

# INTERNATIONAL EXPERT MEETING

## HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF MTSKHETA Conservation and sustainable use of the World Heritage property Historical Monuments of Mtskheta and its setting / Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context



REPUBLIC  
(CONFERENCE HALL)  
FIRST REPUBLIC SQUARE 6  
13 – 14 MAY

12-14 MAY 2019  
MTSKHETA-TBILISI, GEORGIA

## MAY 13 – FIRST DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERT MEETING

### REGISTRATION

08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION

### INTRODUCTORY SESSION

09:00-09:15 INTRODUCTION – ORGANIZERS

09:15-09:30 Keynote speech “Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage properties of religious interest and associative values of Holy Cities: Conserving the Sacred” (UNESCO World Heritage Centre)

Dr Anna Sidorenko, UNESCO World Heritage Centre

09:30-09:45 Keynote speech “Functions and requirements of the Holy City in XXI century: new technologies at the service of the Sacred:” (PRERICO ICOMOS – TBC)

Dr Rii Hae Un, ICOMOS PRERICO

CASE-STUDY SESSION 1:

“HOLY CAPITAL OF MTSKHETA (GEORGIA): THE NEW JERUSALEM”

- 09:45-10:00** New Jerusalem concept - interpretation and presentation  
**TAMILA MGALOBlishvili** TEXT WILL BE READ BY LELA KHOPHERIA
- 10:00-10:15** Ethnicity of Mtskheta, the alphabet and the state  
**ZAZA ALEQSIDZE** Text read by Dali Chitunashvili
- 10:15-10:30** Archaeological topography of the Big Mtskheta  
**VAKHTANG NIKOLAISHVILI** Text read by Koba Koberidze
- 10:30-10:45** The spiritual path of Mtskheta and Jerusalem  
**IRAKLI ORZHONIA**
- 10:45-11:00** Conceptualization of the city of Mtskheta as a Holy City in the Georgian identity narrative  
**MARINA CHKHARTISHVILI**
- 11:00-11:15** Mtskheta space semantics  
**ASMAT OQROPIRIDZE**
- 11:15-11:30** "Christ's mantle Guard City" - Spiritual significance  
**KETEVAN ABASHIDZE**
- 11:30-11:45** Mtskheta - The Catholic Diocese  
**MZIA SURGULADZE**
- MODERATOR TBC MS MANANA VARDZELASHVILI (GEORGIA)**
- 11:45-12:00** **BREAK**

CASE-STUDY SESSION 1 (CONTINUED):

“HOLY CAPITAL OF MTSKHETA (GEORGIA): THE NEW JERUSALEM”

- 12:00 - 12:15** The history of Christ's mantle in Georgia and other examples in the world  
**ELDAR BUBULASHVILI**
- 12:15 - 12:30** Integrated Management of Cultural Landscape Environment in Mtskheta Pre-Project Proposal  
**REZO MAMULASHVILI**

- 12:30 - 12:45** Protection of Historical environment of Mtskheta Cultural Heritage  
**MARINA TUMANISHVILI**
- 12:45 - 13:00** Current Urban Master plan concept of Mtskheta - project presentation  
**AKAKI ZEREKIDZE**
- 13:35 - 14:30** **LUNCH**
- 13:00 - 13:15** Greater public goods of associative landscape and spatial-statutory frameworks of global and national legitimacies  
**PAATA SHANSHIASHVILI**
- MODERATOR TBC MS MANANA VARDZELASHVILI (GEORGIA)

#### DISCUSSION PANEL 1

#### UNDERSTANDING WORLD HERITAGE OF RELIGIOUS INTEREST

- 14:30 – 15:00** Concept of Outstanding Universal Value, including the conditions of integrity and/or authenticity expressed through a variety of attributes and indicators of character, sense/spirit of place and its relationship to the World Heritage properties
- LECTURE BY MR CHRISTOPHER YOUNG**
- 15:00 – 15:30** Discussion/ Question and Answer  
MODERATOR JON SELIGMAN, ICCROM
- 15:30 – 16:00** Understanding of the interpretations of integrity and authenticity which plays a fundamental role in all scientific studies of the cultural heritage, in conservation practices and restoration planning
- LECTURE BY MR MIKE TURNER, ICOMOS PRERICO**
- 16:00 – 16:30** Discussion/Question and Answer  
KATARZYNA PIOTROWSKA SITE MANAGER (POLAND)
- 16:30 – 17:00** **COFFEE BREAK**

## DISCUSSION PANEL 2

### IDENTIFICATION OF THE MAIN CHALLENGES IN THE GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND USE OF LIVING RELIGIOUS AND SACRED WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES IN A HISTORIC URBAN CONTEXT

**17:00 – 17:15** How to establish a balance between requirements of religious communities and protection and management of the World Heritage properties of religious interest in order to sustain the fundamental cultural values of these properties?

