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#### INFORMATION WORKSHOP ON THE PREPARATION OF DRAFT STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING UNIVERSAL VALUE FOR AFRICA REGION

Meeting organized with the support of the Government of Switzerland, in partnership with the Tanzanian Department of Antiquities and The African World Heritage Fund

### 02- 04 March 2009, Hotel Eclipse Sea Breeze Resort Dar Es Salam, Tanzania

# INFORMATION DOCUMENT

ORGANIZERS: UNESCO World Heritage Centre UNESCO Office in Dar es Salaam Department of Antiquities African World Heritage Fund

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting for Africa will be launched during the 33rd Session of the World Heritage Committee to be held from 22 to 30 June 2009 (Sevilla, Spain). In its decision 32COM 11A, the Committee requested the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to seek additional funding to the World Heritage Fund, to organize a preparatory meeting to deal with all issues related to the Periodic Reporting Exercise. It aims at finalizing missing Statements of Outstanding Universal Value for properties in their territory before the beginning of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting (Decision 32COM11E). In addition, the Retrospective Inventory analysis undertaken by the World Heritage Centre demonstrates that out of the 76 World Heritage properties in Africa, only 6 properties have a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value, 27 have a Statement of Significance and 43 properties have neither a Statement of OUV nor a Statement of Significance. Consequently, 19 States Parties have to prepare statements of Outstanding Universal Value to be approved by the World Heritage Committee.

# OBJECTIVE:

The purpose of this training workshop is to provide the 19 countries concerned, with information and tools to prepare the Draft statements of Outstanding Universal Value to be reviewed by the Advisory Bodies (IUCN, ICOMOS, and ICCROM). The trained experts will be responsible for the coordination of this exercise at the national level, and will assist in the preparation of the Draft statements of Outstanding Universal Value for the World Heritage properties in their countries.

# METHODOLOGY:

The workshop will take place during three days. Working groups will be formed according to topics and languages. The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies will present the different parts of the Format. These sessions will be followed by hands-on exercises. The full program is attached to this document.

# PARTICIPANTS:

Twenty-two professionals in charge of natural and cultural sites, and sixteen Tanzanian professionals will participate in this workshop. Two Swiss experts and representatives of the Advisory Bodies (IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM) will also take part in the workshop.

# LANGUAGE:

The working languages of the training are French and English. All applicants should be fluent in one of these two languages.

#### TRAINING MATERIALS:

In order to ensure a smooth organization of working groups, all participants are invited to bring the following documentation:

- Management plans and/or conservation of the properties in their countries
- Any available documentation to supplement the information on the integrity and / or authenticity, management and protection of properties
- Any Draft statements of significance or Statements of Outstanding Universal Value.
- Any supplementary information on the Retrospective inventory of the property in their countries.

The World Heritage Centre will provide electronic versions of relevant nomination files.

#### FUNDING :

The workshop is organized with the generous contribution of the Government of Switzerland. The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF), the Department of Antiquities in Tanzania, the UNESCO Office in Dar es Salaam and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre also supports this workshop.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The organizers cover all costs related to the participation.

Accommodation: Participants will be accommodated at the Hotel Eclipse Sea Breeze Resort (DSM) LTD à Dar es Salaam:

Off Bagamoyo Road Dar es Salaam – Tanzania Tel: +255-22-264-7215

Full board will be provided.

Allowances: Each participant will receive 30 USD per day.

<u>Air tickets</u>: Flights tickets are paid by the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF), tickets will be sent in due time to all participants.

<u>Transportation</u>: Participants will be met at the airport by the Department of Antiquities in Dar es Salaam. Free shuttles will be available for transportation between airport and hotel.

<u>Visa</u>: Participants who have no possibility to obtain a visa in their country (no Tanzanian Embassy) are requested to send to the World Heritage Centre a photocopy of their passport by the **20 February 2009 at the latest**.

<u>Travel</u>: Any participant who will have a stop-over requiring a night in a hotel between his country and Dar es Salaam should keep all relevant invoices. The lodging extra costs will be refunded at the workshop.

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