



International Expert Meeting on the Conservation and Revitalization of the Kasbah of Algiers, a World Heritage property

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Conclusions

Current Situation

The quality of Algerian experts and academics and of the governmental institutions is very high, and demonstrates the ability to carry out the activities for the safeguarding of the Kasbah. However, the institutional framework would require reform.

The technical achievements in the Kasbah are significant and the Safeguarding Plan (PPSMVSS) is still valid and necessary, however there is need to adopt for an integrated and participative socio economical approach.

An analysis of the housing policy in the Kasbah, their hygiene and their security, together with a proposal of a sustainable management plan has to be part of this evaluation.

Evaluation of past actions

Before making significant changes to the Safeguarding Plan, a methodical and scientific evaluation must be conducted, not to audit past actions, but to better guide the future.

Vision

Any plan of safeguarding and revitalization plan requires above all a vision for the Kasbah of Algiers and more generally of the city of Algiers. It is important to envision a future that Algeria and the Algerians would like for their city.

Institutional set-up

The current management structure is fragmented, which makes it slower and less efficient. It would be crucial to create a single structure that include all relevant, centralizes the information and has a decision-making authority and autonomy.

Co planning of the City of Algiers/ the Kasbah of Algiers

The Casbah is intrinsically linked to the city of Algiers, thus all urban planning has to be jointly coordinated by the Kasbah and the municipality and guarantee a dialogue between the planners. Infrastructure projects in the wider city affect the Kasbah, its landscape, its relation with the sea, its social , economic and environmental development. It is therefore necessary to study the impact of these projects on the Kasbah before implementing them.

Initiate an immediate change

To encourage, foster and support the development of projects could galvanize the economic and social development in order to create growing clusters that will lead to the mix of uses and social diversity.

Follow-up mechanisms

It would be appropriate to ensure a follow-up mechanism for the implementation of the following recommendations by UNESCO, on a quarterly or semi-annual basis mission,, in order to support the Algerian authorities technically in their ongoing efforts.

Integration of key actors

Ensure and improve the integration of academics, members of the civil society, specialized workers and other actors deemed essential in the safeguarding actions, with an important component granted to training and job creation.

