

# Report for the 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee

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### 1. Institutional and operational structure of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises)

The Board of Trustees ordinarily meets twice a year in June and December. It's composed of 5 regional members (East, West, North, Centre and Southern Africa), 3 professional members, 3 institutional members (UNESCO, African Union and South Africa as host) and 2 ex-officio members. The Secretariat is currently composed of 12 staff including 2 interns, 2 consultants and 1 seconded. The premise and part of the operation are funded by the host country. Contributions from other States Parties help to consolidate operation and implement programmes. The AWHF also has an Endowment Fund which returns on investment aim to sustain its operation.

### 2. Updates on the management of the Centre – particularly on meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions adopted

The 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were held in December 2015 in Kenya and June 2016 in South Africa. The meetings among others (1) approved the Strategic Plan for the period April 2016-March 2019, (2) appointed new regional Board members for East, North and West Africa, (3) approved the implementation of the AWHF's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative programme in 2016, (4) Requested the Africa Group at UNESCO to encourage African State Parties to commemorate the African World Heritage day on 5<sup>th</sup> May and (5) approved the financial statement for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

### 3. Programs and activities implemented since April 2015 and planned for the current year

N.	Title of the activity	Reference to WHCBS <sup>1</sup>
<b>MAKING THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST CREDIBLE REPRESENTATIVE AND BALANCED</b>		
1	Nomination workshop Francophone (Mali, October 2015)	1.1. 1.6, 2.2, 2.5, 2.8, 4.8, 10.7
2	Nomination workshop Anglophone (Ethiopia, November 2015)	
<b>CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES IN AFRICA</b>		
3	Grant assistance to <u>Lesotho</u> ( <i>Management of Natural and Cultural Resources of Sehlabathebe National Park</i> ), <u>South Africa</u> ( <i>Preparation of a Disaster and Risks Management Plan for Robben Island World heritage Site</i> ), <u>Cape Verde</u> ( <i>Restoration of Saint Antonio Fort at Cidade Velha</i> ), <u>Madagascar</u> ( <i>Conservation of the</i>	4.9, 5.3, 6.1

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

	<i>Rainforest of Atsinanana</i> ) and <u>Niger</u> (Monitoring of the Ecology of the Air and Ténéré National Nature Reserves)	
4	Call for applications for World Heritage Conservation Grant	4.9, 5.3, 6.1
5	Anglophone Risk Preparedness Workshop (Namibia, February - March 2016)	3.3, 3.6, 4.5
6	Review meeting of the Entrepreneurship programme at African World Heritage Sites (Benin, May 2015)	8.2
7	Field mission on Entrepreneurship at World heritage Sites programme (Mali, Madagascar, Cameroon, May-June 2015)	5.2, 5.3, 8.2, 8.3
8	Workshops on Sustainable Tourism at World Heritage Sites (Zambia, South Africa and Malawi, May-Nov 2015)	7.3
9	Workshop on Harmonizing Heritage with the African Union Agenda 2063 (South Africa, May 2015)	7.3
10	Youth Forum on African World Heritage (South Africa, April-May 2016)	3.3, 5.1, 5.3, 10.1
11	Seminar of African World Heritage...Thinking Ahead” (South Africa, May 2016)	4.8, 4.9, 5.3, 10.1
	<b>PROMOTION, NETWORKING AND PARTENSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	
12	Publication of annual report (April 2015-March 2016) and online Quarterly Reports (April, July, October and January)	9.1
13	Travelling photographic exhibition of “African Heritage under Attack” (South Africa, May 2015-June 2016))	9.2
14	Launch of new website (December 2015)	9.2
15	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Night of African Legends (South Africa, May 2016)	9.1
16	Participation to various events in Africa and abroad	7.4, 10.8

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

5. Designated Focal Point(s) (name, title

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