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Programme

UNESCO Sub-Regional Conference on World Heritage Global Strategy in the context of South Asia 21-22 February 2019, Kolkata, West Bengal

Day 0 20 Feb: Arrival of the participants

20:00: Welcome dinner and Baul performance hosted by the Government of West Bengal

¹DAY 1 Plenary

09:00-9:30 Registration with coffee/tea

Opening Session 09:30-10:10

Moderator: West Bengal Government

Felicitation of dignitaries on the dais

Congratulatory remark:

Sri Gautam Deb, Honorable Minister In-charge of Tourism, Government of West Bengal

Mr Alapan Bandopadhyay, Additional Chief Secretary, Dept of Commerce and Industry,
Government of West Bengal

Mr Shuvaprasanna, Chairman, West Bengal Heritage Commission

Opening Session:

Sri Atri Bhattacharya, Principal Secretary, Tourism and Home and Hill Affairs Departments,
Government of West Bengal

Mr Eric Falt, Director and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka

10:10-10:20 Coffee Break

10:20-11:30 Session I: Keynote papers:

- The Objectives of the Conference and its Background/Background of the World Heritage Global Strategy: Ms Junhi Han
- World Heritage Global Strategy implementation at the international level: Dr Christopher Young
- World Heritage Global Strategy implementation at the South Asia level: Dr Shikha Jain
Q/A

¹ N.B.: The First day of the Conference will not be open to public at large, as a meeting between the representatives of the State Parties of South Asia and the States' governments of India. The Second Day of the Conference will on the other hand, be open to a few number of individual experts in India who expressed their interest in attending the Conference.

11:30-12:30 Session II: Identifying the gap in South Asia's World Heritage List

Moderator:

- Bhutan: Mr Yeshe Samdrup
 - Maldives: Ms Hawwa Nazla
 - Nepal: Mr Suresh Suras Shrestha
 - Sri Lanka: Mr Prasanna Ratnayake
- Q and A/Discussion

12:30-13:30 Continuation of the session II: India: Dr. Sonali Ghosh/ Floor to be given to the representatives from the States of India

13:30-15:00 Lunch Break

15:00-17:00 Session III: Everything you want to know about World Heritage

(the session is to be divided in four small groups in order to facilitate maximum interaction between participants and experts)

17:00 Coffee Break

17:30-18:30 West Bengal presents its rich heritage: Intangible and tangible including the opening of the Exhibition on Craft of West Bengal.

- Representative from the West Bengal Government
- Mr Eric Falt, Director and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka
- Prof Debdutta Gupta: Durga Puja as cultural heritage

18:30 Networking Dinner hosted by West Bengal Government

DAY 2 Session IV

Thematic Approach- Under-represented categories of heritage in South Asia

09:30-11:30 Landscape in South Asia

- Introduction and Moderating expert: Dr Shikha Jain (20mn)
- Introduction on Cultural Landscape and Mixed sites and presentation of a few existing WH properties under Cultural Landscape or Mixed sites

Exploring Cultural Landscape in South Asia:

- Current project UNESCO JPN FIT for South Asian Cultural Landscape Project in Bhutan: Mr Lhendup Tharchen, Bhutan (12mn)
- Apatani Cultural Landscape, Arunachal Pradesh, India: Ms Radhe Yampi (12mn)
- Mughal Gardens in Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir, India: Mr Saleem Shisghar (12mn)

- Nature-Culture Linkage: Dr Sonali Ghosh (12mn)
- The Cultural map of West Bengal and the Sustainable regeneration of Heritage: Mr Alapan Bandopadhyay (12mn)

Q/A and discussion

11:30-12:30 Industrial Heritage

- Introduction and moderating expert: Ms Junhi Han
Introduction on Industrial Heritage and presentation of a few existing WH Industrial Heritage (10mn)

Exploring Industrial Heritage of South Asia

- Indian Railways' Industrial Heritage, Mr. Subrato Nath (20mn)
- Khokana: the Vernacular Village and its Mustard-Oil Seed Industrial Heritage: Mr Suresh Suras Shrestha (20mn)

Q/A and discussion

12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

(long Lunch break due to the finalization of the Draft Kolkata Recommendations by UNESCO and UNESCO Experts).

14:30-15:40 Historic Towns in South Asia

- Introduction and moderating expert: Dr Sharif Shams Imon

Introduction on historic towns and presentation of a few existing WH properties as Historic towns (15mn)

Exploring historic towns in South Asia:

- Kolkata: Greater Kolkata: Prof. Santosh Kumar Ghosh (15mn)
- Shimla: Dr. Purnima Chauhan, Secretary (LAC), Himachal Pradesh (15mn)

Q/A and discussion

15:40–16:40 Heritage Routes in South Asia

- Introduction and moderating expert: Dr Christopher Young

Introduction on Heritage Routes and presentation of a few existing WH properties under the categories of Heritage Routes or on-going initiatives (10-15mn)

Exploring Heritage Routes in South Asia

- Sites along the Uttarapath, Badshahi Sadak, Sadak-e-Azam, Grand Trunk Road (India): ASI representative: ASI
- Seruwila to Sri Pada (Sacred Foot Print Shrine), Ancient pilgrim route along the Mahaweli river: (Sri Lanka: Mr Prasanna Ratnayake) (15mn)
- Sacred Mountain Landscape and Heritage Routes (India): Cat. II. Centre Dehradun: Mr Neeraj Kakati (15mn)

Q/A and Discussion

16:40-17:15 Coffee Break

17:15-18:00 Wrap- up Session:

Moderator:

Presentation Draft Kolkata Recommendations for World Heritage Global Strategy in South Asia and its Adoption of the Kolkata Recommendations:

18:00-18:10 Closing Remark

Sri Indranil Sen, Hon'ble Minister of State for Information, Cultural Affairs and Tourism,
Government of West Bengal

Ms Junhi Han, UNESCO New Delhi

18:30 Farewell Dinner and Chau Dance Performance hosted by West Bengal Government