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## CALL FOR APPLICATION

### 3rd AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM

#### Mainstreaming youth perspective and involvement in conservation and sustainable development of African World Heritage

**DATE:** 30<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**VENUE:** Island of Mozambique World Heritage Site, Mozambique

**ORGANISERS:** the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF), the Government of the Republic of Mozambique, UNESCO Office in Maputo and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

**WITH THE SUPPORT OF:** African Union

In collaboration with UNESCO and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Mozambique, the African World Heritage Fund is organising the Third Regional Youth Forum on World Heritage in Africa. The Forum, which follows the gathering in 2016 for English-speaking countries in Robben Island (South Africa) and the Francophone one in 2017 at Loropeni Ruins (Burkina Faso), will address the African Lusophone Youth.

The four-day Forum (30 April-3 May) will consist of fieldwork on the interpretation of the Island of Mozambique World Heritage Site and will conclude with a one-day Seminar (4 May) and the official celebration of the African World Heritage Day (5 May).

#### **Aims and objectives**

This forum will promote increased participation of African youth and raise their sense of ownership, stewardship and accountability for World Heritage protection and promotion. The forum will seek to:

- a) Mobilise young people in World Heritage conservation and sustainable development efforts in the region and create a platform for harnessing the creativity of youth while providing opportunities for them to work together and to build networks;
- b) Raise youth awareness and appreciation of issues and threats facing current conservation efforts through a better understanding of the World Heritage Convention and the strategic guidelines for its implementation;
- c) Improve the legibility of the Island of Mozambique by reflecting on possible visit itineraries involving interactions with groups and individuals of the local communities;
- d) Raise the youth's capacity to develop site conservation and promotion in their own countries, taking into account present day environmental issues and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals;

- e) Promote inter-generational and multidisciplinary dialogue and sharing of knowledge amongst youth, experts and specialists as regards the preservation and promotion of cultural and natural heritage.

The Youth Forum will provide a platform to formulate a Declaration on the Promotion of World Heritage in Africa.

### **Structure of the Forum**

- a) Oral presentations by heritage and youth specialists and also by young participants on heritage related issues in their own countries. Presentations will also include the feedback and follow up initiatives from the participants who attended the previews Fora.
- b) Hands-on/practical activities that provide skills for heritage preservation and promotion.
- c) Guided group visits to the Island of Mozambique World Heritage site as part of the practical fieldwork to improve the understanding and promotion of the site with the involvement of local communities.
- d) Group discussions and workshops to draw up the results and the final document of the Forum (to be presented during the Celebration of African World Heritage Day on 5<sup>th</sup> May).

### **Participants**

Eighteen (18) African participants will be selected for the forum matching the following profile:

- a) Aged from 18 - 28 years old;
- b) Acquired minimum a post-secondary certified training and qualifications (Bachelor equivalent) with above average performance;
- c) Fluent in Portuguese. Ability to communicate in one of the other official African Union languages (Swahili, Arabic, English or French) would be an advantage;
- d) Motivated, active and driven individuals interested in engaging in a World Heritage network of African youth, and eager to implement the outcomes of the forum in their home countries;

The project is open to participants from all African countries.

The participants commit to attend the full length of the forum. They should be committed to invest time to prepare and follow up on the recommendations of the Youth Forum.

### **Working language**

The working language is Portuguese. However, this Forum will also promote the idea of a greater regional integration by advocating the principle that participants should be able to overcome language barriers and interact with facilitators and amongst themselves in other official languages of the African Union.

### **Funding**

The costs for the forum (return airfare, accommodation, meals, local transportation at the host country) will be covered by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Mozambique, the African World Heritage Fund, the Government of the Portuguese Republic (Portuguese Cooperation, Camões Institute for Cooperation and Language) and UNESCO.

## **Health Insurance**

The applicant is responsible for arranging, at his/her own expense, life, health and other forms of insurance coverage during the visit.

## **Applying for the Forum**

Each applicant should submit the following **application package**:

- The completed application form;
- A motivation letter (maximum 1 page) detailing your reasons for applying and experiences related to World Heritage;
- An up to date and chronologically complete Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum);
- A signed letter of recommendation from a university, organization or administrative authority/supervisor.

## **Selection criteria**

The following items will be strongly considered during selection:

- Applicant profile answers to selection criteria;
- Completed application package (application form, CV, motivation letter, and recommendation letter);
- Diversity, gender and geographic balance;
- Complementary experience amongst the group of participants as a whole;

## **Deadline**

The complete application package should be submitted **at the latest on the 31st March 2018 (midnight GMT) via the following email address: [awhfforumjuvenil2018@gmail.com](mailto:awhfforumjuvenil2018@gmail.com)**

For any queries or problems during application process, please contact AWHF: Albino Jopela ([JopsJ@dbsa.org](mailto:JopsJ@dbsa.org)) with copy to Nony Tiana Andriamirado ([NonyA@dbsa.org](mailto:NonyA@dbsa.org)). Please note that applications sent to these emails will not be accepted, please send the application pack only to the stipulated email address: [awhfforumjuvenil2018@gmail.com](mailto:awhfforumjuvenil2018@gmail.com)

Applicants will be selected by a jury consisting of representatives from the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF), Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Mozambique, UNESCO World Heritage Centre and UNESCO Maputo Office.

Successful applicants will be informed by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the latest.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

### **The African World Heritage Youth Forum**

The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) was launched on 5 May 2006 at Sterkfontein, South Africa, with the mandate to contribute to the effective conservation and management of cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value on the African continent. The AWHF was granted the status of Category II Centre under the auspices of UNESCO since 2009. The work of the AWHF covers all 55 African Member States to the African Union and UNESCO.

On 16 November 2015, the 38th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO adopted a resolution proclaiming May 5th as African World Heritage Day. The 5th May 2016 also marked the 10th Anniversary of the AWHF's launch. The format used so far to organise the regional commemoration of the African World Heritage Day is to combine the celebration with a Regional Youth Forum. The mission of both Anglophone (Robben Island, South Africa, 2016) and Francophone (Loropeni Ruins, Burkina Faso, 2017) editions of the African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum was to bring together youth from African Union Member States to exchange views on issues of global importance in the field of heritage, identify common opportunities and challenges, and develop a series of calls to action that can have an impact at policy level.

### **Island of Mozambique World Heritage Site**

The city of Island of Mozambique, from which the name of the country is derived, is a calcareous coral reef situated 4 km from the mainland coast at the entrance to the Mossuril Bay of the Indian Ocean in Nampula Province, northern Mozambique. The Island is 3 km long and 200 to 500 meters wide, with an urban area of approximately 1 km<sup>2</sup>. It forms an archipelago with the two small uninhabited islands of Goa and Sena and is now connected to the mainland, at Sanculo-Lumbo, by a bridge that was built in the 1960s.

The Island was the first city of Mozambique since 1818 and transferred to the actual capital Maputo in 1887. In 1991, the World Heritage Committee inscribed the Island of Mozambique on UNESCO's World Heritage List. This was in recognition that the town and the fortifications of the Island are an outstanding example of architecture in which local traditions, Portuguese influences and, to a somewhat lesser extent, Indian and Arab influences are all interwoven (criterion iv). The Island of Mozambique bears important witness to the establishment and development of the Portuguese maritime routes between Western Europe and the Indian sub-continent and thence all of Asia (criterion vi).

The Youth Forum will take place in a year when the Island of Mozambique celebrates its 200th anniversary as a city. A special Organizing Committee was set up with a mission to mobilise local, national and international partners in the celebrations while streamlining the celebrations of 200th anniversary of the Island with the conservation and development initiatives.