

Caribbean training Course in the Preparation of Nomination Dossiers for World Heritage 2012-2013
Capacity Building to Support the Conservation of World Heritage Sites and Enhance Sustainable Development of Local Communities in Small Island Developing States

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Kingston Action Plan – (Updated)

Recalling the spirit and the objectives of the 1972 World Heritage Convention,

Recalling the recommendations and decisions made at subsequent World Heritage Committee Sessions and regional meetings undertaken through the Global Strategy the related Activities developed in the Caribbean,

Considering the commitment of an increasing amount of regional Governments to prepare and nominate sites with outstanding cultural and natural heritage values for inscription on the World Heritage List,

Considering 2014 is the International Year of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), 20th Anniversary of the Barbados Plan of Action and 10th Anniversary of the Mauritius Strategy strengthening communication and cooperation among SIDS,

Considering the results of the June 2012 and March 2013 trainings and strengthened progress by States Parties in advanced preparation of nomination dossiers, it is in this light that we recommend the continuation of the processes to the following actions.

We the participants of the UNESCO Caribbean Training Courses in the Preparation of Nomination Dossiers for World Heritage, with a focus on sites of memory, held in Kingston, Jamaica from 5 to 15 June 2012, and in Antigua & Barbuda from 24 to 28 March 2013 with the support of the World Heritage Centre's Japan Funds-in-Trust project on "Capacity Building to Support the Conservation of World Heritage Sites and Enhance Sustainable Development of Local Communities in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)", and in line with the Caribbean Capacity Building Programme (CCBP), in respect of the mentoring process conducted in between the two training courses aimed to strengthen the application of the World Heritage Convention in our Region, hereby,

Encourage UNESCO to:

- *Continue* liaising with the States Parties, entities, and national offices in charge of cultural and natural heritage, the respective UNESCO National Commissions, and the World Heritage Centre as well as coordinating between the UNESCO Kingston and Havana Offices,
- *Keep* in contact with IUCN, ICOMOS and ICCROM as advisory bodies after the follow-up training course;
- *Keep* systematic follow-up communications with/from the participants to ensure that the necessary steps are being taken to advance the various nomination dossiers;
- *Facilitate* communication among the participants and between the participants and UNESCO, with the assistance of the National Commissions;
- *Recommend* the inclusion of World Heritage matters and the action plan arising out of this training course at the Forum of the Ministers of Culture. In the sub-region, present the action plan at the upcoming meeting of the Secretaries Generals of the Caribbean National Commissions (May 2013, Jamaica).

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- *Continue* similar capacity building activities on World Heritage for the Caribbean;
- *Review* the current “Caribbean Action Plan 2004-2014” in order to update it according to the current needs of the sub-region

Encourage States Parties to:

- *Continue* prioritizing World Heritage Matters on national agendas;
- *Continue* promoting conservation and preservation of the cultural and natural heritage;
- *Take* the actions necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention in the Caribbean, facilitating new nomination dossiers with a focus on sites of memory, emphasizing the involvement of local communities;
- *Commit* to the heritage management process as reflected in the 1972 World Heritage Convention and in the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the Convention;
- *Stimulate*
 - *All States Parties* to establish a National Committee on World Heritage and review their tentative lists by 2013;
 - *Antigua and Barbuda* to advance the nomination of Antigua Naval Dockyard by Feb 2014;
 - *Suriname* to advance the nomination of Jodensavanne and Cassipora Cemetery by Feb 2014;
 - *Jamaica* to advance the second submission of the Blue and John Crow Mountains National Park by 2015;
 - *Guyana* to update its tentative list and explore hosting a public awareness workshop in 2013;
 - *Sint Maarten* to explore hosting a meeting to advance the serial transnational nomination of Eastern Caribbean Coastal Fortifications by summer 2013;
 - *Encourage* the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the only Caribbean State Party who has not yet signed, to ratify the 1972 World Heritage Convention;

Encourage Participants to:

- *Advise* relevant national agencies of the outcome of the training course;
- *Increase* public awareness and education of World Heritage matters and the UNESCO Cultural Conventions;
- *Continue* preparing State Party-approved nomination dossiers bearing in mind the meaning of “sites of memory” in the Caribbean context;
- *Submit* recommendations to the relevant States Parties for the inclusion of appropriate sites on tentative lists;
- *Keep* the lines of communication between and among themselves and with UNESCO field offices and the World Heritage Centre open so as to build a sub-regional network of experts; and
- *Continue* to discuss study and advance possible serial, transnational and/or transboundary nominations between and among States Parties.

Agreed by the Participants on 28 March 2013 Antigua & Barbuda W. I.