heritage Committee have enhanced their understanding of the <i>Convention</i> and of the documents and actively participated in the debates of the Committee during its 43rd session.
AFR	<p>As part of the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise in Africa, several technical workshops were organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for World Heritage National Focal Points (Côte d'Ivoire, September 2019).</li> <li>• for World Heritage site managers of "Sangha Trinational" and "Dja Faunal Reserve" (Cameroon, January 2020).</li> <li>• for site managers from Anglophone countries and Mozambique (Kenya, February 2020).</li> <li>• for site managers from Francophone countries (initially scheduled to take place in Cameroon for March 2020, the workshop was postponed and substituted for individual consultations with each site manager and online workshops organised for all site managers in the region).</li> <li>• An online Data Analysis and Report Synthesis Workshop in October 2020 with AWHF, Advisory Bodies and heritage experts to analyse the results of the questionnaires.</li> <li>• A series of 4 online Sub-regional Workshops with African World Heritage Site Managers in November/December 2020 to present the results of the exercise and gather information and recommendations to the preparation of the draft Action Plan</li> <li>• A Final Regional Online Workshop for National Focal Points in February 2021, where the contributions gathered in the previous workshop were presented and discussed.</li> </ul>	<b>41 COM 10A</b>	<p>The 41 National Focal Points of the African States Parties have become aware of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire and started to fill the Section I.</p> <p>The State Party of Cameroon has effectively strengthened the capacity of site managers who filled in Section II of the questionnaire .</p> <p>The 80 site managers from Anglophone countries have become more aware of Section II of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire and the key concepts related to the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>.</p> <p>All the questionnaires are completed and submitted at 100%.</p> <p>Site managers have become more aware of the Periodic Reporting process as well as key regional and sub-regional issues of the implementation of <i>the World Heritage Convention</i>.</p> <p>All National Focal Points endorsed the draft Action Plan and expressed their commitment for its implementation.</p>
AFR	A project to develop a new Master program on heritage management and conservation by the University of Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) in Dakar, Senegal, in collaboration with the Universities of Gaston Berger, Thies and Ziguinchor, as part of the Italian Funds-in-Trust to UNESCO (AICS/project PAU).		The State Party has successfully developed the new Master 2 – anchored in the UCAD and continuation of the L3 HISPAM - based on the analysis of the job market in Senegal and the identification of the type of profile of professionals in demand and collegially with departments of 3 universities.
AFR	A strategy for job induction approaches has been developed for young heritage professionals trained in the University of Gaston		The State Party has effectively strengthened the exchange program in heritage management between 16 Universities from Senegal and Italy, and students, technicians and professors, in parallel with 3 contracts of

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	Berger and UCAD in Senegal, as part of the Italian-Funds-in-Trust to UNESCO.		professional integration for young graduates in the properties of Djoudj and Delta du Saloum, Sénégal, and 400 heritage management students field visits to Senegalese World Heritage (M2 and L3).
AFR	Organization in coordination with relevant Field Offices of two national workshops on Disaster Risk Management Plans following devastating fires at "Mount Kenya National Park" and "Simien Mountains National Park" World Heritage properties in June/July 2019.		Site managers of the States Parties of Kenya and Ethiopia as well as other stakeholders – NGOs, practitioners and community stakeholders – have increased their awareness and capacities to develop Disaster Risk Management Plans at the two World Heritage properties.
AFR	The WHC is implementing a project entitled "Developing training courses in heritage related construction skills for job creation and reduction of emigration in the Sahel region"_funded by the Netherlands-Funds-in-Trust.		The project aims to develop an educational kit on heritage construction techniques to support job creation and the reduction of emigration in the Sahel region, as well as to train young people of Agadez in these techniques. Although having been delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the project's implementation has now started.
AFR	First training workshop for the project "Capacity Building in Sustainable Tourism Development and Management for World Heritage in Comoros" (2-5 November 2020, 3 locations: Anjouan, Mohéli and Grande Comores, Comoros; online connection between participants and international experts). Organised with financial support from the UNESCO/Netherlands Funds-in-Trust. Through the Government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa, the WHC, in collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) and the ICCROM, is elaborating a project on Capacity building in Risk management and protection systems in 6 pilot sites in Africa.		Stakeholders increased awareness of guidance in UNESCO Conventions in the field of culture, including benefits and responsibilities of World Heritage status, as well as understanding and awareness of sustainable cultural tourism. Capacities building for national team members; the national team will work on their sustainable tourism plan. The launch of this project has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project is still under development, pilot sites have been identified and experts are working on its conception.
AFR	The WHC supported through international assistance the capacity building and implementation strategy for the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in South Sudan.		The activity to develop the Implementation strategy has been successfully completed in December 2020.
AFR	Capacity building towards developing a first nomination dossier for Comoros, notably by assessing management and conservation needs for the Historic Sultanates of Comoros.		Capacity-building activities were organised to assess the condition of the serial sites and conservation needs, media relations to ensure awareness-raising of the <i>Convention</i> and responsibilities of World Heritage status, and community involvement on the nomination process and responsibilities.
AFR	Financial support was provided by the Ministry of Culture of France for Strengthening the promotion and communication on the World Heritage property "Island of Gorée" (Senegal).		Implementation has been launched in 2020 and is ongoing in 2021. The elaboration of narrative content for the signage and interpretation at the

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			site is being developed, as well as training and support to local tourist guides.
AFR	Support under the International Assistance is provided for the valorisation of the World Heritage property “Stone Circles of the Senegambia” (Gambia, Senegal).		The development of Information kits for educational use in school and for tourist guides has been launched in 2020.
AFR	Two UNESCO Chairs in the field of Heritage have been established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNESCO Chair on African Heritage Studies and Sustainable Development at the University of Botswana</li> <li>- UNESCO Chair on African Heritage, at the Great Zimbabwe University</li> </ul>		The UNESCO Chairs have been established by formal agreement in December 2020. The WHC has engaged in exchanges to develop cooperation for capacity building in the Africa region. Two Webinars were organised with the Great Zimbabwe University on 24 February and the University of Botswana on 4 March 2021.
APA	Training workshop on the UNESCO Visitor Management Assessment Tool (VMAT) to begin collecting country-wide data on tourism and assess its impacts on ASEAN World Heritage Sites and Heritage Parks (Laos, November 2019).	2015 WH-SD policy	Hosted by Laotian authorities with the support of the German Corporation for International Cooperation, site managers of participating States Parties to the workshop familiarized themselves with the UNESCO Visitor Management Assessment Tool (VMAT) and conducted a basic assessment for at least one site of each ASEAN country.
APA	Marine World Heritage Workshop at “Komodo National Park” organized in collaboration with the UNESCO Office in Jakarta (Indonesia, 25-29 November 2019).		Komodo National Park staff has increased its capacity in marine monitoring in close cooperation with the scuba diving industry. The staff will be able to put the Outstanding Universal Value at the centre of a World Heritage site’s management system. See: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2065/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2065/</a>
APA	Capacity-Building Workshop “UNESCO Processes of World Heritage Properties in Kazakhstan: Management, Reporting and Monitoring” jointly organized by the government of Kazakhstan, WHC and ICOMOS. Initially planned on 26 March 2020, the workshop was held virtually on 18 June 2020.	<b>43 COM 7B.67</b>	National conservation experts and other stakeholders increased their knowledge on processes addressing preservation of World Heritage site from statutory and technical perspectives.
APA	WHC organized field activities and training workshops in Tajikistan (Khujand, Tajikistan, 4-8 September 2019) and in Turkmenistan (Ashgabat and Merv, Turkmenistan, 15-19 November 2019) in the framework of the project “Support for the Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia (Phase II)” funded via the Japanese Funds-in-Trust.	<b>43 COM 5A</b>	Site managers, archaeologists and specialists from national and local institutions of both States Parties have been trained effectively in the documentation, conservation and management of architectural monuments and archaeological sites.
APA	Drafting of two Final Technical Reports on the outcomes of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust project ‘Support for Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia’ (Phase II, April 2015–November 2019). The two reports were finalized and communicated to the Central Asian implementation partners in March 2020.	<b>43 COM 5A</b>	National experts of the five Central Asian Republics have at their disposal technical documents highlighting best methods to conserve and sustainably manage nominated sites of the Silk Roads, while pointing out lessons learned and possible challenges remaining for the project.

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			See: <a href="https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000372768">https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000372768</a>
APA	<p>Online training course to increase the knowledge and understanding of local destination managers of sustainable tourism within the World Heritage context, with a greater focus on transnational cooperation across the Silk Road Heritage Corridor (completed in July 2020 - TBC).</p> <p>Workshop to develop a destination management plan for the city of Khiva and World Heritage property of "Itchan Kala" (Uzbekistan, February 2020).</p> <p>These meetings were key activities of the EU funded project "Silk Roads Heritage Corridors in Afghanistan, Central Asia and Iran - International Dimension of the European Year of Cultural Heritage".</p>	2015 WH-SD policy	<p>Local destination managers across the Silk Road Heritage Corridor have reinforced their capacities in managing and developing sustainable tourism in a transnational framework.</p> <p>Municipal authorities and local stakeholders have successfully trained using the UNESCO tools to develop the destination management plan. Participants of the meeting have drafted a destination management plan for Khiva.</p>
APA	Expert workshop organized by WHC to identify the potential Outstanding Universal Value of "Mt. Kumgang" (Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 21-26 October 2019).	<b>43 COM 13</b>	With the technical support provided by the international expert recommended by IUCN, national experts have greatly built up their capacity to prepare a nomination dossier for the proposed site.
APA	Sustainable Heritage Management Foundation course organized by the UNESCO Office in Bangkok, in cooperation with Think City Institute and the Asian Academy for Heritage Management, supported by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust ( <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1555/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1555/</a> )		The course was launched with a special panel on "Sustainable heritage management: New challenges, new competences" (9 November 2020, online) with the aims to upskill and reskill professionals working on heritage management, with a focus on South-East Asia, to meet new demands.
APA	Series of 15 online training sessions organised for the National Focal Points for Periodic Reporting in Asia and the Pacific, with relevant sessions also including the Site Managers in the region (September 2020 – March 2021). This was supported by the UNESCO/Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust (see <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/pg.cfm?cid=83&amp;pattern=Online+Training+for+the+Periodic+Reporting+Exercise">https://whc.unesco.org/pg.cfm?cid=83&amp;pattern=Online+Training+for+the+Periodic+Reporting+Exercise</a> ).		<p>This extensive online training, organised in the framework of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting, was adapted from in-person workshops initially scheduled for the spring of 2020.</p> <p>65 National Focal Points and 272 Site Managers designated for the Periodic Reporting exercise in Asia-Pacific were provided with online training on key aspects of the questionnaire and capacity building on core aspects of the <i>Convention</i>. The meetings were organised with the participation of the Advisory Bodies, Category 2 Centres in the region and other experts. Using a 'training of trainers' approach, National Focal Points could share their knowledge with Site Managers, relying on the materials provided during and after each session (e.g. presentations, videos, guidance documents). Targeted session for specific sub-regions, especially the Pacific SIDS, were also organised.</p>

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ARB	Arab World Heritage Young Professionals Forum (December 2019, Tunisia) held in the framework of the UNESCO/UNOCT joint project 'Prevention of Violent Extremism through Youth Empowerment in Jordan, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia', co-funded by Canada and organized by WHC in collaboration with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO), and l'Institut national du patrimoine (INP).		32 young professionals from 17 countries of the Arab States region (21 female, 11 male) actively engaged in the forum and were in their critical roles as global citizens towards peacebuilding, through the protection, preservation and promotion of World Heritage. The participants enhanced their understanding of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> , enabling them to exchange on the challenges faced in Arab States in relation to heritage and discuss about how culture can be leveraged to contribute to a future of peace for the region.
ARB	Development of Risk Management Plans for Sudan's National Museum and the two Sudanese cultural World Heritage Properties.  Funded by the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund and implemented with the support of the UNESCO Office in Khartoum and the Movable Heritage and UNESCO Museums section, the project included the organization of a workshop in October 2019.	Risk Preparedness  <b>43 COM 7B.54</b>	Thanks to the enhancement of their capacities through trainings, 42 Professionals (including 23 women) in Sudan are now able to adequately plan risk management.
ARB	An Arabic translation of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> , was prepared at WHC, with funding from ARC-WH (Bahrain).		The States Parties of the Arab States region will benefit from an updated version in Arabic, the first one since 2005, which will facilitate the implementation of the mechanisms and procedures established by the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> .
ARB	Arabic translation of three documents by WHC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidance on Developing and Revising World Heritage Tentative Lists</li> <li>• Guidance on the preparation of retrospective Statements of the Outstanding Universal Value for World Heritage properties</li> <li>• Guidance Note on the Desired State of Conservation for the Removal of a Property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR).</li> </ul>		The Arabic version of the documents will greatly facilitate capacity building initiatives in the implementation of the mechanisms and procedures established by the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> , in the Arab States region.
EUR	National Training for the World Heritage site managers of Czechia organized by the WHC (Historic Centre of Telč, 30-31 October 2019).  Site managers meeting "World Heritage – Protection, Interpretation, Use" organized by WHC (Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, Poland, 27 – 29 November 2019).		Site managers and heritage experts in Czechia and Poland have enhanced capacities in World Heritage properties protection and management, which will support effective management of World Heritage properties in both States Parties.
EUR	WHC participation with Venice office at the National Training Workshop on Management of World Heritage Properties for site managers in Sibiu (Romania) from 14 to 19 July 2019.		The State Party of Romania has enhanced its national capacities on Management of World Heritage properties thanks to exchange of knowledge on management plans between WHC, site managers and heritage experts.

