

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Regional meeting on transboundary cooperation for effective management of World Heritage sites in Africa

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre is organizing a regional meeting to promote transboundary cooperation and strengthen the knowledge for effective management of cultural and natural World Heritage sites in Africa. The meeting, which is funded by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust and organised in collaboration with the State Party of Niger, the Advisory Bodies (IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM) and the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF), facilitates interactive exchange on existing or potential initiatives for transboundary cooperation.

#### When?

10-14 December 2018

#### Where?

Tapoa, Niger

#### Aims and objectives

The main objective of the meeting is to contribute to effective management of transboundary<sup>1</sup> and transnational serial<sup>2</sup> World Heritage properties in sub-Saharan Africa. It will also address management of World Heritage properties whose management may require transboundary/transnational cooperation. More specifically, this regional meeting aims to:

- Exchange on the knowledge and experiences on the management of transboundary and transnational serial World Heritage sites in Africa, including the usage of traditional knowledge;
- Analyse the role of the World Heritage Convention in promoting transboundary cooperation in Africa;
- Elaborate and publish the recommendations for effective management of transboundary and transnational World Heritage sites in Africa.

<sup>1</sup> A transboundary property is located on the territory of several States Parties having adjacent borders (Paragraphs 134-136, *Operational Guidelines*).

<sup>2</sup> A transnational serial property will include two or more component parts related by clearly defined links and is located on the territory of several States Parties (Paragraphs 137-139, *Operational Guidelines*).

## Format of the workshop

The participants will discuss the situation and the results of transboundary cooperation initiatives in thematic sessions in order to share experiences, practices, challenges and needs of the region in terms of transboundary cooperation. Following the presentations of case studies, the experts will bring their contributions during the discussion sessions.

## How to apply?

This call is open to site managers, local communities, NGOs, experts and representatives of countries involved in transboundary cooperation initiatives for the effective management of cultural and natural World Heritage sites in Sub-Saharan African countries.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their CVs (two pages max) and a summary of their paper in French or English (300 words max), to [WH-Africa@unesco.org](mailto:WH-Africa@unesco.org). This summary should be relevant to the theme of the workshop and describe transboundary cooperation initiatives for effective management of World Heritage sites in Africa.

The participation is limited to one person per case study in the case where a paper is co-authored and submitted by several people, applicants are invited to name the representative of the entire group. Applications from women are strongly encouraged.

## Deadline for submission: 21 October 2018

### Important dates

- 21/10/2018 Submission deadline for paper abstracts
- 09/11/2018 Announcement of the selection of contributions
- 30/11/2018 Submission of the full papers and the PowerPoint presentations by authors

### Outline of the programme

- 9/12/2018 Arrival in Tapoa and registration
- 10-14/12/2018 Opening, keynote speech, presentations and discussion sessions
- 13/12/2018 Site visit to the W-Arly-Pendjari World Heritage property; conclusion of the working sessions and recommendations of the meeting.
- 15/12/2018 Return to Niamey for homebound flights