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## COP21 Thematic Day at UNESCO Pavilion

## UNESCO Sites: A Climate Change Observatory

## Saturday, 5 December 2015

**Climate Generations Areas**

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## A series of events is organised at the UNESCO Pavilion during COP21 on 5 December that invite expert speakers and audience to explore how the impacts of climate change are being evidenced and managed at UNESCO designated [World Heritage sites](http://whc.unesco.org/en/climatechange/), [Biosphere Reserves](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/ecological-sciences/biodiversity-and-climate-change/biosphere-reserves-and-climate-change/) and [Global Geoparks](http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/global-geoparks/).

11.00-11.15

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO UNESCO SITES**

11.15-12.00

**UNESCO SITES AS EXPERIMENTAL AREAS FOR GREEN GROWTH AND LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT**

*In partnership with the International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO in Beijing, China (HIST)*

**Prof. Natarajan Ishwaran** – Visiting Professor and State Recruited Expert of the International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO in Beijing, China

**Mr Andrew Bell** – Vice-Chair for International Programmes of the UK MaB Programme and the Director of the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Devon, UK

**Dr Le Van Chinh** – Official, Department of Social and Natural Sciences Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam

13.00-14.00

**UNESCO SITES AS CLIMATE CHANGE OBSERVATORIES: THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES, BIOSPHERE RESERVES AND GLOBAL GEOPARKS FOR CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE AND ACTION**

**Prof. Brendan Mackey** – Director, Griffith Climate Change Response Program, Griffith University, IUCN Council, Regional Councilor for Oceania, Chair, Climate Change Task Force

**Dr Qunli Han** – Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, Secretary, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme

**Dr Mechtild Rössler** – Director of the Division for Heritage and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

**Prof. Patrick McKeever** – Chief of Section, Earth Sciences and Geohazard Risk Reduction, Secretary of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme

**Prof. Lee White** – CBE, Secrétaire Exécutif, Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux, Parcs Gabon

**Mr Richard Kapere** – Acting Planning Coordinator / Climate Change Focal Point, Uganda Wildlife Authority

14.15-15.00

**UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE MARINE PROGRAMME: THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON OUR COMMON OCEAN HERITAGE**

**Dr Russell Reichelt** – CEO Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Australia

**Dr Fanny Douvere** – Project Officer, UNESCO World Heritage Marine Programme

15.15-16.00

**CULTURAL HERITAGE & AR6: IMPROVING THE TREATMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE NEXT IPCC ASSESSMENT REPORT**

*In partnership with the U.S. National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (US/ICOMOS) and the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO)*

**Mr Andrew Potts** – JD, Executive Director, US/ICOMOS

**Mr Oliver Maurice** – Director, INTO

**Dr Katharine J. Mach** –Director, Science, IPCC Working Group II Technical Support Unit

**Dr Mechtild Rössler** – Director of the Division for Heritage and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

16.00-16.45

**RENEWABLE ENERGY AND UNESCO SITES**

17.00-17.45

**ARCTIC AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

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