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I. Background information

Within the framework of the UNESCO/Korean Funds-in-Trust project, "Support for the preparation for the World Heritage Serial Nomination of the Silk Roads in South Asia", the World Heritage Centre and UNESCO Office in Kathmandu, in close cooperation with the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal, will organize a sub-regional workshop on the Nomination Strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 23 and 24 September 2014.

The present workshop will bring together about 8 national representatives and experts from four South Asian countries of Bhutan, China, India and Nepal, an international expert, UNESCO representatives and about 60 national participants from the host country, Nepal, to discuss the potential serial and transnational World Heritage nomination of the Silk Roads heritage routes network in South Asia.

The main objectives of the meeting are to:

1. Review the present state of research on these routes and actions already undertaken by the concerned State Parties;
2. Draft a plan of action for updating and harmonising the States Parties' Tentative Lists;
3. Adopt the draft "Serial and Transnational World Heritage Nomination Strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads"; and
4. Develop action points for a possible transnational management coordination mechanism and harmonized documentation system.

Within the framework of the "Global Strategy for a Representative and Balanced World Heritage List," adopted by the World Heritage Committee, State Parties such as China and the Central Asian countries of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan have been working with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre on the serial and transnational nomination of the Silk

Roads since 2006, assisted by various UNESCO regional and sub-regional workshops and three meetings of the Coordinating Committee of the Serial World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads (May 2009 Xian, China; May 2011 Ashgabat, Turkmenistan and September 2012, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan).

To this end, out of two serial and transnational nominations for the Silk Roads submitted in 2013, “The Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang’an – Tian-shan Corridor,” jointly prepared by China, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, was inscribed on the World Heritage List on the basis of criteria (ii), (iii), (v) and (vi) by the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee in Doha, Qatar, from 15 to 25 June 2014.

In this context, the sub-regional meeting of South Asian nations will be a good opportunity to better represent the region’s historical and cultural significance through the potential inscription of a Silk Roads “heritage corridor” on the World Heritage List. In addition, this meeting would also seek opportunity to share the experience of the first Silk Roads inscription process to assist the South Asian State Parties in their respective endeavours.

II. Provisional Programme

Tuesday, 23 September 2014

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:30	Opening Session
9:30 – 9:35	Lighting the Sukunda by the Chief Guest
9:35– 9:45	Welcome remarks and meeting objectives by Mr Christian Manhart UNESCO Representative to Nepal
9:45 – 9:55	Welcome remarks by Mr Bhesh Narayan Dahal Director General, Department of Archaeology, Nepal
9:55 – 10:05	Welcome remarks by H.E. Mr Choe Yong-jin [Requested] Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Nepal
10:05 – 10:15	Remarks by Mr Bishwo Prakash Pandit [Confirmed] Secretary-General, Nepal National Commission for UNESCO
10:15 – 10:25	Remarks by the Chief Guest Mr Suresh Man Shrestha [Confirmed] Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
10:25 – 10:30	Group photo
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/tea break

10:45 – 12:30	Session I - Introduction Chairperson: Mr Bhesh Narayan Dahal, Director General, Department of Archaeology, Nepal [Confirmed]
10:45 – 11:00	Introduction of the participants
11:00 – 11:30	Presentation on the progress of the serial and transnational World Heritage nomination of the Silk Roads (consultation meetings, adoption of the Concept Document, Coordination Committee meetings) Dr Roland Lin Asia and Pacific Unit, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Paris
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of ICOMOS Silk Roads Thematic Study Prof Tim Williams ICOMOS International, University College London, United Kingdom
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00– 15:45	Session II – State Parties’ presentations on review of national activities related to the South Asian Silk Roads Serial and Transnational World Heritage Nomination Chairperson: Mr Bishnu Raj Karki, Former Joint Secretary of Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation [Confirmed]
14:00 – 14.45	Presentation of Nepal Mr Sukra Sagar Shrestha Senior Archaeologist National expert on Silk Roads activities in Nepal- Mustang corridor Mr Suresh Suras Shrestha Chief Archaeological Officer Focal Point for Silk Roads activities in Nepal Department of Archaeology
14:45 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Presentation of India Dr B R Mani Additional Director General, Archaeology Survey of India
15:30– 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee/tea break
16:00 – 17:45	Session II - State Parties’ presentations on review of national activities related to the South Asian Silk Roads Serial and Transnational World Heritage Nomination (continued) Chairperson: Mr Bishnu Raj Karki, Former Joint Secretary of Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation [Confirmed]
16:00 – 16.30	Presentation of Bhutan Mr Yeshe Samdrup Architect and focal person for World Heritage Sites Nomination, Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites, Department of Culture, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs Mr Karma Tenzin Architect and focal person for Archaeology Section, Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites, Department of Culture, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs
16:30 – 16:45	Discussion