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EUR	<p>WHC participation in the international workshop of the Horizon 2020 project 'Sustainable Historic Environments Holistic Reconstruction through Technological Enhancement and Community Based Resilience' – SHELTER, on 4-5 December 2019, Venice (Italy).</p> <p>Innovative solutions and principles were developed for conservators and heritage managers in relation to disaster risk management, especially climate-related hazards. The project has special focus on UNESCO designated sites (World Heritage properties, biosphere reserves and geoparks).</p>		<p>With support from WHC, several World Heritage site managers, amongst whom many are partners in the project, have increased their knowledge of the different existing tools related to Climate Change and Risk preparedness aimed to protect and preserve World Heritage properties.</p> <p>The developed tools and experience will be shared and distributed to further World Heritage site managers and hopefully could become a reference point in disaster risk management and building resilience.</p>
EUR	Workshop organized by WHC for States Parties in relation to developing a guidance tool for handling renewable energy projects in World Heritage properties, their buffer zones and/or in their setting (Funchal, Madeira, Portugal, February 2020).		Representatives of States Parties exchanged their experience in the field of wind energy projects. They discussed and analysed expectations and needs in relation to the guidance tool. The working group agreed upon results that will be used for achieving the project target.
EUR	Inception workshop for a Swedish project entitled “Strengthening World Heritage through Tourism” whose aim is to develop a sustainable tourism strategy for the “Mining Area of the Great Copper Mountain in Falun” World Heritage property using the UNESCO toolkit (December 2019, Falun, Sweden).	2015 WH-SD policy	The project has been launched and aims to create a common starting point and basic knowledge about the sustainable tourism and the UNESCO toolkit for all the participants in the project. Representatives of local and national authorities, heritage sector, civil society, visitor industry and academics are part of the key stakeholder group that will be involved in the project. The visitor management assessment for the World Heritage property has been initiated.
EUR	WHC provided the evaluation for the implementation of the project entitled: “Belarusian Gardariks. Digital Mapping and Historical Representation of the Belarusian Cities” regarding the Participation Programme Request n°7070 to raise awareness of the cultural and tourist capacities of the Belarusian cities and promote an integrated approach to the study of Belarusian cities through dialogue and cooperation between all stakeholders, local communities and authorities.		The WHC recommended that the State Party shares in which ways the digital map is being promoted to spread the knowledge of the existence of this tool to engage with the Belarusian history through the means of dialogue and cooperation between different stakeholders, including local communities and authorities. The project’s output, an interactive map ( <a href="https://gardariki.by/en">https://gardariki.by/en</a> ; <a href="https://gardariki.by/map">https://gardariki.by/map</a> ), is reported to be used as a reference guide or tool to study the historical and cultural capacities of the cities.
LAC	Technical exchange between Belize and Suriname with WHC’s assistance (June 2019, Belize).		Both States Parties have developed their capacity in the protection of archaeological and historic-built heritage sites.
LAC	Sub-regional Capacity Building workshop on sustainable tourism for the Caribbean organized by WHC and financed by the Japanese Funds-in-Trust (20-22 April 2020, Bridgetown, Barbados)		World Heritage site managers in the sub-region have strengthened their capacities, as well as other key stakeholders in the Caribbean SIDS such as tourism management authorities for planning and

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			managing sustainable tourism at World Heritage properties in the Caribbean.
LAC	Capacity building on sustainable tourism strategies for “The Industrial Heritage of Barbados: The Story of Sugar and Rum” (27-29 October 2020, online), financially supported by the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust.		Stakeholders of “The Industrial Heritage of Barbados”, including site managers, government officials, academics and local communities, gained knowledge about sustainable tourism and destination management.  As a result of the workshop, stakeholders understood the potential Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the site and the impact of natural hazards and pandemics on heritage, and they started to prepare a sustainable tourism management plan.
<b>4C - Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication (Communication)</b>			
GLO	WHC launched in May 2020 under the World Heritage Cities programme the first issue of the newsletter <i>Urban Notebooks</i> in English and French as a way to disseminate the World Heritage Cities programme and other partner institutions related to culture and World Heritage cities.  The newsletter has published two monthly issues in May and June 2020 shared with all the Focal Points for properties in the World Heritage Cities Programme, Field Offices, Advisory Bodies and partner institutions.	<b>42 COM 5A.11</b>	Stakeholders to the World Heritage Cities Programme, including site managers, national authorities and partner institutions, have a better access to information regarding action under the Programme.  With editorials by international experts and a space for site managers to share specific actions recently taken, the newsletter supports on-site practitioners in fostering their dialogue and exchanges with the WHC.
GLO	In the framework of UNESCO’s response to the Covid-19 crisis, a call for artworks was launched by WHC with the support of Ms Arya Chavda, a young Indian girl, inviting children from around the world to share their drawings of World Heritage properties on Instagram, with the support of the Education Sector, the UNESCO Network of Associated Schools (ASPnet) and the network of the UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning.	Global Strategy	A total of 572 contributions from children in 55 different countries presenting 154 World Heritage Properties were received and posted on Instagram between 8 April and 17 May.  The activity helped enhance visibility, promote community and youth involvement and improve understanding of the World Heritage properties among young people.  <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2115/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2115/</a>

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GLO	<p>Development of several communication activities to highlight World Heritage marine properties and the work of the World Heritage Marine Programme, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of the 2020 and 2021 annual overview of the World Heritage Marine Programme (<a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-programme">https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-programme</a>)</li> <li>• Celebration of the 2019 and 2020 World Oceans Day in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) by honouring female marine scientists working in World Heritage marine properties and highlighting how science and innovation is rapidly transforming the management of World Heritage marine properties.</li> <li>• Travelling photo exposition highlighting the scientific expeditions of Monaco Explorations in marine World Heritage properties (UNESCO HQ/October-November 2020; Monaco/January-March 2021; La Rochelle/June 2021).</li> </ul>	<p><b>42 COM 7</b> <b>42 COM 5A</b></p>	<p>The general public as well as the community of ocean conservationists and World Heritage marine managers have increased their understanding on the need for protection and strengthened cooperation with partners for the preservation of marine World Heritage properties.</p> <p>As a result of these activities, WHC has strengthened relationships with its partners for a stronger preservation of marine World Heritage properties.</p> <p>WHC has increased awareness on the importance of ocean science, and the work of female marine scientists, for the preservation and management of marine World Heritage properties. <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1983/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1983/</a></p>
GLO	<p>Development of a value proposition and sustainable financing to communicate about and attract more effectively financial support for climate adaptation capacity building in natural World Heritage properties.</p>	<p><b>42 COM 7</b></p>	<p>Professional expertise has been attracted to develop the value proposition and associated media campaign which will underpin attracting strategic financial resources in support of climate adaptation at natural World Heritage properties in least developed nations, Africa in particular.</p>
GLO	<p>2020 and 2021 World Heritage Calendar published with Panasonic in paper and online versions.</p> <p>2019-2020 <i>World Heritage Map</i> produced and distributed in collaboration with National Geographic Maps in English, French and Spanish (Chinese version soon available).</p>	<p><i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C</p>	<p>The wider public, particularly in Asia and among young people, has an enhanced awareness of World Heritage.</p>
GLO	<p>English, French and Spanish publication of the quarterly World Heritage Review (also available in online electronic format):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue 92 – July 2019 (World Heritage in Azerbaijan)</li> <li>• Issue 93 – November 2019 (Silk Roads)</li> <li>• Issue 94 – January 2020 (New Sites in 2019)</li> <li>• Issue 95 – July 2020 (Interpretation)</li> <li>• Issue 96 – October 2020 (Biodiversity)</li> <li>• Issue 97 – Jan 2021 (People protecting World Heritage)</li> <li>• Issue 98 – April 2021 (Monitoring WH from space)</li> <li>• Issue 99 – July 2021 (World Heritage in China)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C</p>	<p>The wider public has an enhanced awareness of the implementation of the <i>Convention</i> and the need to protect World Heritage properties.</p> <p>The financial viability is dependent on the continuous support of the co-publisher and States Parties hosting the Committee session.</p>

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GLO	<p>WHC has increased the visibility of UNESCO and WHC's actions in the field of World Heritage across a wide range of platforms, with more exposure to young people:</p> <p><b>Social media:</b> From July 2020, posts about World Heritage were shared across UNESCO's social media platforms (8,159,521 total followers in English, French and Spanish) on a weekly basis (Twitter 4,119,829, Facebook 1,606,080, Instagram 2,433,612).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2020 <a href="https://whc.unesco.org">https://whc.unesco.org</a> represent 31.46% of the page views and 21.57% of the visits of all unesco.org websites (Gooleanalytics).</li> <li>• 257 news items and 90 events created on WHC's website between 1 July 2019 – 8 March 2021.</li> <li>• E-newsletter with information on World Heritage published in July and December 2019, in March 2020, February 2021 and sent to 21,000 WHC website members (approx. 16 000 in English, 5 000 in French)</li> </ul> <p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNESCO's Culture Sector's task force on COVID-19 launched the <b>#ShareOurHeritage</b> campaign on 9 March until 20 April 2020 for Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. The campaign consisted of a weekly map update of UNESCO World Heritage site closures due to the pandemic, a virtual artists exhibition by children of World Heritage artwork and site manager videos in collaboration with Google Arts &amp; Culture.</p> <p>Overall reach = <b>7,196,768</b> (Twitter = <b>3,874,769</b>)</p> <p>From @UNESCO: <b>45,241,926</b></p> <p>Engagement (liked or retweeted): <b>2,093</b></p> <p><u>Media type (where the links were shared)</u></p> <p>Twitter: <u>2,146</u></p> <p>Online News: <u>85</u></p> <p>Blogs: <u>29</u></p> <p>Instagram: <u>1,871,054</u></p> <p>1,640 posts using #ShareOurHeritage hashtag</p> <p><b>Little Artists Exhibition</b></p> <p>Video: <b>32,000</b> views</p> <p>Exhibition: 370 Participants</p>	<p><i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C</p>	<p>The wider public has an enhanced awareness of the implementation of the <i>Convention</i> and the need to protect World Heritage properties.</p>

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	<p>51 Countries represented 125 World Heritage properties</p> <p><b>Site manager videos:</b> for example, Ngorongoro site manager video: <b>30,000</b> views, Assessment: site manager videos were shared among communities and networks; site managers also gave feedback that this boosted their morale in difficult times.</p> <p><b>Notre Dame anniversary of fire:</b> Notre Dame photo: <b>14,700</b> views Notre Dame on Twitter: 45 retweets, 104 likes; 148 retweets, 269 likes; on Facebook: 350 reactions, 116 shares, 6,800 views</p> <p><b>African World Heritage Day, 5 May 2020</b></p> <p>Due to COVID-19, 90% of World Heritage properties around the globe were closed or partially closed including some in Africa. With the theme “Youth, Entrepreneurship and Heritage Sustainability in Africa” two Instagram sessions with Vanessa Nakate and Dr Pascall Taruvunga were held to celebrate African World Heritage Day.</p> <p>Vanessa Nakate is a climate change activist from Uganda. During her Instagram live session she reflected on the importance of preserving African World Heritage particularly under the threat of climate change. She also highlighted the role of the youth and UNESCO in working together to ensure African World Heritage overcomes this challenge for future generations.</p> <p>Dr Taruvunga is the Chief Heritage Officer of Robben Island World Heritage property. During this session, Dr Taruvunga shared the work Robben Island is doing with youth. He also shared how heritage should be mobilized in a period of a pandemic such as COVID-19 and how culture is a catalyst for sustainable development.</p>		
GLO	<p>A publication entitled ‘Empowering Youth for Heritage: 10 Years of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative’ was initiated in the framework of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative. This publication provides a retrospective of the first 10 years of the WHV Initiative and aims to increase the visibility and sustainability of WHV. This publication, prepared thanks to the financial contribution of Hungary, has been released in May 2020.</p>		<p>The publication brings together all the projects implemented over the past decade and enables the measurement of the impact of the involvement of the organizations and volunteers in different countries and at the sites themselves.</p>

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AFR	Development of Heritage Passports for three African States Parties (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad). Funded by the Hungarian government, the passports will be finalized in 2020.	<b>36 COM 10D</b>	The public will be more aware of the World Heritage properties in Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Chad.
AFR	Participation of WHC in the Biennale of Luanda - Pan-African Forum for the culture of peace (16 - 22 September 2019), in which WHC co-organized the session on "Prevention of conflicts over natural resources" with a focus on experience sharing on World Heritage protection in post-conflict societies to avoid resurgences of crises.		World Heritage professionals and the wider public has become more aware of the importance of culture in the prevention of conflicts. Best practices for improving management of World Heritage properties while engaging communities and enhancing their living conditions were fostered.
AFR	An initiative to produce communication materials and information for schools as well onsite excursions, implemented by the Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI) project developed by WHC.	UNESCO Global Priority Africa UNESCO Operational Strategy on youth 2014-21	More than 1,500 young students have become more aware of World Heritage properties and the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in Cameroon and Gabon.
AFR	A Publication of "From Angola to Zimbabwe: World Heritage of Southern Africa", implemented by UNESCO office in Zimbabwe and with technical review by WHC.	Operational Strategy for Priority Africa/Flagships, Africa Union Agenda 2063	The general public as well as development partners and private institutions will be more aware of the 1972 Convention and World Heritage properties within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, covering the various categories (cultural, natural and mixed sites) and revised Tentative Lists, to include SADC nations without a single World Heritage site.
AFR	Financed through the World Heritage Fund, production of communication tools for the promotion of the World Heritage site of Delta de Saloum Senegal		The general public has become more aware of the World Heritage property "Delta de Saloum".
AFR	Financed through the Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI) and the Netherlands Fund-in-Trust, WHC prepared a publication on Transboundary/Transnational World Heritage properties in Africa to share the challenges and good practices on transboundary cooperation for World Heritage conservation.		The publication was launched on 5 May 2021 (African World Heritage Day).
AFR	In the framework of African World Heritage Day (5 May), the WHC annually organizes celebrations on social media.		The World Heritage Centre organised webinars, live sessions and a social media contest to raise youth awareness and involvement in the protection and promotion of African World Heritage.
ARB	Ongoing elaboration of the publication entitled "Ten years of conflict, the State of Cultural Heritage in Syria", in cooperation with UNITAR-	<b>43 COM 7A.37</b>	Documentation on damages at World Heritage properties and at Tentative List sites in Syria. Once completed the publication will

