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5A: Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions

SUMMARY

This document contains a non-exhaustive overview of activities and results achieved in implementing the Decisions and Strategic Objectives in conjunction with the Expected Result as defined in the approved 39 C/5 Programme since the 42nd session held in Manama (Bahrain) in 2018. Focus has been placed on the results of activities not otherwise covered in working and information documents prepared for the 43rd session. More information about all World Heritage Centre activities is available at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/activities>.

Draft Decision: 43 COM 5A, see Point VII.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This document presents a report on the main activities and their results, conducted by the World Heritage Centre since the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee (Manama, 2018). It follows the document format requested by the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee (Phnom Penh, 2013) to better reflect Expected Result 1, as defined in the Approved 39 C/5 Programme and Budget 2018-2019.
2. The report consists of a narrative part, complemented by 5 Annexes. The narrative part presents the current structure of the World Heritage Centre and progress made in achieving the results defined by 39 C/5. The table contained in Annex 1 presents a list of activities in pursuit of the 5 Cs (Credibility, Conservation, Capacity-building, Communication and Communities) with results obtained, as requested by Decision **34 COM 5A** of the World Heritage Committee (Brasilia, 2010). Annex 2 contains the state of implementation of the Decisions adopted at the 42nd session. Annex 3 contains a list of meetings related to World Heritage. A report on the use of the World Heritage Emblem can be found under Annex 4. Annex 5 contains an inventory of World Heritage partnerships.

II. DUTIES, STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

3. The World Heritage Centre (hereinafter referred to as the “Centre” or the “Secretariat”) is headed by a Director (D-2 level), who is supported since the reorganization of the Culture Sector on 5 November 2018, by a Deputy Director (D-1 level). The Centre comprises five Regional Units supporting the implementation of the *Convention* in Africa, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as a Policy and Statutory Meetings Unit, and a World Heritage Nature, Sustainable Tourism and Outreach Unit established in 2018. Since the reorganization of the Culture Sector at the end of 2018, the Centre also comprises a team dedicated only to Nomination matters. As with all other Culture Conventions, the Centre receives logistical support for the preparation of its meetings from the Partnerships, Communication and Meetings Unit. Furthermore, there are two dedicated focal points for the Centre within the Culture Sector’s Administrative Unit structure.
4. Currently the Centre comprises 28 established posts financed under the Regular Programme: one Director and one Deputy Director post, 18 Professional posts and 8 General Service staff posts. In addition, 28 positions are financed through voluntary contribution/in-kind resources. Many positions have been financed thanks to the generous support provided by the States Parties of Germany, Hungary, Japan, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia, Sweden, Spain and Turkey through secondments, Junior Professional Officers/Associate Experts, non-reimbursable loans or otherwise through contribution to the sub-account for Human Resources.
5. Detailed information on the execution of the budget for the biennium 2018-2019 and a budget proposal of the World Heritage Fund for the biennium 2020-2021 can be found in document WHC/19/43.COM/14.

III. THE EXPECTED RESULT

6. The activities of the Centre support the current Medium-Term Strategy (2014-2021), the Approved Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 (39 C/5) Expected Result 1: **"Tangible heritage identified, protected, monitored and sustainably managed by Member States, in particular through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention"**.
7. The Expected Result has five Performance Indicators (PI):
 - PI 1 Sound governance of the 1972 Convention as shown by resolutions/decisions taken by the governing bodies
 - PI 2 Number of World Heritage properties where the conservation and management capacities are enhanced, including in collaboration with Category 2 Institutes and Centres
 - PI 3 Number of civil society stakeholders, including young people and women, contributing to the conservation of World Heritage properties and to World Heritage education within the framework of UNESCO-related projects and initiatives
 - PI 4 Number of World Heritage properties where the SDGs and the World Heritage Sustainable Development policy are mainstreamed in the conservation and management
 - PI 5 Number of States Parties which develop new or revised Tentative Lists and percentage of nomination dossiers in conformity with prescribed requirements
8. Special attention is paid to UNESCO's two global priorities, Africa and Gender Equality, in all activities of the Secretariat, as well as to youth and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Performance Indicator 1: Governing bodies

