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**Experts reflection meeting
on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties**

13-15 April 2011

Dakar, Senegal

DRAFT TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 12 APRIL

Arrival of the participants

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL

09.00 – 10.30

OFFICIAL OPENING

09.00 Welcome address by a Representative of the State Party of Senegal

09.10 Address by a Representative of the State Party of Australia

09.20 Address by Mr. Kishore Rao, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF THE MEETING

09.40 Presentation of the background documentation available by Mr. Lazare Eloundou-Assomo (Chief, WHC/AFR Unit)

09.50 Presentation on the current conservation trends, with a special focus on the main results of the Africa Periodic Report, jointly presented by Mr. Lazare Eloundou-Assomo (Chief, WHC/AFR Unit) and Mr. Richard Veillon (WHC/POL)

10.05 Introduction round by the participants

10.10 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 13.00

THEME 1 – “Monitoring tools and processes”

Chairperson1: (*Kishore Rao*)

Rapporteur 1: (*to be identified*)

- Current monitoring and reporting procedures (requirements, deadlines, drafting, mission reports, States Parties State of conservation reports,...): need for improvement? why? how?
- “Desired state of conservation for the removal of properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger”: definition? purpose? drafting?
- Linkages between the different monitoring tools (Reactive, Reinforced, Periodic Report, List in Danger): are they clear enough? why? what to do?
- Role and limits of the *World Heritage Convention* in conservation?

10.30 – 10.45 Presentation on the *Current statutory monitoring processes (including the List of World Heritage in Danger, RMM, ...)* presented by Mr. Guy Debonnet (Chief, WHC/SPU)

10.45 – 13.00: Debate

13.00 – 15.00
LUNCH BREAK

15.00 – 18.30
Including coffee break

THEME 2 – “Management” issues

Chairperson 2: (*Greg Terrill*)

Rapporteur 2: (*to be identified*)

- Assessing Management effectiveness: why? how?
- Management and/or Planning tools: how to develop new ones or improve existing ones?
- What are the required basic standards and guidelines for the preparation of Management Plans
- Legislation, financing and governance issues: their impact? how to address them?

15.00 – 15.20 Presentation on the World Heritage properties of Senegal and their conservation issues, presented by Mr. Hamadi Bocoum (Cultural Heritage Director, Senegal)

15.20 - 15.30: Thematic presentation on Management of World Heritage properties in Civil unrest and armed conflicts context – example of Natural properties (DRC properties – tbc)

15.30 – 15.45: Thematic presentation on Management effectiveness assessments (by ICOMOS and IUCN)

15.45 – 15.55: Thematic presentation on a good Management practice – example of a Natural property (Bwindi Forests – tbc)

15.55 – 18.30: Debate

18.30 – 19.00

Drafting Group on Recommendations with Chairpersons and Rapporteurs 1 and 2

19.30: Reception and cultural event hosted by the State Party of Senegal at IFAN; Opening of an exhibition on World Heritage properties of Senegal

THURSDAY 14 APRIL

09.00 – 13.00

Including coffee break

THEME 3 – “Development and other human activities” issues

Chairperson 3: *(to be identified)*

Rapporteur 3: *(to be identified)*

- Main issues encountered to mitigate the threats? why? how to improve it?
- Best way to provide leadership to wider efforts to address threats
- What are the most needed/efficient policy approaches to common threats ?

09.00 – 09.10: Thematic presentation on Natural resources extraction – example of a Natural property (Selous – tbc)

09.10 - 09.20: Thematic presentation on Development issues – example of a Cultural property (Timbuktu - tbc)

09.20 – 09.30: Thematic presentation on Challenges with the local communities – example of Cultural properties (Mijikenda Kaya Forests – tbc)

09.30 - 09.40 : Mining companies or Tourism operators: how do they see their interests intersecting with conservation aims? (tbc)

09.40 – 13.00: Debate

13.00 – 15.00

LUNCH BREAK

15.00 – 19.00

Including coffee break

THEME 4 – “Capacity Building and Experience sharing / Best Practices”

Chairperson 4: *(to be identified)*

Rapporteur 4: *(to be identified)*

- Awareness of the local communities on World Heritage: importance? how to improve it?
- Training of site-managers/local authorities on World Heritage issues: who needs training? on what? needs? how to make capacity building programmes more efficient?
- Experience sharing/Best practices: in which fields? how to identify them? how to best share them

15.00 – 15.10: Thematic presentation on the awareness of local communities on World Heritage (Cliff of Bandiagara - tbc)

15.10 – 15.20: Thematic presentation on building capacity in the field of heritage conservation (by ICCROM)

15.20 – 18.00: Debate

18.00 – 19.00:

(Drafting Group on Recommendations with Chairpersons and Rapporteurs 3 and 4)

In parallel (Plenary meeting Room): Presentation on the African World Heritage Fund activities (by AWHF)

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

09.00 – 13.00

09.00 – 10.30:

Drafting Group on Recommendations with Secretariat and all Chairpersons and Rapporteurs

10.30 – 10.45:

Coffee break

10.45– 13.00:

Adoption of the Recommendations of the Expert meeting for discussion during the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in June 2011

Chairperson: *(to be confirmed)*

- 10.45 – 10.55: Presentation by Rapporteur 1 on Theme 1
- 10.55 – 11.05: Presentation by Rapporteur 2 on Theme 2
- 11.05 – 11.15: Presentation by Rapporteur 3 on Theme 3
- 11.15 – 11.25: Presentation by Rapporteur 4 on Theme 4
- 11.25 – 13.00: Debate and adoption of the Report and the Recommendations according to following 3 objectives:
 - Information sharing on management approaches
 - Guidance to assist States Parties to mitigate threats
 - Policy approaches to common threats to properties

13.00: Closure of the meeting

13.00 – 15.00

LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon

Site-visit to the Island of Gorée