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	UNOSAT. The publication is funded by the Governments of Germany and Norway.		contribute to raise awareness on the importance of protecting cultural heritage at risk in times of conflict and allow planning for reconstruction.
EUR	Conference on Arctic World Heritage “Managing complexity – the way forward for World Heritage in the Arctic Region” in Reykjavík (Iceland) on 24 and 25 October 2019, in which WHC was a key partner of the event and a fundamental collaborator to the Call for Action adopted.		Adoption of a Call for Action intended to contribute to the UN global response to climate change, such as the IPCC “Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate”, with actions specific to the field of natural and cultural heritage conservation.
EUR	<p>Social media campaigns for World Heritage Journeys of European Union: From July 2018, posts about World Heritage were shared across UNESCO’s social media platforms (5 848 777 total followers in English, French and Spanish) on a weekly basis. Twitter 3 558 769 Facebook 1 257 941.</p> <p>The VisitEUWorldHeritage.com website was the campaign’s main publishing channel. It includes over 1,300 pages of content in three languages (English, Chinese, French) for a total of 4,012 unique pages. Of the 431,305 users of the site, 41,163 are returning users who visited the site more than one time. The 70,967 user engagements include the number of sessions with 3 or more page views, plus website signups and clicks on the contact and share links. The 23 million impressions include page, post and video views and impressions on the Google, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, NatGeo, and Weibo ad networks.</p>	2015 WH-SD policy	This pioneering website for World Heritage and sustainable travel, which features in-depth content on 34 World Heritage properties in the EU, has shown success in promoting sustainable tourism development across Europe since its launch in 2018.
EUR	The 116-page World Heritage Journeys Europe bookazine prepared and launched with WHC’s support (publisher: National Geographic) was disseminated widely in 32 destinations to travel trade representatives at the World Travel Market in London in October 2019.	2015 WH-SD policy	The Bookazine is a key communication tool that largely contributed to raise awareness among the heritage and tourism authorities and local community leaders in each of the destinations as well as within the EU Commission and Parliament.
EUR	<p>The call for nominations for the 2021 UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes has been launched.</p> <p>The Prize was established in 1995 to reward outstanding examples of actions to safeguard and enhance the world’s cultural landscapes, a category of World Heritage. The winner of the Prize will receive the sum of USD 30,000. The call will be open until 31 May 2021 after which a jury will select the winner from the submitted applications.</p>		<p>The circular letters to the attention of the Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO have been dispatched to officially launch the 2021 call for nominations.</p> <p>The promotion campaign to disseminate the call has been launched via email and social media. The website was updated, and an information leaflet (English/French) has been developed to reach a wide audience.</p>

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	More information can be found on the webpage of the Prize: <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/culturallandscapesprize/">https://whc.unesco.org/en/culturallandscapesprize/</a>		
LAC	A publication entitled “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System: Stepping stones for its sustainable conservation”, part of the broader WHC project financed by the Japanese Funds-in-Trust, is expected to be published in August 2021, in both English and Spanish.		The publication addressed to all stakeholders (the donor, Permanent Delegations of the six countries involved, National Technical Secretariats, Focal Points, scholars and researchers) will enhance the visibility of this transboundary property and share its global importance by highlighting the successful outcomes of the project.
<b>5C - Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities (Communities)</b>			
AFR	WHC supported the finalisation of a project to develop a strategy for community Participation in the Management and Monitoring Processes at the Island of Mozambique World Heritage Site, as part of the Netherlands Funds in trust in UNESCO in 2020.		The State Party has fully engaged with Community members and local stakeholders in the organization of the workshop and the elaboration of the strategy for Community Participation in the Management and Monitoring Processes at the Island of Mozambique World Heritage Site. All steps of the process were fully participative with the active involvement of Communities.
AFR	Continuation of the Community Management of Protected Areas Conservation (COMPACT) initiative to engage local communities in enhancing the management of the “Okavango Delta” (Botswana) and the “Maloti-Drakensberg Park” (Lesotho/South Africa) through the support of the World Heritage Fund, Flanders Funds-in-Trust and of the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme.	<b>36 COM 10D</b> <b>41 COM 7B.38</b> <b>42 COM 7B.89</b>	The State Party of Botswana has fully committed with the continuation of COMPACT strategy work within “Okavango Delta” updating of management plan. The grant-making programme to support community-based conservation and sustainable livelihood activities has started in early 2021.  The States Parties of Lesotho and South Africa have fully engaged in the preparation of COMPACT grants in the “Maloti-Drakensberg Park”, which programme has begun in 2020.
AFR	Digital publication “The role of communities and stakeholders in the safeguarding of World Heritage in Africa”, expected to be published during the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee. Through the Government of China Funds for Capacity Building and cooperation for World Heritage in Africa, WHC supported the empowerment of local communities in the Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea), the finalisation of the DSOCR and the development of the Strategy for the elaboration of a DSOCR for all properties on the List of the World Heritage in Danger in the Region.		The publication will highlight the importance of communities in the safeguarding of World Heritage in Africa.  Field visit organised from 10 to 17 January 2021 for the handover of two multifunctional mills, the installation of two sheds for the mills and the donation of oil palm and cocoa seeds to the communities of Yaleu (Côte d'Ivoire) and Gbakoré (Guinea). DSOCR finalised by the two States Parties and submitted to the Secretariat in January 2021. A strategy is being developed in close collaboration with the ABs.

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APA	Preliminary sustainable tourism assessment to determine a carrying capacity for “Ha Long Bay” World Heritage property (Ha Long Bay, September 2019).	2015 WH-SD policy  Request by the State Party of Vietnam	A team of experts conducted a preliminary assessment of tourism-related activities, working closely with the local authorities and key stakeholders in the tourism value chain to determine a carrying capacity to optimize visitor management at the property. The assessment was the first step in the process of developing a carrying capacity for the site. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the planned follow-up activities have been postponed until further notice.
APA	WHC implemented the World Heritage properties and Museums / Interpretation Centres Partnership Programme as part of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust project “Exploring World Heritage Sites in Southeast Asia – Revitalizing World Heritage Site Museums in the Philippines and Malaysia to promote public education and local creative industry”.	<b>43 COM 5A</b>	With WHC’s advice, the towns of Georgetown and Melaka (Malaysia) and Vigan (Philippines) are in the process of developing a programme to increase community participation in revitalising World Heritage properties’ social and economic resources through the promotion of World Heritage properties’ related crafts, creative industries and cultural assets whether traditional or modern.
APA	With the support of WHC and the Department of Culture of Bhutan, launch of the Bhutan Zhemgang Cultural Atlas booklet during the Bhutan Cultural Atlas Workshop (Thimphu, Bhutan – 29 October 2019). The Bhutan Zhemgang Cultural Atlas booklet covers a third district, in addition to the existing materials for the districts of Bumthang and Trongsa, and is part of the BCA programme (see <a href="https://bhutanculturalatlas.clcs.edu.bt/">https://bhutanculturalatlas.clcs.edu.bt/</a> )  Produced and undertaken by the Royal University of Bhutan in close collaboration with the <i>Centre de recherche sur les civilisations de l’Asie Orientale</i> (CRCAO) of the CNRS (France). Funded via the Oriental cultural Heritage Sites Protection Alliance (Paris, France).	<b>43 COM 5A</b>	Policy makers, scholars, cultural institutions, tourism stakeholders, as well as the general public have a better knowledge of the tangible and intangible heritage of Bhutanese districts and are better equipped to link culture and community development.
APA	Community Stakeholders meetings held throughout 2019 for the implementation of the Management Plan for “Cultural Landscape and Archaeological Remains of the Bamiyan Valley” in the framework of the Japanese Funds-in-Trust project.	<b>43 COM 7A.41</b>	Local community members actively engaged in meetings to raise awareness around heritage management in Bamiyan and to assess levels of integration between the Cultural Master Plan and the Government’s City Master Plan.
APA	Community Involvement Workshops implemented in India and Sri Lanka under the Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust project “World Heritage, Sustainable Development, Community Involvement” managed by WHC (November 2019 – March 2020).	<b>43 COM 5A</b>	In the form of awareness-raising, dialogue and advocacy sessions, workshops helped all stakeholders to be fully informed and involved in a participatory process. Local communities have strengthened their role in the management and conservation of heritage sites, while local authorities and experts build up their awareness and capacities.
ARB	Three workshops aiming at community engagement for sustainable tourism management at the World Heritage Site of “Gebel Barkal and the Sites of the Napatan Region”, took place between 8 to 13 March	<b>43 COM 7B.54</b>	Following these workshops, a sustainable tourism management strategy is being developed through a participatory process, with the active engagement of local communities.

REGION	ACTIVITIES BY WHC	DECISIONS	RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered
	2020, in Khartoum (Sudan) through the financial support of the UNESCO-Netherlands Funds-in-Trust project "Contributing to Sustainable Tourism at the World Heritage Site of Gebel Barkal and the Sites of the Napatan Region".		
EUR	WHC participated in the "International Adapt Northern Heritage Conference 2020" (Online conference, 5-7 May 2020). "Adapt Northern Heritage" is a project researching climate change adaptation for historic places.		Communities and local authorities from northern Europe are better prepared to adapt their cultural heritage sites to the environmental impacts of climate change through community engagement and informed conservation planning.
EUR	Mostar Sustainable Tourism and Cultural Heritage Conference, organized by the UNESCO Venice office with the municipality of Mostar and WHC (July 2019).  The conference provided lectures on sustainable development and cultural heritage and showcased best practices from the region including case studies from Dubrovnik, Montenegro and Split.	2015 WH-SD policy	Local authorities actively engaged in the conference, including the Honorable Mayor Mato Frankovic, who shared the vision and measures to combat overtourism in Dubrovnik.
LAC	Financed by the German Foreign Office for International Cooperation, an extra-budgetary project coordinated by WHC and UNESCO San José Office is currently under implementation on involvement of local youth in participatory heritage management and conservation practices in the property "Precolumbian Chiefdom Settlements with Stone Spheres of the Diquís" in Costa Rica.		The goal of this project is that youth leaders from local and indigenous communities actively commit in the conservation of the property, thus strengthening their capacity in participatory heritage management and conservation practices through a series of workshops.



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## ANNEX 2

### ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE 43RD SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (BAKU, 2019)

Decisions & items	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
<b>43 COM 2</b> Admission of Observers	✓		
<b>43 COM 3A</b> Adoption of the Agenda	✓		
<b>43 COM 3B</b> Adoption of the Timetable	✓		
<b>43 COM 4</b> Report of the Rapporteur of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee (Manama, 2018)	✓		
<b>43 COM 5A</b> Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/5A	
<b>43 COM 5B</b> Reports of the Advisory Bodies		See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/5B	
<b>43 COM 5C</b> World Heritage Convention and Sustainable Development		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/5C	
<b>43 COM 5D</b> Priority Africa, sustainable development and World Heritage		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/5C	
<b>43 COM 5E</b> Report on strengthening of dialogue between the Advisory Bodies and States Parties		See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/5B, WHC/21/44.COM/6, WHC/21/44.COM/7, WHC/21/44.COM/8	
<b>43 COM 6</b> Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres		See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/6 (report on the implementation of the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy) and WHC/21/44.COM/INF.6	See Document WHC/22/45.COM/6 (progress and outcomes of the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy)

Decisions & items	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
<b>43 COM 7.1</b> State of Conservation of World Heritage properties - Statutory matters related to Reactive Monitoring	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7 and WHC/21/44.COM/INF.7	
<b>43 COM 7.2</b> State of Conservation of World Heritage properties - Pressing conservation issues	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7 and WHC/21/44.COM/7C	
<b>43 COM 7.3</b> State of Conservation of World Heritage properties - Other matters	✓	See Document WHC/21/44.COM/7	
<b>43 COM 7A</b> State of conservation of the properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7A and WHC/21/44.COM/7A.Add	
<b>43 COM 7B</b> State of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7B and WHC/21/44.COM/7B.Add	
<b>43 COM 8</b> Nomination Process		See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/8, WHC/21/44.COM/11 and WHC/21/44.COM/12	
<b>43 COM 8A</b> Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties as of 15 April 2019, in conformity with the <i>Operational Guidelines</i>	✓	See Document WHC/21/44.COM/8A	
<b>43 COM 8B</b> Nominations to the World Heritage List	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/8B.Add, WHC/21/44.COM/7B and WHC/21/44.COM/7B.Add	
<b>43 COM 8C.1</b> Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger (inscribed properties)	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7A and WHC/21/44.COM/7A.Add	
<b>43 COM 8C.2</b> Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger (retained properties)	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7A and WHC/21/44.COM/7A.Add	
<b>43 COM 8C.3</b> Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger (removed properties)	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/7B and WHC/21/44.COM/7B.Add	
<b>43 COM 8D</b> Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties	✓		

