

**REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF WORLD HERITAGE IN ZACATECAS, INSTITUTE FOR CATEGORY 2 MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

**Report to the 38th Session of the World Heritage Committee  
Doha, Qatar (15 - June 25 2014).**

**Report Date: March 11, 2014.**

**1.- Background and mandate of the Centre.**

The 35th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO (Paris, 2009), approved the creation of the Regional Institute in Zacatecas Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

A year later, 10/34.COM/9C Decision adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its meeting in Brasilia (2010), established as the major aim of helping countries in the region in the correct implementation of the Convention, paying more attention to the main types of world heritage in the area: archaeological sites, historic towns, Native American goods, natural sites, landscapes and cultural routes.

The Agreement establishing the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas state government of Zacatecas and under UNESCO was signed on April 12, 2010, between the Government of the United Mexican States, with the principles and guidelines for the establishment and functioning of institutes and centers Category 2, sponsored by UNESCO.

The August 19, 2011, was held the first session and Installation of the Board of the Centre, which formal operations of the Institute of Zacatecas Category 2 was launched.

Subsequent to the Agreement establishing the Institute Category 2, they were observed some inconsistencies, so it was subjected to a review process by interministerial meetings in Mexico and exchange of diplomatic notes with UNESCO, to redefine the objectives and functions of the Institute. At the present date, it has pending signing of the Amended Agreement between the Mexican authorities and UNESCO.

Mandate:

1. Contribute to strengthening capacity building for the implementation of the Convention in the region;
2. Contribute to enhance international cooperation, especially between the States Parties to the UNESCO in the region;
3. Contribute to sustainable development by promoting good practice in the conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage;
4. Promoting research on natural and cultural heritage, in particular on the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List;

5. Contribute to the creation and dissemination of information, through the establishment of a documentation center on the property of the State on the List of World Heritage, and
6. Share expertise with UNESCO, especially with the World Heritage Centre and cooperate with the secretariats of other cultural and environmental conventions related to World Heritage.

**2. Institutional and operational structure of the Center (Board of Directors, staff, funding operations and local)**

- Governing Board: Board of Directors.
- Personal: 7 reviewers.
- Operation of Resources: The State Government grants Zacatecas resources for the support of the Institute and other sources of funding from Federal Government contemplated, States Parties and international organizations.
- Local: Building Zacatecas State Government delivered on loan to Regional World Heritage Institute.

**3. The programs and activities implemented since June 2013 and planned for the current year**

No.	Activity Title
	<b>2013</b>
01	Certified in Heritage Building Restoration. Headquarters Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas. (June 21, 2013 to August 31, 2013).
02	Conference "The participation of society in the protection and conservation of cultural heritage." (August 19, 2013).
03	Conference "Introduction to the World Heritage" taught to students in the Unit of Anthropology and History at the Autonomous University of Zacatecas. (September 23, 2013)
04	Conference "Introduction to the World Heritage" given to students at the University of Veracruz. (September 24, 2013).
05	Conference "Introduction to the World Heritage" taught to students in Archaeology at the Autonomous University of Zacatecas. (September 25, 2013).
06	Consultation meeting between the Governor of the State of Zacatecas, the Director General of UNESCO Office in Mexico and the Charge of the Regional Institute for the preparation of the Framework Convention for Cooperation in the Area Educational, Cultural and Scientific. (October 7, 2013).

07	Working meeting chaired by the Director General of UNESCO Office in Mexico, the mayors of Zacatecas and Guadalupe Regional Institute and staff to review the progress of management plans for both sites and planning Cooperation Framework Agreement. (October 7, 2013).
08	Collaboration and Headquarters "Second International Conference on Experiences in Intangible Cultural Heritage". (8 to 12 October 2013).
09	Conference "Introduction to the World Heritage" given to students of Higher School Teaching. (October 14, 2013).
10	Conference "Introduction to the World Heritage" supported by active members of the Pan American Round Table, AC (October 17, 2013).
11	Conference "Introduction to the World Heritage" taught to students in the Tourism Unit of the Autonomous University of Zacatecas. (October 23, 2013).
12	Meeting information on the establishment and operation of Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, chaired by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the Director General of UNESCO Office in Mexico and the Institute Regional Manager, with the assistance of the most Ambassadors of Central America and the Caribbean Region and Public Officials in the Mexican Foreign Ministry. (October 27, 2013)
13	Conference "Introduction to the World Heritage" and presentation of the video "Camino Real de Tierra Adentro" at 43th World Congress of the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Traditional Arts. (October 28, 2013).
14	Collaboration with the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Government of Agreement between the State of Zacatecas and the International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Traditional Arts, the international event for the Folklore 2016 in Zacatecas. (November 1, 2013).
15	Interagency working meetings for the preparation of the 20th anniversary of the inscription of the Historic Center of the City of Zacatecas to the list of World Cultural Heritage.
16	Conference "The participation of society in the protection and conservation of Cultural Heritage" by the architect Aaron Roman Alaniz Delgadillo, addressed to the Government of the State of Zacatecas Public Servants, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary celebration of the inscription of the Historic Center Zacatecas to the World Heritage List. (December 6, 2013)

17	Meeting chaired by the Governor of the State of Zacatecas and the Director General of UNESCO Office in Mexico to sign the Legal Framework Convention on Cultural Cooperation Education and Science. (11 December 2013).
	<b>2014</b>
01	Meeting of Educating Cities. (28 January 2014).
02	Conference given to alumni of the Academic Unit of Archaeology of the Autonomous University of Zacatecas, on the 1972. (February 20, 2014)
03	Cycle 2 Conferences on World Cultural and Natural Heritage students of Architecture Career Institute of Technology Zacatecas. (March 04 and 05, 2014)
04	Signing of the Agreement Amended to the creation of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, between the authorities of the United Mexican States, the Zacatecas state government and UNESCO, at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the City Mexico, DF (March 2014)
05	Conference "The Convention on the Protection of World Heritage" to students from Institute Technologic Superior de Fresnillo, Zac. (March 25, 2014)
06	Participation with in the conference "Historical Centers UNESCO protected" in the 4th. Historic Centers Symposium, organized by the Mexican Association of Real Estate Professionals, AC, in the city of Morelia, Michoacán, World Cultural Heritage. (April 4 and 5, 2014.
07	Conference "The Taking of Zacatecas June 23, 1914 and their impact on the Built Heritage Capital City" (April 30, 2014).
08	Conferencia "Introduction to the World Cultural and Natural Heritage" for students of the Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Jerez, Zac. (May 8, 2014)
09	Photographic Exhibition: "The Cultural Landscape of the Toma de Zacatecas". (May 23, 2014)
10	Conference "The Convention on the protection and preservation of World Heritage" to members of the State Federation of Professional and Technical. (junio13, 2014)
11	Conference "The City of Zacatecas, World Heritage Cultural and Legal Framework". (August 19, 2014).

12	Fourth Day of Cultural Itinerary Planning "Camino Real de Tierra Adentro". (October 23, 2014).
13	2nd International Congress of Cultural Landscapes. (11 November 2014).
14	Course / Training aimed at site managers of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, on development of Tentative Lists. (2014)
15	Course / Training aimed at site managers, on nominations and logistics of World Heritage. (2014).
16	Course / Training performing Conservation Status Reports (SOC) of the sites listed. (2014)
17	Annual Conferences on World Heritage, aimed at, Elementary Schools, High Schools, Colleges and Universities Baccalaureate and Higher Education Civil Society. (2014)

#### **4. Center website:**

<http://www.unesco-zacatecas.org.mx/>

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