9. There have been no new ratifications of the *Convention* since the 42nd session.
10. The Centre ensured the effective organization of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee (Manama, 2018). 42 documents were prepared by the Secretariat (31 working documents and 11 information documents) and dispatched according to the statutory deadlines.
11. Following the recommendation by its Budget Working Group, the Committee endorsed during its 42nd session the 'Resource mobilization and communication strategy' and discussed, among other matters, the Recommendations of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) contained in the Comparative mapping study of forms and models for use of advisory services by international instruments and programmes.
12. 19 new properties were inscribed on the World Heritage List and 157 reports on the state of conservation were examined.
13. The Decisions report was made available online on 12 July 2018 at the following address: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/42COM>. The video recordings of the session are also available on the Centre's website.
14. By Decision **42 COM 12A**, the Committee decided to extend the mandate of the Ad-hoc working group, to be composed of members of the Committee and up to two non-members per Electoral Group, to examine different possibilities of reforming the nomination process and propose recommendations in view of increasing the balance and credibility of the World Heritage List. Its mandate also includes discussing the modalities for the possible use of advisory services of other entities with suitable experience and knowledge, in line with UNESCO's rules and regulations, and in addition to the current three Advisory Bodies.

15. The Ad-hoc working group has met several times since the end of the 42nd session. The Centre provided background information prior to the first working meeting and subsequently provided input and support, as required. The report of the group, including the recommendations made, is presented in working document WHC/19/43.COM/12A.
16. Through the organization of Orientation Sessions for Committee Members and Information Sessions for all States Parties, the Centre continues to support the preparation of Committee Members and States Parties for the forthcoming sessions of the Committee (Decision **35 COM 12B**) and to provide them with a better understanding of major statutory processes such as nominations, reactive monitoring, and procedural matters. The first Orientation Session in view of the 43rd session of the Committee, to be led by the Chairperson of the Committee, is scheduled to take place on 29 May 2019, in conjunction with the Information Session. A budget briefing will also be presented, as requested by the Committee. The second Orientation Session is scheduled for 30 June 2019, immediately prior to the 43rd session.
17. A special issue of the World Heritage Review on World Heritage in Bahrain was published ahead of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee in collaboration with the Bahraini authorities and widely disseminated. A special issue of the World Heritage Review on World Heritage in Azerbaijan, in view of the 43rd session, is being produced as well as a new edition of the World Heritage Map.

Performance Indicator 2: Capacity-building

18. The capacities of Member States and other stakeholders in the field of World Heritage have been enhanced by implementation of activities throughout all regions, in cooperation with the respective Category 2 Centres (C2Cs), UNESCO Field Offices, Advisory Bodies and other partners. More detailed information can be found in the table under Annex 1 of this document and in Document WHC/19/43.COM/6. The following represent a selection of some of these activities:
19. The 2nd World Heritage Site Managers' Forum was organized by the Bahraini authorities, the Centre and ICCROM from 21-28 June 2018 (Manama, Bahrain) with the theme 'World Heritage Site Manager: Role, Responsibility and Capacity-Building Needs'. Participants of the Forum included 44 representatives of World Heritage properties located in 33 States Parties (Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Cyprus, Germany, Jordan, Italy, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zambia and Zimbabwe);
20. As part of capacity-building activities for the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting, a series of workshops were organized to train national Focal Points and site managers from the Arab States region, as a collaboration between the Category 2 Centre ARC-WH and the Secretariat. A preparatory workshop for the Africa Region was also organized in Nelspruit (South Africa) in collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) and the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa;
21. The World Heritage Education programme organized a capacity-building workshop on fundraising, advocacy, communication and project management for team leaders of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative. The workshop was held in UNESCO (Paris) on 12-15 March 2019, and was attended by 10 female and 8 male team leaders of WHV campaigns from 16 countries, representing all 5 regions;
22. The 7th Annual Coordination Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage-Related Category 2 Centres and Institutes has been held in Bahrain (22-23 April 2019) to