Decisions & items	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
<b>43 COM 8E</b> Adoption of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value	✓		
<b>43 COM 9A</b> Upstream Processes	✓	See Document WHC/21/44.COM/9A	
<b>43 COM 9B</b> Progress report on the reflection on processes for mixed nominations		✓	
<b>43 COM 10A.1</b> Progress report on the follow-up to the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting (Asia and the Pacific)		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/10C	
<b>43 COM 10A.2</b> Progress report on the follow-up to the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting (Africa)		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/10C	
<b>43 COM 10A.3</b> Progress report on the follow-up to the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting (Arab States)		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/10C	
<b>43 COM 10A.4</b> Progress report on the follow-up to the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting (Latin America and the Caribbean)		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/10C	
<b>43 COM 10A.5</b> Progress report on the follow-up to the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting (Europe and North America)		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/10C	
<b>43 COM 10B</b> Progress report on the Third cycle of Periodic Reporting		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/10D	
<b>43 COM 11A</b> Revision of the Operational Guidelines	✓		
<b>43 COM 11B</b> Policy Compendium	✓		
<b>43 COM 12</b> Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods: outcomes of the ad-hoc working group	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/8, WHC/21/44.COM/11 and WHC/21/44.COM/12	See Document WHC/21/23.GA/-- (on the possibility of the elaboration of a Code of Conduct)
<b>43 COM 13</b> Examination of International Assistance requests	✓		

Decisions & items	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
<b>43 COM 14</b> Report on the execution of the budget for the biennium 2018-2019, budget proposal of the World Heritage Fund for the biennium 2020-2021 and follow-up to Decision <b>42 COM 14</b>	✓	See Documents WHC/21/44.COM/8, WHC/21/44.COM/14	
<b>43 COM 15</b> Other business	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>43 COM 16</b> Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee	<b>Chairperson:</b> H.E. Mr. Tian Xuejun (China) <b>Rapporteur:</b> Ms. Miray Hasaltun Wosinski (Bahrain) <b>Vice-Chairpersons:</b> Bahrain, Brazil*, Hungary, Spain, Uganda		
<b>43 COM 17</b> Provisional Agenda of the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee		See Document WHC/21/44.COM/3A	

\* **Guatemala** was elected as Vice-Chairperson, in replacement of Brazil, at the 13th extra-ordinary session of the World Heritage Committee on 28 November 2019 (Decision **13 EXT.COM 3**).

**World Heritage Expert and other World Heritage-related meetings, January 2020 – December 2021**

**Note:** At its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011), the World Heritage Committee, by Decision **35 COM 12B**, requested the World Heritage Centre to present an annual list of planned meetings. The Committee requested the Centre to document, more particularly all meetings in which the participation of the Secretariat is foreseen. Such a list should contain all relevant information for the Committee to decide on priorities and allocation of available human and financial resources. This annex therefore presents the consolidated list of planned meetings.

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
International Experts Meeting - Heritage in Urban Contexts: Impacts of Development Projects on World Heritage properties in Cities	Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan	14-17 January 2020	Japan's Agency for Cultural Affairs and Kyushu University, in cooperation with WHC, ICOMOS and ICCROM
World Heritage Watch Forum	Paris, France	20 January 2020	World Heritage Watch
Conference "Auschwitz Birkenau -75 years after" on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	UNESCO HQs	22 January 2020	WHC (address)
ICOMOS ISC CIIC (Cultural Routes): Annual Meeting: Living the Cultural Routes	Chihuahua, Mexico	10-17 February 2020	ICOMOS
Renewable Energy and World Heritage Workshop	Madeira, Portugal	13-14 February 2020	WHC/EUR-NA
Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting Exercise in Africa Region: A workshop for Anglophone World Heritage Site Managers	Nairobi, Kenya	19 - 21 February 2020	WHC/PSM, WHC/AFR, UNESCO-Nairobi Office, AWHF
Second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	Rome, Italy	23-25 February 2020	WHC/APA
World Heritage Leadership Coordination Meeting on the Knowledge Framework for World Heritage Management	ICCROM, Rome Italy (online meeting)	27-28 February 2020	ICCROM/IUCN
Libya workshop on World Heritage sites	UNESCO HQs	5-6 March 2020	WHC/ARB

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Contributing to Sustainable Tourism and Community Engagement at the World Heritage sites of Gebel Barkal and the Napatan Region: Launch Workshop in Khartoum and Community Engagement Workshops on-site	Khartoum Gebel Barkal and El Zouma Northern State of Sudan	8-13 March 2020	WHC/ARB
ICOMOS Board Meeting	ICOMOS HQs, Charenton-le-Pont, France	9-10 March 2020	ICOMOS
Periodic Reporting in the Arab States Region: Regional Report and Action Plan workshop	<del>Manama, Bahrain</del> (online meetings – one introductory, and two sub-regional meetings)	<del>15-16 March 2020</del> 20 and 21 July 2020	WHC/ARB with support of ARC-WH
WILD 11 World Wilderness Congress	Jaipur Rajasthan, India	<del>19-26 March 2020</del> (postponed until further notice)	Wild Foundation
15th meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions	Bern, Switzerland	24 March 2020	WHC/NHU
Second Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern 2)	Bern, Switzerland	25-27 March 2020	WHC/NHU
International Meeting on urban and development pressure on cultural landscapes	Bussum, the Netherlands	26-27 March 2020	WHC / The Netherlands (co-organised)
Adapt Northern Heritage Conference 2020	Edinburgh, United Kingdom (online meeting)	5-7 May 2020	Historic Environment Scotland/European Union
3rd Culture Summit	Abu Dhabi, UAE	5-9 April 2020	UAE
International Conference on Integrated Reconstruction and Post-Trauma Impact on Communities and Socio-Economic Aspects of Recovery	Manama, Bahrain	<del>7-9 April 2020</del> (postponed until further notice)	ARC-WH Bahrain

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World Heritage Nomination Workshop: Strengthening the Capacities of World Heritage Professionals (Advanced Nominations)	Cape Town, South Africa	<del>14 – 24 April 2020</del> (postponed until further notice)	South Africa, AWHF
Sub-regional Capacity Building workshop on Sustainable tourism for the Caribbean	Bridgetown, Barbados	<del>20 to 22 April 2020</del> (postponed until further notice)	WHC/LAC; WHC/Programme for WH & SIDS; WHC/PSM (Tourism Programme); UNESCO Field Office
Online Meeting with marine World Heritage managers: Biodiversity and Covid-19	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	21 April 2020	WHC/NHU
5th Regional World Heritage Youth Forum	Robben Island, South Africa	27 April – 5 May 2020	South Africa, AWHF, WHC (video message)
1st Technical Advisory Group meeting for the updating of the Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	27-29 April 2020	WHC/PSM
Inception meeting of the open-ended Working group for the elaboration of a Code of Conduct	UNESCO HQs	(tbc)	WHC/PSM
Enhancing Our Heritage (EoH) Toolkit Testing Workshop	Ahmedabad World Heritage City, India (converted to an online workshop)	<del>29 April – 3 May 2020</del> (postponed until further notice)	ICCROM/IUCN
Celebration of African World Heritage Day	Online	2 May 2020	DSAC, WHC-AUC, UNESCO, ICCROM
African World Heritage Day Webinar on: Youth, Entrepreneurship and Heritage Sustainability in Africa	AWHF	5 May 2020	AWHF, WHC and ABs
Series of Webinars for the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative (1/7)	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	6 May 2020	WHC/PSM

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Expert meeting on sites associated with memory of recent conflicts and the World Heritage Convention	Johannesburg, South Africa	<del>12–14 May 2020</del> April 2021	South Africa, AWHF
Connecting Practice: Phase III	IUCN HQs Gland, Switzerland	<del>14-15 Mai 2020</del> (postponed until further notice)	ICOMOS, IUCN
Webinar - Disaster and World Heritage with Focus on Pandemics	WWII - C2C, Dehra Dun	22 May 2020	WWII, WHC (Dir)
Celebration of African Day	Online	25 May 2020	AWHF, DSAC, AUC
Series of Webinars for the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative (2/7)	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	27 May 2020	WHC/PSM
Publication of Booklet “Youth and World Heritage in Africa: AWHF Youth Forums 2016-2019”	Embassy of Norway in Maputo (Mozambique)	June 2020	UNESCO-Maputo, AWHF
World Heritage Nomination Workshop	Benin	1 – 20 June 2020	Benin, AWHF, ABs, WHC
2nd Workshop on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) for Plain of Jars World Heritage Site, Laos	Laos	1 – 5 June 2020	ICCROM, UNESCO
1st Online International Expert Workshop on the Culture 2030 Indicators	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	2 – 11 June 2020	WHC with the participation of UIS
Experts Workshop on the Culture 2030 Indicators	<del>Bangkok, Thailand</del> (cancelled and done as an online meeting)	<del>6-8 April</del> June 2020	WHC
World Heritage City Lab	<del>Mexico City, Mexico</del> (postponed to June as an online meeting)	<del>20-24 April</del> June 2020	WHC
2nd Technical Advisory Group meeting for the updating of the Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	4 June 2020	WHC/PSM
Online Meeting with marine World Heritage managers: How to successfully build resilience-based management at your marine World Heritage site?	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	17 June 2020	WHC/NHU

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World Heritage City High-level Webinar: Re-thinking Urban Heritage for Resilience and Recovery	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	17 June 2020	WHC
World Heritage City Lab	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	17 - 26 June 2020	WHC
Series of Webinars for the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative (3/7)	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	24 June 2020	WHC/PSM
Series of Webinars for the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative (4/7)	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	1 July 2020	WHC/PSM
Thematic study on the upstream gaps of African properties on the World Heritage List		June/July 2020	AWHF, EPA, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN, ICOMOS, African Universities
Series of Webinars for the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative (5/7)	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	8 July 2020	WHC/PSM
Series of Webinars for the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative (6/7)	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	15 July 2020	WHC/PSM
Contributing to Sustainable Tourism and Community Engagement at the World Heritage sites of Gebel Barkal and the Napatan Region: Sustainable Tourism Strategy Drafting workshop	Khartoum, Sudan	<del>Beginning of July</del> Postponed (dates tbc)	WHC/ARB
Webinar: Euro-Mediterranean Cities in the Post-pandemic Era	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	15 July 2020	WHC, UfM
3rd Technical Advisory Group meeting for the updating of the Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	15-17 July 2020	WHC/PSM
Online meeting on the potential offered by the Arab States region for a more balanced World Heritage List (Gap Analysis Study)	online meeting	6, 7, 9 and 13 July 2020	ARC-WH, ICOMOS

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Series of Webinars for the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative (7/7)	UNESCO HQs (online meetings)	22 July 2020	WHC/PSM
27th Board of Trustees Meeting of AWHF	Online	23 July 2020	AWHF, Government of South Africa
ICOMOS General Assembly (special online meeting)	online meeting	23-24 July 2020	ICOMOS
Workshop on World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Africa (Francophone)	Yaoundé, Cameroun	26 - 31 July 2020	Cameroon, AWHF, University of Kent, UNESCO Field Office, ABs, WHC
UN-Habitat Virtual Expert Group Meeting (EMG), Creating a UN System Urban Monitoring Framework (UMF)	Online meeting (Madrid City Council)	29 July 2020	UN-Habitat, with participation of WHC
Urban Heritage Strategies for UNESCO World Heritage cities (course)	TU Delft, Netherlands (online)	August 2020	TU Delft, with collaboration WHC, and others
Youth Internship Programme		1 August 2020 – 30 January 2021	AWHF, EPA, ICCROM
World Heritage Nomination Workshop for Advanced Dossiers	Online	3-14 August 2020	AWHF, ICCROM, WHC-UNESCO, EPA, IUCN, ICOMOS
Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting Exercise in the APA region: 18 Information/Training sessions	Online	September 2020 - April 2021  (18 sessions scheduled on Thursdays 9:00 am)	Feng Jing, Chief WHC/APA
20th Anniversary Conference. World Heritage: Challenges for conservation and sustainable development in post-pandemic era	Baku, Azerbaijan (online meeting)	3 September 2020	Administration of state historical-architectural reserve Icherisheher, in cooperation with

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			WHC, OWHC, and ICCROM
AWHF Grants Evaluation Panel Meeting	Online	6 September 2020	AWHF, IUCN, EPA, WHC-UNESCO, African Experts
Online Meeting with marine World Heritage managers: Lessons learned from Covid-19 for marine World Heritage protection and community well-being	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	10 September 2020	WHC/NHU
Semaine des Sites du Patrimoine Mondial (World Heritage sites week)	Bordeaux, France (hybrid conference)	14 – 20 September 2020	Bordeaux Métropole, Atlas.WH, financed by Interreg. Atlantic Area programme through the European Regional Development Fund, in cooperation with WHC
Festival dell'architettura di Ivrea 2020 (Architecture festival of Ivrea)	Ivrea, Italy (hybrid conference)	18 – 27 September 2020	City of Ivrea, in cooperation with WHC, Archivio Storico Olivetti
4th Technical Advisory Group meeting for the updating of the Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	22 September 2020	WHC/PSM
World Hydropower Congress	San José, Costa Rica	<del>26-27 May 2020</del> Postponed: 23-24 September 2021	IHA/WHC/IUCN
Information meeting on the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	30 September 2020	WHC/PSM
Professional Immersion Fellowship		1-30 October 2020	AWHF, African Universities
Toward a Better Urban Future': UIA Webinar, World Architecture Day 2020	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	5 October 2020	UIA

