

**FORMAT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORTS
BY THE STATES PARTIES
(in compliance with Paragraph 169 of the *Operational Guidelines*)**

Samarkand- Crossroad of Cultures (Uzbekistan) (C 603rev)

1. Executive Summary of the Report

Samarkand – Crossroad of Cultures is one of them, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2001. The historic centre is under the State protection and management activities should be in place. In 2012 the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was adopted retrospectively and in 2013 its Management Plan was submitted to and acknowledged by the World Heritage Committee.

Maintenance and monitoring of Samarkand – Crossroad of Cultures is under the responsibility of the Samarkand Regional Inspection for the Protection and Utilization of Monuments of Cultural Heritage of the Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Republic of Uzbekistan in cooperation with the State Committee for Architecture and Construction and local authorities supervised by the Cabinet of Ministers.

The site-managers of the World Heritage Site– Samarkand- Crossroad of Cultures prepared the State of Conservation Report for the World Heritage Centre in accordance with the requirements of the Convention concerning the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage and Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention, as well as following acting laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan: “On safeguarding and use of archaeological sites”, Decree No 269 dated 2002 by the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan “On measures for further improvement for safeguarding and use of cultural heritage objects”, Urban Planning Code and other legal statements. In 2016, the site-managers worked with citizens, legal entities authorities concerning the creation of the cadastre maps of objects, implementation work connected with preservation of the architectural, archaeological and pilgrim objects.

The site-managers together with the Samarkand state cadastre have implemented work on the preparation and registration of the cadastre documents for the objects located within the nomination area and buffer zone in 2016. 72 inferences were directed to the state cadastre in order to include the selected objects to the State cadastre list, as well as the information concerning the owners and users of the objects. Within these objects: 22 sites are under local protection; 36 sites situated in the protected area and historically connected with the cultural objects, 19 – situated within the nomination area. 6000 photos were taken in historic centre. During the inventory activities 61 objects were monitored and some sites which needed to be conserved were identified. The list of these objects was sent to Principal Department for Preservation and Utilization of Cultural Objects for including them to the Financial support list.

2. Response to the Decision of the World Heritage Committee

According to Decision 39COM 7B.73 the World Heritage Committee requested:

2.1 Management Plan. The site-managers have carried out the following work:

In accordance with the approved Management Plan of the World Heritage Site-Samarkand- Crossroad of Cultures, the site-managers have expounded the requirements of the international and national laws on the protection of the world heritage sites to individuals and state organizations. The juridical procedures of the legal usage of the monuments. 21 notifications on the installation of the Sign (notified that the site is under protection and the sample was agreed with the Head of Principal Department for Preservation and Utilization of Cultural Objects of the Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan) were given to the state, legal entities and individuals.

The awareness raising activities has been undertaken with the local population, mahalla, khokimiat living in Samarkand-Crossroad of Culture – World Heritage Property have implemented by the specialists from Inspection.

Although, the Management Plan was submitted in 2013, it was not approved by the Cabinet Ministry of the Republic of Uzbekistan and was not included at state programme. There is lack of human, financial, transport and technique resources at the Inspection.

2.2 Traffic scheme project is under developing in "Toshkentboshplan LITI". Some changes of the General Plan are planned. The survey, preparation of the documents and schemes will start in 2017, which include new transport routes. The main aim of the Traffic scheme project is traffic relief, especially in historical zone. All heavy transport will be taken out from the city centre. The tram line will be projected but it would not cover the historic core. All planned works will be discussed with the Interregional Inspection and Principal Department for Preservation and Utilization of Cultural Objects.

2.3 Historic Urban landscape. The implementation of the project has started. On the 18th October, the first meeting of the UNESCO/Netherlands Funds-in-Trust project with the support of the World Heritage Centre “Application of the UNESCO Recommendation on Historic Urban landscape (HUL, 2011) at the World Heritage properties of the Historic Centre of Bukhara and Samarkand, Uzbekistan” took place at the Regional Inspection of Samarkand. It was the first time that the stakeholders were meeting including the Regional Inspection, Uzbektourism, and Hokhimyat representatives. The Historic Urban Landscape Approach with some illustrative examples was introduced to the stakeholders. The Management Framework developed in 2012 was recalled as a tool for the protection of the World Heritage Property. However, specific issues (others than conservation) were not identified, and vision, objectives and actions/strategies have not been developed. Therefore, it was agreed to work on these components during the next workshop in 2017, and a set of information should be prepared before the meeting

3. Other current conservation issues identified by the State(s) Party(ies) which may have an impact on the property's Outstanding Universal Value

4. In conformity with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines, describe any potential major restorations, alterations and/or new construction(s) intended within the property, the buffer zone(s) and/or corridors or other areas, where such developments may affect the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, including authenticity and integrity.

There are not major projects, except the Traffic scheme project. The Samarkand Inspection asked the "Toshkentboshplan LITI" provide more detailed information, but it was said that all project is under development.

5. This report can be uploaded to the World Heritage Centre's State of conservation Information System for public access (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/soc>).

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