16:45 – 17:30	Presentation of China Mr Lyu Zhou Director, National Heritage Centre, Tsinghua University and Vice-president of ICOMOS-China
17:30 – 17:45	Discussion
17:45 – 20:00	Coffee/tea followed by Dinner

Wednesday, 24 September 2014

9:00 – 10:30	Session III – Experience sharing: Transnational initiatives Chairperson: Dr Shikha Jain, Member Secretary, Advisory Committee on World Heritage Matters, India [Confirmed]
9:00 – 9:30	Presentation of the experiences of the first inscribed Silk Roads “Silk Roads: Initial Section of the Silk Roads, the Routes network of Tian-shan Corridor,” jointly prepared by China, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan NN China
9:30 – 9:45	Discussion
9:45 – 10:15	Presentation of the experiences in Documentation of Kailash sacred landscape conservation and development initiative Nawraj Pradhan Associate Coordinator, Kailash Sacred Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative and Ecosystem Management Analyst, Ecosystem Services, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/tea break
10:45 – 11:30	Session IV – Experience sharing: Research work Chairperson: Mr Yeshi Samdrup, Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites, Department of Culture, Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs, Bhutan [Confirmed]
10:45 – 11:00	Presentation on the Cultural transfers on the ancient trade route through Mustang linking the Silk Road with the Gangetic Plains - New aspects Prof Susanne von der Heide HimalAsia Foundation
11:00 – 11:15	Presentation on the Historical and culture significance of Nepal’s “Heritage-Corridor” in the South Asian Silk Roads Ms Dina Bangdel, PhD Associate Professor and Director, Art History Program, Virginia Commonwealth University, Qatar
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:30	Session IV – The way forward: Nomination Strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads and Action Plan Chairperson: Representative, China [Requested]
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation on draft Serial and Transnational World Heritage Nomination Strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads and developing of a possible transnational management coordination mechanism and harmonized documentation system

	Prof Tim Williams ICOMOS International, University College London, United Kingdom
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion
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12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
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14:00 – 15:00	Session IV – The way forward: Nomination Strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads and Action Plan (continued) Chairperson: Representative, Nepal or Moe Chiba, Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO New Delhi Office [Requested]
14:00 – 14:30	Floor discussion on finalization of Serial and Transnational World Heritage nomination strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads Representatives State parties of Bhutan, China, India and Nepal
14:30 – 15:00	Adoption of Serial and Transnational World Heritage nomination strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads Representatives State parties of Bhutan, China, India and Nepal
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15:00 – 15:15	Coffee/tea break
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15:15 – 17:30	Session IV – Nomination Strategy for the South Asian Silk Roads and Action Plan (continued) Chairperson: Mr Christian Manhart, UNESCO Representative to Nepal
15:15 – 15:45	Goal orientation for the way forward Prof Tim Williams ICOMOS International, University College London, United Kingdom
15:45 – 16:30	Discussion about the diverse issues and needs
16:30 – 17:00	Drafting Action Plan Representatives State parties of Bhutan, China, India and Nepal
17:00 – 17:30	Approval of the Action Plan Representatives State parties of Bhutan, China, India and Nepal
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17:30 – 18:00	Closing Session Chairperson: Dr Roland Lin, Asia and Pacific Unit, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Paris
17:30 – 17:40	Closing remarks Mr Bhesh Narayan Dahal Director General, Department of Archaeology of Nepal [Confirmed]
17:40 – 17:50	Closing remarks Mr Suresh Man Shrestha Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation of Nepal [Confirmed]
17:50 – 18:00	Vote of thanks Mr Christian Manhart UNESCO Representative to Nepal