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Urban Economy Forum 2020	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	5 October 2020	UEF
High-level conference under the theme “Housing for All: A better Urban Future”	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	5 October 2020	Morocco
World Heritage Nomination Training Course	Porto-Novo, Benin	5-23 October 2020	AWHF, Government of Benin, ICCROM, EPA, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN
Launch of WH Leadership Nature-Culture Thematic Community on the PANORAMA platform (1/2)	Online launch and webinar	7 October 2020 (next: 22 October)	ICCROM/IUCN
Meeting of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	16 October 2020	WHC/PSM
Webinar “The invincible city. Society in cultural heritage recovery”	Poland with UNESCO	21 October 2020	Poland, WHC and ABS
Launch of WH Leadership Nature-Culture Thematic Community on the PANORAMA platform (2/2)	Online launch and webinar	22 October 2020	ICCROM/IUCN
WHITRAP online seminar: The Historic Urban Landscape approach - Integrating urban heritage conservation with urban development in planning processes in Asia	Online meeting	23-24 October 2020	WHITRAP, in cooperation with WHC
Expert Meeting on Needs Assessment for Natural Heritage in the Arab Region	Online meeting	27 October 2020	ARC-WH
National training workshop on Sustainable Tourism strategy for “The Industrial Heritage of Barbados: The Story of Sugar and Rum”	Online meeting	27-29 October 2020	WHC/LAC; WHC/Programme for WH & SIDS; WHC/PSM (Tourism Programme); UNESCO Field Office
Webinar: Port City Culture	Online meeting	28 October 2020	AIVP, in cooperation with WHC
Third Cycle Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region: Data Analysis and Report Synthesis Workshop	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	28-30 October 2020	WHC/AFR, WHC/PSM, AWHF

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Presentation of the draft UfM Strategic Action Plan and its Housing Action Plan	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	29 October 2020	UfM, with the participation of WHC
UNOSSC Webinar on Leveraging Digital Innovation in Promoting Tourism Development in World Cultural Heritage, October 29	New-York (USA), online	29 October 2020	UNOSSC, WHC (Dir)
World Cities Day 2020	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	31 October 2020	UNESCO Cities Platform with the participation of WHC
Publication of e-book on “World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Africa: Implementing the 2015 Policy”		November 2020	AWHF, RIM, University of Kent, IUCN, ICOMOS
Study on Curricula Development: World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Africa		November – December 2020	AWHF, African Universities, WHC-UNESCO, AUC
14th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	2 November 2020	WHC/PSM
5th Regional World Heritage Youth Forum	Online meeting	2-20 November 2020	AWHF, ICCROM, ABG, UCT, Private Sector, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN
Mercosur/Sicsur Training Session and Working Group Meeting (Introducing UNESCO Culture 2030 Indicators)	Online (Montevideo)	4 November 2020	Montevideo FO with WHC participation
Domus Forum: the future of cities	Milan, Italy (hybrid conference)	4 November 2020	Domus, Edison, BMW, Fondazione Cariplo, Pirelli, BCG, Comune di Milano, Foa.Ge, with the participation of WHC
Regional Field Workshop on Entrepreneurship around World Heritage Sites in Africa	Dedza District, Malawi	16-27 November 2020	AWHF, Government of Malawi, ABG, Private

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			Sector, WHC-UNESCO, GBS-UCT
World Heritage Leadership programme Advisory Group meeting	Online meeting	20 November 2020	ICCROM/IUCN
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Ancient City of Damascus from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	UNESCO office in Amman (Jordan) online meeting	<del>30 March – 2 April 2020</del> 19 November 2020	WHC/ARB
Technical Assistance Workshop for World Heritage properties in the Arab States region on the List of World Heritage in Danger	Online meeting	23 November 2020	WHC/ARB, ARC-WH
Third Cycle Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region: Online sub-regional meetings with World Heritage site managers	UNESCO HQs (1st online meeting)	24 November 2020	WHC/AFR, WHC/PSM, AWHF
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Old Town of Ghadamès from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	25 November 2020	WHC/ARB
ICCROM Council meeting	Online meeting	26-27 November 2020	ICCROM
Third Cycle Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region: Online sub-regional meetings with World Heritage site managers	UNESCO HQs (2nd online meeting)	27 November 2020	WHC/AFR, WHC/PSM, AWHF
Expert Meeting on the Implementation of World Heritage Convention in Central Africa	Kinshasa, DRC	30 November – 2 December 2020	AWHF, Government of DRC, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN, ICOMOS, EPA, AUC
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of Hatra from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	December 2020 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Third Cycle Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region: Online sub-regional meetings with World Heritage site managers	UNESCO HQs (3rd online meeting)	1 December 2020	WHC/AFR, WHC/PSM, AWHF

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
IUCN World Heritage Panel meeting	Converted to a series of online meetings	1, 10 December 2020 19, 22 January 2021 (tbc)	IUCN
Launch of IUCN World Heritage Outlook 3	Online press launch Webinar	2 December 2020 8 December 2020	IUCN and partners
Third Cycle Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region: Online sub-regional meetings with World Heritage site managers	UNESCO HQs (4th online meeting)	3 December 2020	WHC/AFR, WHC/PSM, AWHF
28th Board of Trustees Meeting of AWHF	Kinshasa, DRC	3-5 December 2020	AWHF, Government of DRC
ICOMOS General Assembly	<del>Sydney, Australia</del> Cancelled ICOMOS HQ (converted into three online sessions)	<del>1-10 Oct 2020</del> 3, 7, 16 December 2020	ICOMOS
Our Ocean 2020 Conference	<del>Palau</del>	<del>7-8 December 2020</del>	WHC/NHU
Online Meeting with marine World Heritage managers: How to apply the Climate Vulnerability Index to your marine World Heritage site?	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	<del>3 December</del>	WHC/NHU
International Scientific and Practical Online Conference “World Heritage Cities and Sustainable Development Practices	Kyiv, Ukraine (online meeting)	10 December 2020	Authorities in cooperation with WHC
Ceremony of Historic Centre of San Gimignano 30th Anniversary inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List	Online meeting	12 December 2020	San Gimignano in cooperation with WHC
Renewable Energy and World Heritage 2nd Workshop	online workshop	dates tbc (1 <sup>st</sup> semester 2021)	WHC/EUR-NA
Online Meetings with marine World Heritage managers (schedule and topics tbc for 2021)	UNESCO HQ (online meeting)	2021 (tbc)	WHC/NHU

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Capacity Building in Risk Management and protection systems in Africa: Online workshops with World Heritage site managers	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	Early 2021 (tbc)	WHC/AFR, ICCROM, AWHF
Webinar: African emerging professionals and the World Heritage Convention – empowering African youth for the conservation, management and nomination of World Heritage properties in the Africa Region (tbc)	UNESCO HQ (online meeting)	January 2021 (tbc)	WHC/AFR, AWHF, ICCROM (tbc)
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the <u>Ancient City of Damascus</u> from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	January 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Old Town of Ghadamès from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	January 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI) Project Final Steering Committee Meeting	Yaoundé, Cameroon	<del>End of April / beg. of May 2020</del> January 2021 (tbc)	WHC/NHU
Information meeting for States Parties on the Reflection on ‘Memory Sites’ <del>and on the updating of the Policy Document on climate change and World Heritage</del>	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	18 January 2021 (attention: info meeting on the updating of the Policy Document on climate change and World Heritage at a later stage)	WHC/PSM (in cooperation with experts and ICOMOS)
IUCN World Heritage Panel meeting	Converted to a series of online meetings	1, 10 December 2020 19, 22 January 2021 (tbc)	IUCN
Expert Meeting on Ecological Connectivity in the Congo Bassin (CAWHFI project activity)	Brazzaville, Congo	<del>16-17 March 2020</del> January 2021 (tbc)	WHC/NHU; UNESCO-Yaoundé Office; UNESCO-Brazzaville Office

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Consultation Workshop for the preparation of the Odzala-Kokoua National Park nomination file (CAWHFI project activity)	Brazzaville, Congo	<del>16-17 March 2020</del> January 2021 (tbc)	WHC/NHU; UNESCO-Yaoundé Office; UNESCO-Brazzaville Office
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah EI-Din from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	February 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of Leptis Magna from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	February 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of Hatra from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	February 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
World Heritage Leadership Asian Regional course on Resilience (Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change)	Online meetings and In person (Brunei)	<del>20-30 July 2020</del> Converted to hybrid of online (Feb-May 2021) and in-person (May 2021)	ICCROM/IUCN
World Heritage Cities Forum	Online meeting	(tbc) end of February 2021	WHC with Queretaro, Xochimilco, and Zacatecas, Mexico
Regional Expert Meeting on Sites of Memory and World Heritage Convention	Johannesburg, South Africa	2-4 February 2021	AWHF, Government of South Africa, WHC-UNESCO, ICOMOS, African Experts
3rd Periodic Reporting in Africa - Final regional workshop	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	7-9 February 2021	AWHF, Government of Zimbabwe, WHC-UNESCO, ROSA, ICOMOS, IUCN, EPA
Third Cycle Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region: Final regional workshop with National Focal Points	Harare, Zimbabwe	10-12 February 2021	WHC/AFR, WHC/PSM, AWHF

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Conservation & Tentative Listing Field Project	Island of Principe	15-26 February 2021 (postponed until further notice)	AWHF, WHC-UNESCO, WHITRAP, Government of Sao Tome e Principe
Online workshop on the mapping and establishment of a network of African institutions of Higher Learning with heritage teaching & research programmes	UNESCO HQs (online meeting)	March/April 2021 (tbc)	WHC/AFR, ICCROM, AWHF, UNESCO Chairs (Zimbabwe/Botswana)
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Crac des Chevaliers and Qal'at Salah El-Din from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	March 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Ancient City of Bosra from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	March 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Archaeological Site of Cyrene from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	March 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Regional Tentative Listing Workshop	Kigali, Rwanda	1-4 March 2021	AWHF, Government of Rwanda, WHC-UNESCO, EPA, IUCN, ICOMOS
World Heritage Nomination + Training of Mentors Workshop	Cape Town, South Africa	14-24 March 2021	AWHF, Government of South Africa, ICCROM, UNESCO-WHC, EPA, IUCN, ICOMOS
International Conference on Culture and Climate Change	tbc	Spring 2021	WHC with EO/CLT, ICOMOS and IPCC
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Ancient City of Bosra from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	April 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of Leptis Magna from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	April 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Archaeological Site of Cyrene from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	April 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
211th session of the UNESCO Executive Board	UNESCO	7-27 April 2021	WHC/PSM
2020 Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA)	Seville, Spain	<del>24-29 May 2020</del> (postponed to May 2021)	ICCROM/IUCN
UN Ocean Conference	Lisbon, Portugal	<del>2-6 June 2020</del> (postponed to May 2021)	IOC, for WHC: WHC/NHU
South Asian Silk Roads Serial Transnational World Heritage Nomination Process & Cultural Landscape Initiatives	Kathmandu, Nepal	May/June 2021 (tentative)	WHC/APA
7th meeting of the Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee of the Silk Roads World Heritage nomination project	China, venue TBC.	Spring 2021	WHC/APA (Chief)
33rd session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme	Online (initially foreseen in Abuja, Nigeria)	June 2021	UNESCO MAB
COMPACT Workshop for Asia and the Pacific Region	Lijiang, China	in conjunction with the 44COM	WHC/NHU, WHC/APA
Young Professionals Forum	Fuzhou (China) / Online meeting	5-9 July 2021	Host Country, WHC/PSM
4th World Heritage Site Managers Forum	Fuzhou (China) / Online meeting	7-13 July 2021	Host Country / WHC/PSM, ICCROM/IUCN
<b>Extended 44th session of the World Heritage Committee</b>	<b>Fuzhou (China) / Online meeting</b>	<b>16-31 July 2021</b>	<b>WHC/PSM</b>
Asian regional course on People Nature Culture 2020	George Town Malaysia	<del>7-17 August 2020</del> (postponed to August 2021)	ICCROM/IUCN

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
International Course on Impact Assessment for World Heritage (IAWH)	Fukuoka Japan	<del>19-25 October 2020</del> (postponed to 19-25 October 2021)	ICCROM/IUCN, WHITRAP, ICOMOS
IUCN World Conservation Congress	Marseille, France	<del>11-19 June 2020</del> (postponed to 3-10 September 2021)	IUCN
Identifying the major remaining scientific gaps that impede the sustainable conservation of UNESCO marine World Heritage sites 2021-2030 (jointly with the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission)	Paris, France	October 2021 (tbc)	WHC/NHU
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Archaeological Site of Sabratha from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	October 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus from the List of World Heritage in Danger (First session)	Online meeting	October 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
COP15 - Convention on Biological Diversity	Kunming, China	<del>15-28 October 2020</del> Postponed: 17-30 May 2021	Convention on Biological Diversity
COP26 - UNFCCC	Glasgow, United Kingdom	<del>9-19 November 2020</del> Postponed: 1-12 November 2021	UNFCCC
23rd session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention	UNESCO HQs	November 2021 (tbc)	WHC/PSM
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Archaeological Site of Sabratha from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	November 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Online technical assistance workshop on the removal of the Rock-Art Sites of Tadrart Acacus from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Second session)	Online meeting	November 2021 (tbc)	WHC/ARB
Launch of WH Management Capacity Building ( <i>draft title</i> ) platform	Online meeting	December 2021	ICCROM/IUCN

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Supporting Capacity-building for Nomination Projects and Promotion of World Heritage Sites in East Africa Inter-ministerial round tables on the safeguarding of heritage to establish National Heritage Committees in Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Somalia, Tanzania	tbc	tbc	WHC/AFR, UNESCO-Nairobi Office
Supporting Capacity-building for Nomination Projects and Promotion of World Heritage Sites in East Africa National Tentative listing workshops in Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Somalia, Tanzania	tbc	tbc	WHC/AFR, UNESCO-Nairobi Office
Supporting Capacity-building for Nomination Projects and Promotion of World Heritage Sites in East Africa Nomination workshops in Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Somalia, Tanzania	tbc	tbc	WHC/AFR, UNESCO-Nairobi Office
5th Meeting of African Experts on the World Heritage Committee	Kampala, Uganda	tbc	AWHF, Government of Uganda, African WH Committee Members, IUCN, ICOMOS
Supporting Capacity-building for Nomination Projects and Promotion of World Heritage Sites in East Africa Conservation workshops in Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Somalia, Tanzania	tbc	tbc	

**REPORT ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF THE WORLD HERITAGE EMBLEM**  
**(February 2019 - March 2021)**

The requests for using the World Heritage emblem are managed by the Communication, Cities and Events Unit (CLT/CCE, formerly Partnerships, Communication and Meetings Unit – CLT/PCM) in respect of Chapter VIII of the *Operational Guidelines*, completed by the Table of uses of the World Heritage Emblem, (Annex 14) adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 39th session.

