

**Monitoring according to Paragraph 169
of the Operational Guidelines**

**State of Conservation Report
Old City of Jerusalem and its walls
Update: January 2014**

Executive Summary of activities during the year 2013

(The Report and the Summary relate only to areas inside the Walls

– Intra Muro sites – as per the UNESCO declaration)



**Presented to
The World Heritage Committee**

Planning

- **Scheme 13538** has been confined to conservation aspects and the public realm only. The Local Planning Committee is reviewing the plan.
- Two residential local plans (blocks 8 & 9) are being prepared for submission to the planning committees.
- **A new Scheme for the Jewish Quarter:** programmatic brief for the plan was approved. Spatial building alternatives are being produced.
- **Scheme 62950** (Tifferet Israel) has been deposited for public review. The Local Planning Committee is reviewing the deposited plan .
- **Scheme 5306a** (Building addition to Armenian Church) has been deposited for public review. The Local Planning Committee is reviewing the deposited plan .
- **Scheme 11053** (Liba (core) House) has been deposited; objections have been heard, and the plan will be discussed in the Regional Planning Committee again shortly.
- **Scheme 152215** (Addition of housing units to an existing residential building) A zoning plan application was submitted.
- **Scheme 159749** (Expansion of 2 apartments) has been submitted.
- **Scheme 163667** (local development plan for 'Dar el Cabira' complex) has been submitted. **Scheme 145250** (Local development plan for 'Dar el Consul' complex) has been submitted.
- **Scheme 171645** (Expansion of an existing housing unit) has been submitted.
- **Scheme 173112** (A request to approve an existing building) has been submitted.
- **Scheme 193482** (Addition to an existing residential building) has been submitted.

Development

- Tender for the design and production of bespoke **Old-City street lamp** was published. Currently, at a stage of submissions' evaluation.
- Infrastructure and streetscape improvement project along **Hagai (El Wad) street** including landscaping, infrastructure renewal, lighting, and provision of accessibility proceeds, to be completed in 2014. Preparations to initiate next phase - renovation of Damascus Gate plaza .
- infrastructure and streetscape improvement project in the **Bab Huta neighbourhood**, including landscaping, infrastructure renewal, lighting, and provision of accessibility advanced to its last stage at the commercial section. Works will continue through 2014.
- Street Improvement plan for **the Christian Quarter** has reached the final design phase. The project includes a renewal of water utilities, renovation of the Muristan plaza and the routes to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and improvement of accessibility for the disabled.
- Survey of the old city's **Commercial street facades** has been conducted. Public funding is offered to businesses willing to renovate their facade in compliance with storefront design guidelines.
- An outdoor sport field has been constructed in the **Sons of Alquds Community Centre** in the Moslem Quarter.
- A **Public Participation Unit** for east Jerusalem residents has been established.
- **Traffic arrangements** – A traffic plan intended to minimize vehicular movement through the Lions Gate and the New Gate is being prepared.
- **Public Transportation Service**- combines the operation of new regular shuttle circulating the Old City with park and ride facilities.

- **Tourism infrastructure** - Five tourist routes and seven public restrooms facilities compliant with **accessibility** requirements for the disabled are in progress.

Archaeology and Conservation

- **Conservation works on the Temple Mount Compound** - preservation of mosaics and marble tiles at the Dome of the Rock, the replacement one of the wooden doors of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and repair of water utilities are in progress. All works are conducted by the Waqf and under the inspection of Israel Antiques Authority.
- **Ohel Yitzhak Synagogue** - Construction of a Permanent support structure and floor casting was completed.
- **The Archaeological Park** - installation of a lightweight platform at northern west corner.
- The southern dike at **the Citadel** - landscape development works had begun under archaeological supervision.
- **Haldiah -el kirmi dangerous structure** - a Mamluk period Madrassa used for dwelling was slated as a dangerous structure. Construction of temporary retaining structure were taken as an immediate measure under the inspection of IAA. A structural plan and conservation plan for the buildings is being prepared by The Waqf.
- **Salvage excavations within the Old City** conducted by IAA archeologists :
Excavation on "Tiferet Israel" Synagogue site exposed a unique underground system of ritual baths and remains of medieval walls . These findings will be preserved and integrated into the new synagogue building.
"Hadad family residence" in Rasa St. - Building remains from the Roman - Byzantine period were unearthed.
Damascus Gate St. #20 - salvage excavations exposed monumental flooring, assuming to have constituted part of the ancient Damascus Gate plaza . The findings to remain covered.