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The World Conservation Union



The Series

The UNITAR Hiroshima Series on the Management and Conservation of World Heritage Sites, launched in 2003, has thus far comprised six annual Sessions held in Hiroshima itself and one in-country Session in India. The Series, with over 300 Alumni to date, offers a set of innovative approaches to heritage conservation, including:

- A values-based management approach examining the significance of the properties to be conserved;
- The fusion of cultural and natural heritage management;
- The recognition of both the tangible and intangible aspects of heritage values; and
- Conservation for Peace.

Uniquely well-placed in Hiroshima, which possesses two World Heritage sites, the Series seeks to utilize UNESCO's Convention on natural and cultural heritage more effectively by focusing on national policy making and planning, and on exchanging know-how on best practices and case studies.

The Series: Conservation for Peace

The universal theme of Conservation for Peace has special resonance in Hiroshima. The World Heritage regime is related to recent developments regarding *global commons* or common heritage – including, among others, the oceans, Antarctica and genetic resources. The regime is among the most promising, a result of its focus on both cultural and natural heritage.

In the introductory Conservation for Peace themed Session conducted in 2008, various peace building outcomes that heritage conservation could generate were discussed. It was concluded that ultimately, the World Heritage regime itself is aiming at peace, the avoidance of conflict (including inter-community or inter-stakeholder conflict) and the promotion of the conservation of the world's common heritage. As such the concept of Conservation for Peace does not limit itself to armed conflict or trans-boundary situations.

2010 Session: Conservation Monitoring



The monitoring of World Heritage Sites is required under the World Heritage Convention in order to achieve the long-term protection, conservation and management of Outstanding Universal Value. Monitoring indicators are required for sites as a key tool to measure and assess the state of conservation. They help to provide an effective and grounded baseline from which to monitor impacts on the tangible and intangible values of a site.

Conservation monitoring must be seen as a continuous process, a non-negotiable standard which allows for increasingly integrated, refined and effective management as site administration becomes more complex. While certain indicators will be universal between sites, the characteristics of specific locations must be considered both quantitatively and qualitatively in their definition. This essential element of the World Heritage monitoring and review process will be the main focus of the 2010 Session of the UNITAR Hiroshima Series.



2010 Session: Objectives

The 2010 Session *Conservation for Peace - World Heritage Conservation Monitoring* represents the seventh Session of the Series and builds on the groundwork covered to date. UNITAR will apply its “values-based management” approach as the basis for exploring the development of monitoring indicators for the *values* of sites.

The specific objectives of the 2010 Session will be to:

- Review the basics of the World Heritage regime and its implications for peace, incorporating updates and current trends;
- Elucidate the underlying principles of “values-based heritage management”;
- Introduce the basics of conservation monitoring;
- Examine leading conservation monitoring strategies, identifying best practices and lessons learned;
- Through reality-based practical exercises, extract key concepts and common issues while developing monitoring strategies for given sites;
- Contribute to the development of a manual for site managers on monitoring indicators in World Heritage management;
- Enhance long-term peer learning and exchange among the participants.



The UNITAR Faculty and Participants' Profile

The Series is possible thanks to the generous funding support of the Hiroshima Prefectural Government and in cooperation with major partners active in cultural and natural heritage resource conservation, namely UNESCO and its World Heritage Centre, the Getty Conservation Institute (GCI), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and the World Conservation Union (IUCN), who form the Faculty.

The participants will consist of:

- Potential or actual heritage site managers;
- Natural/cultural conservation specialists and trainers;
- Decision makers and government officers within national World Heritage administrations such as the Ministries of the Environment, Culture, Forestry, Conservation or Tourism;
- Representatives of national academic institutions, think-tanks and civil society.

In addition to application information being available on the UNITAR Hiroshima website, a call for applications will be sent to;

- Member States of the United Nations;
- Focal points of partner organizations and other multilateral entities;
- UNDP Resident Representatives in the Asia-Pacific region;
- The UNITAR Alumni Network.



Application Procedure

Interested individuals and organizations are required to submit;

- a **Letter of Nomination (LON)**;
- a **Letter of Motivation (LOM)**;
- a completed **Application Form**;
- a **Personal History (CV)**;
- **two Letters of Recommendation (LOR)**;
- a **Case Study** (for details, please refer to the annexed *Instructions for Case Study*).



- Further information, and downloadable documents, are available at: www.unitar.org/hiroshima/programmes/WHS/2010
- Incomplete applications and those submitted after the closing date will not be considered.
- **The working language of the Session is English.**
- Online applications are encouraged at: www.unitar.org/hiroshima/programmes/WHS/2010
- Application deadline: **Friday 19 February 2010**

Selection

Selection, by an ad hoc committee composed of UNITAR and its faculty, will be based on candidates' qualifications and merits; potential benefits they may gain from the Session in the conduct of daily professional duties as well as future roles they may play as trainers. A short paper, submitted by the candidate, as well as the field of expertise and compatibility with the theme of the Session will also be considered.

Participation Costs

Twenty participants will be selected for the 2010 Session. In principle, participants or their organisation/ministry are required to cover travel costs to and from Hiroshima, while UNITAR will cover tuition, accommodation, study-tour and meal costs for the duration of the programme. A limited number of UNITAR scholarships, which also cover travel costs, are available; however, these are given as a priority to candidates from Least Developed Countries as defined by the United Nations.

For any enquiries regarding the Session, please see the Session website at www.unitar.org/hiroshima/programmes/WHS/2010 or contact Mr. Berin McKenzie at berin.mckenzie@unitar.org.



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