Between 15 February 2019 and 12 March 2021, CLT/CCE received and answered 418 requests related to the World Heritage Emblem as follows:

- 65 requests from World Heritage sites or competent national authorities for creation of their site-specific World Heritage emblem;
- In addition, with the view to meet the requests of States Parties, CLT/CCE automatically created in several (minimum 2) languages the site-specific logo of the 29 sites inscribed in 2019 by the World Heritage Committee at its 43rd session.
- 10 requests from national authorities for creation of all their site-specific emblems in several languages;
- 14 requests from national authorities for creation of their World Heritage emblems (World Heritage in [country]) in various languages;
- 157 requests from World Heritage sites managing authorities or local or national authorities for advice or validation of material containing one of the combined UNESCO/World Heritage logos;
- 17 requests from UNESCO Field Offices or other UNESCO Programme Sectors for activities related to the World Heritage;
- 58 requests from national commissions, institutions, programmes or others for logo use for an activity or elements of documentation or information (see table below);
- 68 requests refused for non-compliance with the *Operational Guidelines*.

In addition, in line with the *Operational Guidelines*, CLT/CCE also dealt with 33 cases of misuse of the World Heritage emblem or combined logo which were:

- copied and used without previous formal request nor authorization;
- modified to create a different logo;
- associated to local logos;
- used for events or activities not supported by the World Heritage Centre, etc.

In such cases, the national authorities were informed and the responsible entities were contacted and requested to remove these unauthorized logos and/or replace them with correct logos when appropriate. UNESCO Legal Affairs was consulted when necessary.

It is recalled that the World Heritage Emblem has been notified and accepted by the Paris Union Member States under Article 6 ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and that States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, pursuant to the Operational Guidelines of the World Heritage Convention, should take all measures to prevent

the use of the World Heritage Emblem for any purpose not recognized by the World Heritage Committee.

In addition, the UNESCO name, acronym and logo name have also been notified and accepted by the Paris Union Member States under Article 6 ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and Member States should, in conformity with the 2007 Directives concerning the use of the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO, also prevent any unauthorized use of UNESCO's name acronym, logo and Internet domain names.

The following cases are not reported in this document:

- Requests for use of UNESCO logo and World Heritage emblem as part of contractual agreements or partnerships;
- Uses made by the UNESCO Category 2 Centres of their own specific logos, except for requests for other World Heritage logos;
- Requests for use of the World Heritage emblem granted directly by the national commissions or national focal points for the World Heritage emblem.

**All applications accepted and listed below (by alphabetical order of the countries) have required and obtained the prior consent of the countries concerned.**

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
Australia	Hyde Park Barracks Museum	14/11/19	Souvenirs for sale (postcards, bookmarks, magnets, pins, chocolates)	World Heritage Emblem alone	No confirmation if production was launched
Australia	Blue Mountains City	29/10/19	Gateway signage for the <i>Greater Blue Mountains</i>	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Australia	Great Barrier Reef Foundation	25/11/19	Workshops in the framework of the project : Building climate change resilience for coral reefs in UNESCO World Heritage marine sites	"In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre"	
Australia	Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh / Naracoorte)	19/03/20	Signage within the Outback at Isa Visitor Information Centre	World Heritage Emblem alone	WH site-specific logo recommended instead

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
Australia	ICOMOS GA2020	19/03/20	Commemorative coin for the <i>Greater Blue Mountains</i>	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Australia	Sydney Opera House	15/07/20	Digital interpretive tour	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Azerbaijan	Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher"	21/07/20	International conference on World Heritage Conservation and Development dedicated to 20th anniversary of Icherisheher's inscription ( <i>Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower</i> )	"With the support of the World Heritage Centre"	
Bhutan	Department of Culture	02/04/19	Technical Report for Support South Asian Cultural Landscape Initiatives	"With the support of the World Heritage Centre"	
Chile	Ministerio de las Culturas, las Artes y el Patrimonio	06/10/20	Online map of Chile with World Heritage sites	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Croatia	City of Split	04/10/19	Marking of the borders of Historical Centre in the framework of the 40 anniversary of the City of Split	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Croatia	City of Zadar	28/09/20	Inclusion of the WH Emblem in the pavement of the promenade of Zadar city walls. ( <i>Venetian Works of Defence between the 16th and 17th Centuries:</i>	World Heritage Emblem alone	

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
			<i>Stato da Terra – Western Stato da Mar)</i>		
Czechia	Town Hall	27/04/19	2 new glass door/partitions engraved with the World Heritage Emblem in the the town hall of Kutna Hora ( <i>Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec</i> )	World Heritage Emblem alone	Waiting for confirmation of the National Authorities
Denmark	Danish national postal service	20/06/19	Stamps	UNESCO + World Heritage Emblem	Coordination by DPI
Eritrea	The Asmara Heritage Project	01/05/20	Visitor's map	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	Association des Climats du vignoble de Bourgogne	18/03/19	Signage	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	National Museum of Prehistory	30/10/19	Panoramic table sign in the <i>Prehistoric Sites and Decorated Caves of the Vézère Valley</i>	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region – Tourism Regional Committee	10/05/19	Magazine promoting sites in the Nouvelle Aquitaine region	World Heritage Emblem alone	

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
France	City of Bergues	12/06/20	Flag indicating touristic tours	World Heritage Emblem alone	Ongoing discussions - To be confirmed
France	Direction régionale des affaires culturelles de Bourgogne-Franche-Comté	25/06/19	Road signs for <i>Vezelay</i>	World Heritage Emblem alone	No confirmation if production was launched
France	Ville de Pessac and Bordeaux Métropole	29/06/20	Logo on totem poles marking a tourist route	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	French Austral Lands and Seas	30/07/20	Stamps	World Heritage Emblem alone	
France	Château de Versailles	05/10/20	Revision and harmonization of signage and informative leaflets	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Georgia	The National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia and the Georgian Patriarchate	12/05/19	International Expert Meeting "Conservation and sustainable use of the World Heritage property <i>Historical Monuments of Mtskheta</i> and its setting / Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context"	"In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre"	
Germany	The German Development Bank	17/05/19	Feasibility study for the Legacy Landscape Fund	"In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre"	

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
Honduras		05/08/20	Communication campaign on the anniversary of the inscription of <i>the Maya Site of Copán</i>	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Iceland		11/06/19	Arctic World Heritage Conference “Managing complexity – the way forward for World Heritage in the Arctic Region”	“In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre”	
Ireland	Office of Public Brú na Bóinne	18/07/19	Flags for the entrance of the exhibition displayed in the visitor centre	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Monaco	Institut océanographique de Monaco	09/08/19	Video on explorations conducted in <i>Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary</i>	“With the support of the World Heritage Centre”	
Mozambique	Island of Mozambique	27/11/20	Signage for free wi-fi on the World Heritage property	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Spain	Municipality of Antequera	07/08/19	Sign in the roundabout of the road that leads to the property “ <i>Antequera Dolmens Site</i> ”, at the entrance of the city of Antequera	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Spain	Ministry of Culture and Sport / Spanish World Heritage Cities Group	29/06/20	The night of Heritage	“With the support of the World Heritage Centre”	Ongoing discussions - To be confirmed

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
Sweden	Grimeton Radio Station, Varberg	15/05/18	Power Point presentation in order to present UNESCO in general terms	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Thailand	Thailand National Committee on the World Heritage Convention	20/10/20	Series of animation videos (documentary) on "Natural World heritage sites, <i>Dong Phrayayen Khao Yai forest complex</i> " (10 episodes)	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Turkey	Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED)	11/10/19	14th International ANAMED Annual: 'Heritage, World Heritage and the Future: Perspectives on Scale, Conservation and Dialogue'	"In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre"	
United Kingdom	Giant's Causeway & Carrick-a-Rede Property Group	14/04/19	Pins to give out to staff on World Heritage Day	World Heritage Emblem alone	
United Kingdom	Gorham's Cave Complex	24/06/20	Signs for the entrances to the Nature Reserve which includes the WHS	World Heritage Emblem alone	
United Kingdom	Giant's Causeway and Carrick-a-Rede	20/11/20	Pre-visit app to provide information in a digital format for visitors planning to visit the Giant's Causeway	World Heritage Emblem alone	
United Kingdom	The Royal Parks	09/02/21	Webpage dedicated to Greenwich Park ( <i>Maritime Greenwich</i> )	World Heritage Emblem alone	
United States of America	National Park Service	27/08/19	Brochure related to all the US World Heritage Sites	World Heritage Emblem alone	

Country	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
United States of America	City of San Antonio World Heritage Office	31/07/20	Photo exhibit celebrating the anniversary of the Friendship City relationship between San Antonio and Suzhou.	World Heritage Emblem alone	
Uzbekistan	Ministry of Culture	16/11/20	Webpage dedicated to an online guide developed within the UNESCO/NetFIT project: "Building Capacity in Managing World Heritage Properties, Interconnection of Development and Heritage Preservation in Uzbekistan and Central Asia".	"With the support of World Heritage Centre"	

Other entities :

	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Date of reception</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Logo granted</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	AIVP, the Worldwide Network of Port Cities	19/10/20	Webinar on "Protecting Cultural Heritage as a Resource for Sustainable Development of Port Cities"	"With the support of World Heritage Centre"	
	Astronomical Heritage	09/01/20	Website	"In partnership with the World Heritage Centre"	
	Atlantbib.org		Nonprofit school project in the Nordic countries, the Baltic countries and Germany - online educational material on World Heritage Sites	World Heritage Emblem alone	Pending support letters from all concerned National Commissions
	CCIVS	21/02/19	Capacity building training workshop for team leaders of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative	"In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre"	
	DUNC Heritage - Development of UNESCO Natural and Cultural Assets*	20/09/19	South Baltic Conference - Karlskrona's World Heritage Days	"World Heritage Centre" – as part of the contributors	*EU-funded Interregional South Baltic project
	Hachette	11/02/21	Children's book: "Saving our World Heritage"	"World Heritage Convention"	Co-publishing agreement with UNESCO
	ICOMOS	09/08/19	Webpage of partners	"World Heritage Centre"	

	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Date of reception</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Logo granted</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	International Indigenous Peoples Forum for World Heritage	17/06/19	“Indigenous Engagement in World Heritage processes”	“In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre”	Side event during the 43 <sup>rd</sup> World Heritage Committee
	International Hydropower Association (IHA)	07/03/19	Annual assembly	“in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre”	WHC partner – 1 session of the annual assembly co-organized
	IUCN	14/06/19	Thematic study on volcanoes	“World Heritage Convention”	
	IUCN	28/01/20	Illustration of the page dedicated to partners in the IUCN Annual Report 2018	“World Heritage Convention”	
	IUCN		Thematic study on Geological World Heritage	“World Heritage Convention”	
	Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)	06/07/20	Webinar “Euro-Mediterranean Cities in the Post-pandemic Era”	“in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre”	
	University of Cape Town	12/02/21	International Symposium on Modern Heritage of Africa	“With the support of World Heritage Centre”	

	Requestor	Date of reception	Description	Logo granted	Comments
	UNPSI and WWF	07/10/19	Publication on the engagement of the insurance sector in favor of the World Heritage	“in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre” (cover) + “World Heritage Convention” (page on the Convention) + “World Heritage Centre” (page dedicated to the Centre)	
	Zee Agency	26/09/19	Web page and social networks dedicated to partners	“World Heritage Centre”	Communication agency having worked with the WH Marine Programme

### Inventory of World Heritage Partnerships

Decision **37 COM 5D** requested the Secretariat to continue to report, in an analytical manner, on the implementation of the PACT strategy by submitting at each regular session of the World Heritage Committee a detailed inventory of on-going and envisaged partnerships as an Annex to the Report of the World Heritage Centre, using the current template.