- discuss among other items, the framework of collaboration between C2Cs and UNESCO, and the implementation of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting;
23. The Centre furthered its partnership with the AWHF C2C, through a number of capacity-building initiatives. A 'National Disaster Risk Management Workshop on World Heritage Sites in South Africa' was organized in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa at "Vredefort Dome" (29 July – 4 August 2018);
 24. A new initiative entitled "China-Africa exchange for capacity-building and knowledge-sharing among World Heritage practitioners" was organized in November 2018, where an expert group discussed adopting a results-based approach to capacity building and field projects, giving particular attention to African priorities. A follow up 'UNESCO-Africa-China Forum on World Heritage Capacity Building and Cooperation – World Heritage and Sustainable Development: sharing experiences between Africa and China' is being organized by the Centre in June 2019;
 25. The AWHF organized the first African Regional Course on 'Promoting People-Centered Approaches to Conservation of Nature and Culture' (PNC18) at "Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls" (Zambia) in collaboration with ICCROM and IUCN;
 26. The Secretariat also worked closely with the two C2Cs the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region in China (WHITR-AP), and the Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia and Pacific Region (Dehradun, India), in the implementation of capacity-building initiatives;
 27. Capacity-building activities were developed and implemented at national and regional levels in the Arab States region, in cooperation with UNESCO field offices, the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH), Advisory Bodies and other relevant partners. Activities concentrated on the safeguarding of cultural heritage in conflict situations; nomination processes with a focus on conservation and management; and integration of sustainable development policies in the conservation and management of properties;
 28. A workshop on Cultural Heritage in Impact Assessments (HIA) was organized in Cairo, Egypt (18-21 March 2019). The workshop aimed to provide Egyptian stakeholders with the necessary tools to undertake HIA especially when evaluating the potential impact of new developments on Outstanding Universal Value (OUV);
 29. Capacity-building activities implemented in the Central, Eastern and South-Eastern sub-region of Europe within the framework of advisory assistance, have focused on the preparation of management plans (Ukraine), preparation of amendments to the national legislation (Georgia), and urban master-planning activities (Georgia);
 30. The Centre contributed to the capacity-building workshop of Italian World Heritage site managers in Florence (January 2019). Financed by the Ministry of Culture, the workshop focused on the role and training needs of site managers, management plans, and the relationship between central government and management systems of World Heritage properties;
 31. The State Party of Turkey and the Secretariat are organizing a conference on Archaeological World Heritage properties, to consider the experience acquired in the management of archaeological heritage sites, especially for balancing research, conservation and presentation. With the support of a private scientific foundation, the meeting intends to initiate a network for sharing experiences and best practices of Archaeological World Heritage across the wider region;

32. A capacity-building programme was approved in August 2018 by the member states of the C2C Regional Heritage Management Training Centre "Lucio Costa" in Rio de Janeiro, on priority areas defined in the 'Action Plan for World Heritage in South America' (PAAS), 2015-2020. The Centre, the Institute for National Historic and Artistic Heritage (IPHAN) and the C2C, agreed upon a work plan for 2018-2020. A set of eight capacity-building modules were developed and approved by the C2C's second Governance Board Meeting;
33. A national seminar of site managers was held in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on strengthening Risk Management in World Heritage properties, with the support of the Argentinian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (CONAPLU), the Argentinian Committee for World Heritage (CAPM), and the Secretariat. The meeting identified potential risks to the OUV of World Heritage properties in Argentina, to allow site managers and national authorities to integrate Disaster Risk Management (DRM) into plans and mechanisms.