#### **INTRODUCTION OF THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS BY MODERATOR MR CHRISTOPHER YOUNG**

**17:15 – 17:45** Discussion/Question and Answer  
MODERATOR MR CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

**17:45 – 18:00** How should the recommendations regarding the regulations for conservation and management of religious properties take into account (1) the specific issues of the ongoing needs of religious communities, (2) access to the religious World Heritage properties for visitors and specialists in the field of conservation/restoration, (3) the support for urban needs of the surrounding communities? (4) What are the precautionary measures that should be adopted in relation to present challenges and foreseeable threats?

#### **INTRODUCTION OF THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS BY MODERATOR MR MIKE TURNER, ICOMOS PRERICO**

**18:00 – 18:30** Discussion/ Question and Answer  
MODERATOR MR MIKE TURNER, ICOMOS PRERICO

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## MAY 14 – DAY OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERT MEETING

### DISCUSSION PANEL 3

#### MANAGING LIVING RELIGIOUS AND SACRED WORLD HERITAGE IN A HISTORIC URBAN CONTEXT

**09:00 – 09:15** Managing Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context to sustain or enhance Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage properties as well as other values to the community including responsibilities of all stakeholders, including the State Party, the religious and lay communities and local authorities

**09:15 – 09:45** Discussion/ Question and Answer  
MODERATOR MR MIKE TURNER, ICOMOS PRERICO

**09:45 – 10:00** Coexistence of communities and interactions between different religions/spiritual traditions – site features landscape/surroundings – monument/site – intangible heritage/natural sacred sites - local human religious activities/and tourism – formula as status quo and simultaneum mixtum

**INTRODUCTION OF THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS BY MODERATOR MR MALLARACH, JOSEP-MARIA, IUCN**

**10:00 – 10:30** Discussion/ Question and Answer  
MODERATOR MR MALLARACH, JOSEP-MARIA, IUCN

**10:30 – 11:00** **BREAK**

### CASE STUDY SESSION 2

#### MANAGING LIVING RELIGIOUS AND SACRED WORLD HERITAGE IN A HISTORIC URBAN CONTEXT: NEW JERUSALEM CONCEPT INTERPRETATION AND PRESENTATION

**11:00 – 11:20** **LECTURE BY MR MIKE TURNER, ICOMOS PRERICO**

**11:20 – 11:40** KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA: the Mannerist Architectural and Park Landscape Complex and Pilgrimage Park  
**KATARZYNA PIOTROWSKA National Heritage Board (POLAND)**

- 11:40 – 12:00** The Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra: integrated management and compatible use of the World Heritage property of living religious values  
**DARINA NEDZELSKA Focal Point For World Heritage Convention (UKRAINE)**
- 12:00 – 12:20** Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands - Experience in the preservation of heritage of religious significance”  
**LIUDMILA EVGENEVA Site Manager (RUSSIA)**
- 12:20 – 13:00** Discussion/ Question and Answer  
MODERATOR MR MIKE TURNER, ICOMOS PRERICO
- 13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH**
- 14:30 – 16:30 LARGE BREAK OR CULTURAL VISIT**
- In parallel: finalization of the conclusions and recommendations by the drafting group composed of General Rapporteur and Moderators of each session

## PLENARY SESSION

### PRESENTATIONS OF THE SESSIONS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 16:30 – 17:00** Presentations by the Moderator of each session
- PRESENTATION BY GENERAL RAPPORTEUR OF THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING
- 17:00 – 17:30** Discussion on the draft Conclusions and Recommendations of the meeting
- 17:30 – 18:30** On-screen finalization of the recommendations of the meeting
- 18:30 – 19:00** Adoption of the Final Recommendations of the meeting