**Table 1** provides a list of ongoing WHC partnerships as of June 2021 with the private sector and foundations developed in accordance with the PACT strategy adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in 2013 and with the PACT Regulatory Framework.

For each partnership, the table provides, in alphabetical order by name of partner, a description, the funds received in 2019 and 2020 (if any), expected results, major outputs/deliverables, emblem use and an indicative evaluation of the benefits for World Heritage. It also links each partnership to the relevant Strategic Objectives (the 5 Cs) and areas of cooperation benefitting from the partnership.

The Table also includes dates of signature and expiration for each partnership and, if applicable, the indication if a partnership is new, or if renewal has been signed since the last session of the Committee; if renewal is envisaged in the period between the current and the next reporting to the Committee, or if the partnership has been terminated since the last report to the Committee.

**Table 2** presents the partnerships envisaged which are currently being discussed or are undergoing internal evaluation and/or external validation.

**Table 1 - Inventory of ongoing World Heritage Partnerships as of June 2021 (in alphabetical order)**

Nr	Partnership description and financial contribution agreed (if any)	Status and Amounts received in 2019 and 2020 (in USD or converted)	Expected results	Major outputs/deliverables	Emblem use <sup>1</sup>	Agreements signed <sup>2</sup>	Evaluation of benefits	Benefitting Strategic objectives and Areas of cooperation
1	<p><b>Better World</b></p> <p>Better World is the regional coordinator of Asia for the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative</p> <p>Non-financial</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b></p> <p><b>Renewal under discussion</b></p>	<p>Raise awareness among young people, volunteers, local communities, and concerned authorities of the need to protect and promote World Heritage;</p> <p>Involve young people in World Heritage preservation through concrete projects at sites;</p> <p>Empower young people allowing them to learn skills in basic preservation and conservation techniques and raise their capacity as future decision-makers and global active citizens.</p>	<p>Concrete preservation activities and awareness-raising campaigns at World Heritage sites involving local and international youth volunteers</p>	<p>Materials about the project.</p>	<p>Partnership agreement signed in April 2019.</p> <p>End: December 2020</p>	<p>Due to the growth of UNESCO's WHV Initiative over the past decade and its development into a youth-based scheme, Better World is jointly responsible for promoting the Initiative, assisting the participating organizations and evaluating their action camps as a regional coordinator for Asia.</p>	<p>Youth/Education</p> <p>Conservation</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Cultural and natural World Heritage</p> <p>Sustainable development</p> <p>Communities</p>
2	<p><b>Charities Aid Foundation</b></p> <p>Support for the World Heritage Marine Programme's provision of technical support to the Government of Belize.</p> <p>USD 119,982</p>	<p><b>ENDED</b></p>	<p>Fulfil the Desired State of Conservation for Removal from the Danger List (DSOCR) and the subsequent removal of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System from the List of World Heritage in Danger.</p>	<p>Capacity support for the World Heritage Centre's Marine Programme to the Government of Belize to facilitate the implementation/finalization of the Desired State of Conservation for removal from the List in Danger</p> <p>Capacity support to the annual State of Conservation reporting, monitoring and evaluation as requested by the World Heritage Committee toward removal of the</p>	<p>Material about the project</p>	<p>Funds-in-Trust (FIT) signed December 2017</p> <p>End: December 2019</p>	<p>The project is a prime example of the importance of targeted support for a concrete goal, on a topic that clearly demonstrated the power and added value of the 1972 World Heritage Convention for marine conservation.</p> <p>The Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System was removed from the List of</p>	<p>Conservation</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Natural Heritage</p>

<sup>1</sup> Strictly regulated according to the terms of the signed agreement (in particular, every resource using the name, logo of UNESCO and World Heritage emblem is subject to approval by WHC and if necessary by ERI)

<sup>2</sup> All agreements are available on the World Heritage Centre's website <https://whc.unesco.org/en/agreements> (password protected pages, for States Parties only)

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				property from the World Heritage List in Danger			World Heritage in Danger in July 2018.	
3	<b>City of Nanjing, China</b> 'Heritage and the City.' Promoting sustainable, safe, and resilient cities through the protection and conservation of urban cultural and natural heritage in the city	<b>EXTENDED</b>	Knowledge building and information and knowledge sharing on enhancing conservation and promoting sustainable urban development with a view to strengthening the relationship between heritage and the city	Research, documentation, and case studies; 5 international expert meetings; contribution towards the development of Culture:2030 Indicators to measure culture in the 2030 Agenda for urban areas; urban atlas; Member State survey and consolidated report on the implementation of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape	No emblem was shared	Partnership agreement signed 15 May 2013  End: May 2021	Support for implementation of the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, Culture:2030 Indicators; and the World Heritage Cities Programme	Knowledge building; awareness raising; development of guidance and policies
4	<b>Coordinating Committee For International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)</b>  CCIVS is responsible for the global coordination of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative and is also the regional coordinator for Africa, the Arab States, and Latin America and the Caribbean  Non-financial	<b>ONGOING</b>  <b>Renewal under discussion</b>	Raise awareness among young people, volunteers, local communities, and concerned authorities of the need to protect and promote World Heritage;  Involve young people in World Heritage preservation through concrete projects at sites;  Empower young people allowing them to learn skills in basic preservation and conservation techniques and raise their capacity as future decision-makers and global active citizens.	Concrete preservation activities and awareness-raising campaigns at World Heritage sites involving local and international youth volunteers	Materials about the project.	Partnership agreement signed in April 2019.  End: December 2020	Due to the growth of UNESCO's WHV Initiative over the past decade and its development into a youth-based scheme, CCIVS is jointly responsible for promoting the Initiative, assisting the participating organizations and evaluating their action camps as a global coordinator and a regional coordinator for Africa, Arab States and Latin America and the Caribbean.	Youth/Education Conservation Capacity Building Cultural and natural World Heritage Sustainable development Communities
5	<b>Expedia, USA</b>  Strategic partnership to develop a Sustainable Tourism Pledge to inspire and provide incentives for local tourism businesses in key tourism destination countries to support	<b>NEW</b>  \$300,000	The Pledge will be launched in Thailand with the parties coordinating to secure the support of the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT). The pledge will serve as a mechanism to engage tourism businesses particularly in beach and coastal areas	Microsite for Pledge. Marketing and promotion of the pledge via Expedia and TAT platforms. Resulting case studies compiled and published.	Pledge microsite and related promotional material.	Agreement signed October 2019.  End: June 2021	In Thailand TAT approached Expedia because this type of initiative was needed to educate and incentivize Thai based businesses to support sustainability. The Pledge is not an accreditation programme, but a voluntary	Sustainable Tourism Awareness Raising Capacity Building

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	sustainable tourism linked to safeguarding heritage and the Sustainable Development Goals.  USD 300,000  No-cost extension under discussion		and select World Heritage destinations in Thailand.  World Heritage Journeys Buddha expanded to include two sites in Thailand including the launch of a business supporter programme	Series of capacity building workshops and content marketing platform created for Historic City of Ayutthaya and the Historic Town of Sukhothai and Associated Historic Towns	Webplatform		initiative aimed at providing incentives for concrete sustainable actions to address challenges related to tourism, community and the environment.	Conservation
6	<b>Fondation Franz Weber, Switzerland</b>  The 'Fondation Franz Weber' supports the Rapid Response Facility and natural heritage conservation projects.  USD 750,000 (from 2013 to 2018)  USD 110,000 (for 2021)	<b>NEW agreement under discussion</b>	Rapid Response Facility improved thanks to additional funding (the Fund was created in 2005 with Fauna and Flora International in order to mobilize funds to respond to emergency situations at natural heritage sites)	In 2020, RRF provided \$181,677 to 5 sites, covering almost 1.4 million hectares. Emergencies tackled included threats related to COVID-19, poaching spikes, a deadly armed attack on rangers, cyclone destruction, and wildfires.	On respective websites and documentation about the project.	Contribution letter signed in Q1 2021	The funding provided by Fondation Franz Weber contributed to increasing RRF's portfolio for grants to alleviate disaster and emergency situations in natural World Heritage sites.	Conservation Capacity Building Communities Natural World Heritage
7	<b>Fondation Iris, France</b>  The 'Fondation Iris' supports the Rapid Response Facility and natural heritage conservation projects.  USD 149,800 (for 12 months)	<b>NEW agreement under discussion</b>	Rapid Response Facility improved thanks to additional funding (the Fund was created in 2005 with Fauna and Flora International in order to mobilize funds to respond to emergency situations at natural heritage sites),	In 2020, RRF provided \$181,677 to 5 sites, covering almost 1.4 million hectares. Emergencies tackled included threats related to COVID-19, poaching spikes, a deadly armed attack on rangers, cyclone destruction, and wildfires.	On respective websites and documentation about the project.	Funds-in-Trust (FIT) signed in February 2020  End: February 2021	The funding provided by Fondation Iris will contribute to increasing RRF's portfolio for grants to alleviate disaster and emergency situations in natural World Heritage sites.	Conservation Capacity Building Communities Natural World Heritage
8	<b>German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</b>  The project is designed to promote sustainable tourism	<b>NEW</b>	Tourism and heritage stakeholders working together to build resiliency and support long-term sustainability through adapting management systems, improving product	The project will engage the tourism private sector via the UNESCO Sustainable Tourism Pledge to create incentives to boost sustainable practices by	On respective websites and documentation about the	Funds in Trust (FIT)  Start: March 2021.	Promotion of sustainable tourism approaches at World Heritage destinations.  Creation of short-term job opportunities for young	Capacity Building Conservation World Heritage

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	<p>and private sector engagement for inclusive community development in response to the COVID-19 crisis.</p> <p>2,020,000 EUR (18 months)</p>		<p>development and enhancing the visitor experience in the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis.</p>	<p>providing training and capacity building. It will invest in cultural heritage preservation while creating short term job opportunities by utilizing culture and heritage as a source of resilience.</p> <p>The project will be implemented in eight countries and eleven World Heritage communities: Cambodia (Angkor Wat), Indonesia (Yogyakarta), Vietnam (Trang An and Hoi An), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Mostar), Georgia (Historical Monuments of Mtskheta), Kenya (Fort Jesus and Lamu Town), Namibia (Namib Sand Sea and Twyfelfontein) and Morocco (Marrakesh).</p>	<p>project, to be determined.</p>	<p>End: September 2022</p>	<p>unemployed hospitality workers through the application of "Cash for Work" schemes for cultural heritage safeguarding and maintenance interventions in select World Heritage properties.</p> <p>Enhanced Training and capacity building for tourist guiding and craft making sectors with a particular focus on women through the development of micro accreditation schemes.</p>	<p>Sustainable development Communities</p>
9	<p><b>Google Inc., USA</b></p> <p>The project allows internet users to virtually visit a selection of WH properties.</p> <p>Non-financial</p>	<p><b>RENEWED</b> (Tacit yearly renewal)</p>	<p>Help spread the message about preserving WH and allow it to reach the broad public. Increase awareness worldwide.</p>	<p>The partnership offers virtual visits of World Heritage sites.</p>	<p>On Google Arts &amp; Culture platform</p>	<p>License agreement Start: 29 May 2012</p>	<p>Discussions are ongoing to extend scope of partnership for enhanced benefits to World Heritage.</p>	<p>Communication</p>

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10	<p><b>Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Australia</b></p> <p>Building climate change resilience for coral reefs in UNESCO World Heritage marine sites</p> <p>USD 415,723 (AUD 550,000) (4 years)</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>\$ 317,740</p>	<p>Increased knowledge and understanding among the Marine World Heritage network for building climate resilience in World Heritage marine sites.</p>	<p>Knowledge from the climate resilience initiative in the five pilot World Heritage marine sites is shared with the Marine World Heritage network and broader Marine Protected Area Community.</p> <p>Chief Resilience Officers recruited in New Caledonia and Ningaloo Coast. Sites in Belize, Palau and Australia are expected to appoint officers and start the climate adaptation strategies in 2021</p>	<p>Materials about the project.</p>	<p>Funds-in-Trust (FIT)</p> <p>Start: September 2019</p> <p>End: September 2022</p>	<p>The 9 million USD pioneering climate adaptation project was launched during the 2018 “Our Ocean” Conference in Bali, Indonesia.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing to attract additional resources from other partners to add more marine sites to the project.</p> <p>The on-the-ground support to local management teams is much appreciated by the site managers.</p>	<p>Conservation</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Communities</p> <p>Natural World Heritage</p> <p>Communication</p>
11	<p><b>Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Australia</b></p> <p>Support for 4<sup>th</sup> World Heritage marine managers conference</p> <p>USD 50,000</p>	<p><b>ENDED</b></p> <p>\$47 578</p>	<p>Capacities strengthened of World Heritage marine managers in the field of climate change adaptation, private-public partnerships, cooperation with indigenous communities, the use of satellite and space technology and the growing problem of plastics and marine debris.</p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> World Heritage marine managers conference took place from 4-9 September 2019 in the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (USA)</p>	<p>Only at products developed by WHC.</p>	<p>World Heritage Fund Special Account.</p> <p>Contribution letter signed 12 June 2019.</p> <p>End: June 2021</p>	<p>The contribution allowed the World Heritage Centre to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> World Heritage marine managers conference, including evaluation and follow up.</p>	<p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Communities</p> <p>Natural World Heritage</p>