Performance Indicator 3: Conservation and awareness raising

34. A total of 157 state of conservation reports, including 54 related to properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger, were prepared by the Centre together with the Advisory Bodies, and examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 42nd session (Manama, 2018). It is to be noted that 16 of these reports were requested by the Committee in an inscription-related decision, either following an inscription of a new property on the List or further to a boundary modification. At the 43rd session, 5 reports resulting directly from inscription decisions, will be examined by the Committee.
35. As a result of reports relating to the state of conservation of World Heritage properties, the Committee inscribed 1 property on the List of World Heritage in Danger at its last session. At the same time 1 property was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger. In light of these decisions, there are currently 54 properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger.
36. At its 40th session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016) the World Heritage Committee had highlighted that stakeholders of the *Convention* were not always familiar with the content and procedures of the Reactive Monitoring process. It had therefore decided to formally address the situation and requested an evaluation of the effectiveness of Reactive Monitoring, including procedures and case studies (Decision **40 COM 7**). The evaluation was initiated in December 2017 and included wide consultation of all stakeholders of the *Convention*, as well as direct interviews of its main actors (States Parties, Site Managers, Committee members, Advisory Bodies, World Heritage Centre, civil society). The final evaluation is presented under Agenda Item 7 for examination by the Committee at its 43rd session.
37. Translation of all main *Convention* documents and manuals into Armenian, supported by International Assistance and the Armenian National Commission for UNESCO was finalized in 2018. The resource manual 'Managing Natural World Heritage' has also been translated into Russian co-ordinated from the IUCN office in Belgrade, Serbia.
38. The Secretariat has ensured a regular publications output including quarterly issues of the World Heritage Review, a joint publication with UNITAR on the "Ancient City of Aleppo" and the 8th edition of 'World Heritage Sites' with Harper Collins.
39. In 2018 several States Parties expanded or designated new protected areas around World Heritage marine sites, including "iSimangaliso Wetland Park" (South Africa), "Lagoons of New Caledonia: Reef Diversity and Associated Ecosystems" (France), and "Aldabra Atoll" (Seychelles).

40. The UNESCO Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest continued to provide general guidance regarding the management of cultural and natural heritage of religious interest. The International Conferences: 'Living Religious World Heritage - Participatory Management and Sustainable Use' Kyiv, Ukraine (November 2018) and 'Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context' Georgia (2019) contributed to the development of a broader vision for the protection of World Heritage properties of religious interest.
41. The World Heritage website received on average 1,010,682 visits per month and 33,227 per day in 2018, which amounts to 39 percent of visits of all UNESCO websites. The database of the Centre website, in terms of nominations and state of conservation, makes the site a global heritage reference.
42. Social media is being integrated ever more in the communication and outreach activities of the Secretariat, with Twitter, Facebook and Instagram being used as vehicles for disseminating news, activities, competitions and calls for proposals, as well as a platform for capacity building.
43. The Centre organized a variety of activities to raise awareness of the 2011 Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation with support from Member States, C2Cs, UNESCO Chairs, and Field Offices, strengthening networks, sharing knowledge and promoting the exchange of good practices (see Annex 1 for details).
44. For the Periodic Reporting exercise, the Secretariat initiated a quarterly newsletter and a Facebook group as new tools of communication to disseminate information to National Focal Points and site managers in the Arab States region. The Facebook group has evolved to also become a helpdesk for questions related to Periodic Reporting. The Centre intends to widen the scope to a global network of site managers to provide a space to share best practices on conservation challenges and management.
45. The World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) campaign under the theme of "Empowering the Commitment to World Heritage" organized 47 action camps (March-November 2018) at 44 World Heritage properties and sites on Tentative Lists, located in 25 countries, involving 41 local organizations. Action camps bring together organizations, institutions, volunteers, communities and specialists working towards the conservation of World Heritage properties by participating in practical activities and awareness-raising campaigns, developing an appreciation of World Heritage values.
46. WHV continues to prove its success in mobilizing youth to preserve and promote World Heritage by reaching out to their peers and communities. A publication entitled "Empowering Youth for Heritage – 10 Years of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative" will be published in 2019.
47. The World Heritage Education programme has developed several projects on the Marketplace for World Heritage platform, to extend the success of the 'World Heritage in Young Hands' initiative and 'Património's World Heritage Adventure' series.
48. Operational conservation projects continue in many States Parties in Africa, among them a project for the implementation of restoration works of tangible and associative cultural values of "Sukur Cultural Landscape" (Nigeria) and improved conservation and promotion of the "Ruins of Loropeni" (Burkina Faso). International Assistance for conservation and management was provided to "Old Towns of Djenné", "Tomb of Askia" and "Cliffs of Bandiagara" (Mali); "Taï National Park" (Côte d'Ivoire); "Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions" (Ghana).

