

Report for the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee

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Name of the Centre: African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)

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1. Updates on the management of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises) – particularly on meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions adopted

The 15th and 16th Board meetings were held in South Africa and Algeria respectively on 22-23 May and 3-4 December 2014. The meetings among others (1) appointed new Board members, (2) expressed gratitude to States Parties who pledged support to AWHF, (3) requested the Government of South Africa to formalize the AWHF Limited Diplomatic Status, (4) took note with appreciation of the work undertaken so far by AWHF, (5) authorized UNESCO to organize the Category 2 centre status evaluation and (6) requested the Secretariat to develop the AWHF Strategic Plan for the period 2016-2018.

2. Programs and activities implemented since June 2014 and planned for the current year

N.	Title of the activity	Reference to WHCBS ¹
MAKING THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST CREDIBLE REPRESENTATIVE AND BALANCED		
1	Nomination Evaluation Workshop Anglophone (Botswana, November 2014)	1.1, 1.6, 2.2, 2.5, 2.8, 4.8, 10.7
2	Nomination Evaluation Workshop Francophone (Burkina Faso, November 2014)	
3	Nomination Evaluation Workshop Francophone (Mali, September 2015)	
4	Nomination Evaluation Workshop Anglophone (Ethiopia, November 2015)	
5	Online database on the African World Heritage properties (www.awhf.net/geomap)	6.2
CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES IN AFRICA		
6	Grant assistance to <u>Botswana</u> (<i>Rock Art Conservation and Community</i>)	4.9, 5.3, 6.1

¹ WHCBS stands for the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy (see: <http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011/whc11-35com-9Be.pdf>)

	<i>Guides Workshop at Tsodilo, Mauritius (Development of signage and information panels at Le Morne Cultural Landscape) and Chad (Preparation of a Disaster Risk Management Plan for the Lakes of Ounianga)</i>	
7	Call for Application for World Heritage Conservation Grants (June-July 2015)	4.9, 5.3, 6.1
8	Risk Preparedness training workshop for Portuguese Speaking African Countries – PALOP (Mozambique, July-August 2014)	3.3, 3.6, 4.5
	Risk Preparedness training workshop Anglophone (Namibia, September 2015)	
	Risk Preparedness Workshop Francophone (Cameroon, February 2016)	
9	Risk Management Field Project for Portuguese Speaking African Countries – PALOP (Cape Verde, February-March 2015)	4.3, 4.5
10	Entrepreneurship Field Project Anglophone (Zambia, September-October 2014)	5.2, 5.3, 8.2, 8.3
11	Entrepreneurship field mentoring visits Francophone (Mali, Cameroon & Madagascar, February-March 2015)	
12	Entrepreneurship Programme Review Meeting (Benin, May 2015)	8.2
13	Publication on “Living with World Heritage in Africa” (September 2014)	1.1
14	Research and publication on “Traditional management systems in Africa” (2014-2015)	7.1, 8.1
15	International Seminar on the 20 th Anniversary of Nara Document (South Africa, July 2014)	4.7, 4.9
16	Seminar on “World Heritage Experiences in Africa” (Morocco, October 2014)	1.6, 3.2, 4.7, 7.1, 7.3
17	Sustainable Tourism field workshops (Malawi, Tanzania, South Africa, Zambia, January-September 2015)	7.3
18	Regional Workshop on “Harmonizing Heritage with the African Union Agenda 2063”	7.2
	PROMOTION, NETWORKING AND PARTNERING ACTIVITIES	
21	Business Leaders Breakfast (South Africa, May 2015)	10.8
22	Youth internships (2014-2015) at AWHF, Ecole du Patrimoine Africain-EPA (Benin) and Centre for Heritage Development in Africa –CHDA (Kenya)	3.3, 5.3
23	Heritage partners Roundtable (Cote d’Ivoire, June 2015)	10.8
24	Fundraising Event for Private Sector (Kenya, November 2015)	10.8
25	Publication of Annual Report 2014 (South Africa, June 2015)	9.1
26	Participation to various grouping meeting (African Union, ECOWAS, SADC etc.)	7.4, 10.8

3. **Website of the Centre (if available):** www.awhf.net

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