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12	<p><b>GSP – OurPlace World Heritage Ltd and Our Place Publishing Ltd, New Zealand</b></p> <p>Creation of image bank for World Heritage.</p> <p>OUR PLACE supplies photographs for the World Heritage Centre website galleries, and has supplied numerous images for UNESCO and related third-party publications.</p> <p>Non-financial</p>	<p><b>ENDED</b></p> <p><b>Renewal of the partnership under discussion</b></p>	<p>Enriched photo bank of images and enhanced awareness of WH sites.</p>	<p>Our Place and its international network of professional photographers contribute to a large image databank used to help promote conservation efforts and publicize the World Heritage message.</p> <p>Ourplace provides high-resolution photos of World Heritage sites to WHC for promotion and communication use.</p>	<p>On website and at exhibitions organized by Our Place with WH images.</p>	<p>World Heritage Fund Special Account.</p> <p>MoU signed in 2006.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Agreement: 2008-2012.</p> <p>2nd agreement March 2014, amended May 2017</p> <p>End: May 2019</p>	<p>Our Place has photographed over 400 World Heritage sites in 100 countries and has an archive of more than 45,000 exclusively owned World Heritage images.</p> <p>Image data bank is accessible for use by UNESCO and by World Heritage sites.</p>	<p>Communication</p>
13	<p><b>Hainan Province Cihang Foundation, China</b></p> <p>Recovery and rehabilitation of cultural heritage in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal.</p> <p>USD 999,934 (3 years)</p> <p>Coordinated and implemented by Kathmandu Office with backstopping at HQ.</p>	<p><b>EXTENDED</b></p>	<p>Damaged monuments monitored, protected, consolidated and rebuilt; Documentation of architectural features; Acceptable approaches, procedures for earthquake resilient restoration and rebuilding; Rebuilding and recovery strategy developed; Database and inventory of monuments; Capacity of craftspeople strengthened; Socio-economic status of local communities improved.</p>	<p>Monitoring, assessment and mitigation of further risk to the monuments and sites.</p> <p>Scientific investigations of the foundations, research and conservation measures. Creation of a systematic database for Nepal's cultural heritage.</p>		<p>Funds-in-Trust (FIT)</p> <p>Start: January 2017</p> <p>End: 31 March 2021</p>	<p>Self-evaluation of the project with validation by external evaluator is ongoing and validation report will be ready before its termination in 2021.</p>	<p>Conservation Communities</p>

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14	<p><b>Kobi Graphis, Japan</b></p> <p>Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage calendar and a World Heritage Youth calendar.</p> <p>Annual contribution of USD 60,000 + royalties.</p>	<p><b>ONGOING</b></p> <p>\$60,000 per year + \$3,449 (royalties)</p> <p>Extension under discussion</p>	<p>Enhanced awareness about World Heritage.</p>	<p>Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage and WH Youth calendar. Web version since 2011</p> <p>Free iPad App launched in 2012.</p> <p>The calendar is sold through Panasonic channels.</p>	<p>Calendar. Website. iPad App.</p>	<p>World Heritage Fund Special Account</p> <p>Partnership agreements signed in 1996, 2001, 2007 and extended with amendments.</p> <p>Start: 1996 End: August 2021</p>	<p>The calendar has contributed to raising awareness about World Heritage sites.</p>	<p>Communication</p>
15	<p><b>China Youth Development Foundation - Mercedes-Benz-Star Fund, China</b></p> <p>Conservation and Management of World Heritage Sites in China.</p> <p>USD 1,680,000 (2017-2021)</p> <p>Coordinated and implemented by Beijing office with backstopping at HQ.</p>	<p><b>EXTENDED</b></p> <p>\$505,458</p>	<p>Capacity building, strengthening of management effectiveness, World Heritage sustainable livelihood, awareness-raising and public outreach.</p>	<p>7 systematic national capacity building workshop series for WH site managers and professionals in China; compilation of China World Heritage Capacity Building Manual Series (6 volumes);</p> <p>Promotion of sustainable livelihood at 4 WH sites piloting culture for SDG goals jointly with the competent ministry;</p> <p>China-Germany cultural exchange and heritage promotion through social media to raise public awareness</p>	<p>On all of the project's communication materials.</p>	<p>Funds-in-Trust (FIT)</p> <p>Phase III</p> <p>Start: Jan 2017 End: June 2021</p>	<p>The external evaluation is planned from March-May 2021 with the reports to be shared with HQs and key stakeholders.</p>	<p>Conservation Communities Capacity Building Communication</p>
16	<p><b>Montblanc International GmbH, Germany</b></p> <p>150,000 EUR (for 3 years)</p>	<p><b>ENDED</b></p> <p>\$56,370</p>	<p>Awareness raised about WH among networks of high end collectors.</p>	<p>3 series of exclusive pens launched in 2019 and 2020</p>	<p>On communication materials related to the initiative</p>	<p>Letter of contribution to the World Heritage Fund signed on January 2018 End: April 2020</p>		<p>Communication</p>

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17	<p><b>National Geographic, USA</b></p> <p>Non-financial</p>	<p><b>ENDED</b></p>	<p>Enhanced awareness about World Heritage and sustainable tourism.</p> <p>Training of World Heritage sites on sustainable tourism and tourism marketing</p> <p>Training of destination marketing and management organizations on World Heritage values</p>	<p>National Geographic curated and developed the "World Heritage Journeys" website, bookazine, videos and other communications deliverables for the EU-funded project. NG also promoted the WHJ project and platform via their channels</p>	<p>On World Heritage Journeys website and communications</p>	<p>Partnership agreement signed July 2018</p> <p>End: December 2020</p>	<p>Dispersal of tourism to lesser visited sites in the EU and economic benefits to regional destinations</p> <p>Increased marketing and promotional tools for World Heritage sites</p> <p>Enhanced visitor experience and awareness of World Heritage values</p>	<p>Communication</p> <p>Sustainable Development</p> <p>Capacity Building</p>
18	<p><b>National Tokens</b></p> <p>Development of a World Heritage Souvenir Coins Programme</p> <p>Potential income of 300,000 EUR per year for 50 sites reached</p>	<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p>4,890 EUR</p>	<p>Raise awareness on the World Heritage Convention</p> <p>Reinforce a common visual identity at World Heritage sites involved in the programme</p> <p>Raise funds through a collection of coins</p>	<p>Collection of coins to be sold at World Heritage sites.</p>	<p>On communication materials, website and coins</p>	<p>Partnership Agreement signed in April 2019</p> <p>End: December 2023</p>	<p>Revenues are shared between the World Heritage Fund (30%), World Heritage sites (30%) and the implementing partner (40%) (National Tokens).</p>	<p>Communication</p>
19	<p><b>Offene Häuser - Open Houses</b></p> <p>Offene Häuser - Open Houses is the regional coordinator of Europe for the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative</p> <p>Non-financial</p>	<p><b>ENDED</b></p>	<p>Raise awareness among young people, volunteers, local communities, and concerned authorities of the need to protect and promote World Heritage;</p> <p>Involve young people in World Heritage preservation through concrete projects at sites;</p> <p>Empower young people allowing them to learn skills in basic preservation and conservation techniques and raise their capacity as future decision-makers and global active citizens.</p>	<p>Concrete preservation activities and awareness-raising campaigns at World Heritage sites involving local and international youth volunteers</p>	<p>Materials about the project.</p>	<p>Partnership agreement signed in April 2019.</p> <p>End: December 2020</p>	<p>Due to the growth of UNESCO's WHV Initiative over the past decade and its development into a youth-based scheme, Offene Häuser - Open Houses was jointly responsible for promoting the Initiative, assisting the participating organizations and evaluating their action camps as a regional coordinator for Europe.</p>	<p>Youth/Education</p> <p>Conservation</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Cultural and natural World Heritage</p> <p>Sustainable development</p> <p>Communities</p>

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20	<p><b>Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation</b></p> <p>Support to the activities of the World Heritage Marine Programme</p> <p>USD 134,655</p>	<b>ENDED</b>	Advance the possibility that globally unique marine areas beyond national jurisdiction could potentially receive protection through the 1972 World Heritage Convention	<p>Summary report of expert meeting published in Spring 2020.</p> <p>Overview of all work on the High Seas undertaken by World Heritage Centre, in consultation with IUCN, compiled and made available online.</p>	Materials about the project.	<p>Contribution to the World Heritage Fund</p> <p>October 2018</p> <p>End: June 2021</p>	Finalization of scientific and legal groundwork toward the possible designation of marine World Heritage sites in the High Seas (conform the 2012-2022 Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention – activity A.2.1.4).	<p>Conservation</p> <p>Natural World Heritage</p> <p>Communication</p>
21	<p><b>Seabourn, USA</b></p> <p>Strategic partnership with the overall goal of raising awareness on heritage conservation and sustainable tourism mobilizing sustainable resources for the long term conservation of World Heritage.</p> <p>USD 1,282,850 (4 years)</p>	<b>ENDED</b> \$225,000	<p>Increased awareness of and support for the protection and safeguarding of Heritage and World Heritage properties and the sustainable development of tourism from an influential stakeholder group;</p> <p>Demonstrated efficacy of preservation of cultural and natural values at World Heritage sites through capacity building activities for site managers and other stakeholders;</p> <p>Increased engagement of key stakeholder groups through the development of an incentive programme to engage local communities and the tourism private sector operating in and around World Heritage properties.</p>	<p>Identification and promotion of authentic, sustainable and responsible tourism products and services that provide high quality and low impact visitor experiences at World Heritage sites.</p> <p>Awareness is enhanced with key stakeholders through a series of high profile communication activities.</p> <p>Site managers' capacities reinforced through transnational networks capacity building activities.</p>	<p>Website and video clips.</p> <p>Brochures and other printed material which explain the World Heritage Convention</p>	<p>Revised Framework agreement signed in March 2016</p> <p>End: December 2019</p>	<p>The Seabourn partnership has demonstrated the potential that exists to raise awareness and support from the travelers with a private sector partner.</p> <p>The support has enabled the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme to implement its action plan and has leveraged additional support of 3 million euros from the European Commission.</p>	<p>Sustainable Tourism</p> <p>Awareness Raising</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Conservation</p>
22	<p><b>Seabourn, USA</b></p> <p>Phase 2: Strategic partnership with the overall goal of raising awareness on heritage conservation and sustainable tourism mobilizing sustainable</p>	<b>NEW</b>	Increased awareness of and support for the protection and safeguarding of Heritage and World Heritage properties and the sustainable development of tourism from an influential stakeholder group;	Identification and promotion of authentic, sustainable and responsible tourism products and services that provide high quality and low impact visitor experiences at World Heritage sites.	<p>Website and video clips.</p> <p>Brochures and other printed material which explain the</p>	Revised Framework agreement for Phase 2 signed in July 2019	The Seabourn partnership has demonstrated the potential that exists to raise awareness and support from the traveling public working with a private sector partner.	<p>Sustainable Tourism</p> <p>Awareness Raising</p> <p>Capacity Building</p>

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	resources for the long term conservation of World Heritage.  Total of USD 500,000		Demonstrated efficacy of preservation of cultural and natural values at World Heritage sites through capacity building activities for site managers and other stakeholders;  Increased engagement of key stakeholder groups through the development of an incentive programme to engage local communities and the tourism private sector operating in and around World Heritage properties.	Awareness is enhanced with key stakeholders through a series of high profile communication activities.  Site managers' capacities reinforced through transnational networks capacity building activities.	World Heritage Convention	Comes into force January 2020  End: February 2025	The support has enabled the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme to implement its action plan and has leveraged additional support of 3 million euros from the European Commission.	Conservation
23	<b>The Ocean Foundation</b>  Support to the activities of the World Heritage Marine Programme  USD 100,000	<b>ENDED</b>	Improved conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the Komodo National Park World Heritage site.	Capacity building workshop organized in Komodo National Park from 25-29 November 2019.  Outline for Future Marine Management of Komodo National Park World Heritage site shared with Indonesian Government.	Materials about the project.	Contribution to the World Heritage Fund  August 2018  End: June 2021	The contribution enabled the World Heritage Centre to assist Komodo National Park in strengthening the management of its marine component.	Conservation  Capacity Building  Natural World Heritage
24	<b>TOKYO BROADCASTING SYSTEM (TBS), Japan</b>  Production of a series of 30-minute films on World Heritage entitled "The World Heritage" broadcast weekly by TBS.  Since 2006	<b>Renewed</b> (Tacit yearly renewal)  40,000 (per year)	Enhanced awareness on World Heritage sites.	670 films have been produced.	On documentaries and brochures about the project.	World Heritage Fund Special Account Agreement with NFUAJ in 1996.  Agreement with WHC since 2006.	Global outreach.  Total number of audiences of the programme per month: 40 million.	Communication

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25	<b>ZDF, Germany</b> Production of a TV series about World Heritage sites and conservation challenges. 200,000 EUR (2 years) – First series 150,000 EUR (3 years, 2021-2023) – Second series	<b>ONGOING</b> EUR 50,000 (2019) EUR 50,000 (2020) EUR 75,000 (2021)	Enhanced awareness on World Heritage sites.	50 World Heritage sites will be filmed in more than 20 countries worldwide.	On documentaries.	Partnership agreement signed in April 2018. 3-year Extension signed in December 2020 End: 31 December 2023	Global outreach. Estimated audience per documentary: 10 million.	Communication