49. In Mali, the 'Programme for the Rehabilitation of Cultural Heritage and the Safeguarding of Ancient Manuscripts' continued to receive financial support from the European Union and the Spanish Cooperation AECID. This has allowed restoration and conservation work in "Timbuktu" and the "Old Towns of Djenné" and on the "Tomb of Askia" in Gao. It has further allowed several capacity-building activities on heritage protection for local actors, Malian institutions, as well as civilian and military personnel of MINUSMA.
50. A regional meeting on 'Safeguarding of transboundary heritage sites for sustainable development and peace in Africa' was held from 11 - 15 February 2019 in the city of Man (Côte d'Ivoire) near the "Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve". Funded by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust, the main objective was to exchange knowledge and share experience on the management of various transboundary and transnational World Heritage sites in Africa, including the use of traditional knowledge.
51. On the occasion of the 2019 edition of African World Heritage Day, the 4th African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum is planned to take place from 29 April - 5 May 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
52. In response to the Ngorongoro Declaration (2016), financial support received from the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust and the close collaboration with the AWHF and UNESCO Regional Offices, allowed the organization of workshops entitled 'World Heritage and Educational Institutions in Africa' at Great Zimbabwe University (Zimbabwe) and Saint-Louis (Senegal). These events mark an important milestone in the involvement of African educational institutions in the implementation of the *Convention* and sustainable development, by drawing on the vast pool of expertise available;
53. The 5th meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Serial Transnational World Heritage nomination of the Silk Roads, held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (4-5 December, 2018) brought together National Focal Points and experts from 13 countries. Participants agreed to refocus efforts of the ICC from listing to conservation, with an emphasis on enhancing coordination for the protection and management of Silk Roads cultural heritage properties. The meeting was organized by the Centre and the UNESCO Cluster Office in Tehran, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and the Turkmen National Commission for UNESCO. It was partially funded by the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust project 'Support for the Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia (Phase II)' and by the Chinese and Kazakh Governments' voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund.
54. The second phase of the 'World Heritage Sites and Museums Programme' was launched in October 2018 in the Philippines and Malaysia, thanks to UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust. The programme aims to increase the involvement of local creative communities in valorizing World Heritage sites and boosting cultural industries.
55. A new UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust project was approved in October 2018 aiming to strengthen ties between regional heritage practitioners in Malaysia and the Philippines. World Heritage site managers and museums will work together to enhance public outreach and community engagement, through creative industries and educational initiatives within and around World Heritage sites.
56. The fourth phase of the UNESCO/Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust project 'Safeguarding of Koguryo Tombs in the Republic of Korea' was launched (May, 2019) during a ceremony organized in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). This event also marked the 20th anniversary of the cooperation between UNESCO and the DPRK on the preservation of Koguryo cultural heritage, and in particular the "Complex of Koguryo Tombs". A technical report on the third phase of

the project is available at <http://whc.unesco.org/document/170877>. A side event during the 43rd session of the Committee will also commemorate this long-time international cooperation supported by the Republic of Korea's Cultural Heritage Administration.

57. The conservation of cultural and natural sites affected by conflicts in the Arab region is still a major challenge due to the level of damage incurred. In this context, a number of emergency measures, such as consolidation and restoration works have been implemented in cooperation with UNESCO field offices and other international partners. The complexity generated by the political, institutional and humanitarian situation in the concerned countries increases the difficulty for the Centre and UNESCO in general to implement activities. A number of activities have nevertheless been implemented and are presented in Annex 1 of this document.
58. The conservation and management of World Heritage properties in the Europe and North America region is a consistent challenge due to developments in capital and historic cities, particularly high-rise buildings. In this context, the Centre and Advisory Bodies play a key role in assuring permanent coordination and providing advice to State Parties regarding planning and management activities.
59. In 2018 the Centre attended a series of meetings in Berlin (Germany) organized by KNE – Kompetenzzentrum Naturschutz und Energiewende (Competence Centre for Nature Conservation and Energy Transition) related to energy transition projects in or near World Heritage properties. The objective of the dialogue was to explore ways to consider opposing interests in heritage management, related to renewable energy projects, by transparent processes and early exchange of information concerning World Heritage conservation issues. The initiative resulted in recommendation documents which will be translated into the working languages of the *Convention*.
60. In partnership with the European Union, the World Heritage Education Programme is organizing the European Young Heritage Professionals Forum in May 2019 in Zadar, Croatia, as the legacy of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH 2018). The five-day Forum is designed to foster intercultural learning and exchange by bringing together 28 young professionals, one representative from each of the EU Member States, to address for the first time, both tangible and intangible cultural heritage, exploring potential synergies and challenges of protection and safeguarding in the European context.
61. A large number of conservation issues related to development of infrastructure and the use of natural resources, affect natural sites of the Europe and North America region. Some of these issues originate from spatial and institutional discrepancies between sectoral policies e.g. nature conservation and forestry management. The Centre has continuously facilitated exchanges with the concerned States Parties and the provision of advisory services, explained in further detail in Annex 1.
62. Two extra-budgetary conservation projects financed by UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust were finalized in mid-2018 in “Tiwanaku: Spiritual and Political Centre of the Tiwanaku Culture” (Bolivia) and “Tikal National Park” (Guatemala).
63. In the framework of a three-year project financed by Japan Funds-in-Trust designed to strengthen the participatory management system of “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”, three workshops were held with members of participating States Parties and local communities on the topic of stone and earthen architecture conservation. A workshop was held in Lima, Peru (August, 2018) on public use of the property's diverse components. Activities regarding disaster risk preparation, response, and recovery occurred in Cuzco, Peru (October 2018) and a final workshop on the digital system developed for monitoring the property's state of conservation, including intangible heritage values, was held in Pasto, Colombia (March 2019).

64. In collaboration with the State Party of Ecuador, the Centre participated in the organization of a conference and celebration at UNESCO Headquarters in December 2018 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the inscription of the properties “Galápagos Islands” and “City of Quito” on the World Heritage List in 1978.
65. In light of the finalization of the 3-year UNESCO/J-FiT project in support of “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System” a side-event is being organized for the 43rd World Heritage Committee session to further share experiences of the six involved States Parties in the integrated management and conservation of this unique and vast property. A publication is also under development to highlight the outcomes of the project.
66. A Participation Programme project was approved to support school-aged children living near the World Heritage property “Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue” (Paraguay). The objective is to raise awareness with the local population about the property’s importance, through the development of a toolkit for schoolchildren, an activity guide for teachers, and seminars on World Heritage in the towns of Jesús and Trinidad.
67. The UNESCO Office in San José in cooperation with the Cultural Centres of Spain in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, launched a communication campaign directed at local youth. The initiative involved a competition aimed at the creation of proposals and design of communicative materials elaborated by young people to reflect their perception and understanding of community identity and its relationship to nearby World Heritage properties.
68. An extra-budgetary project was developed in cooperation with the national and local authorities involved in the conservation and management of “Precolumbian Chiefdom Settlements with Stone Spheres of the Diquís” (Costa Rica), financed by the German Foreign Office for International Cooperation. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of local communities, particularly young people, in conservation and management, as well as developing opportunities for education and communication.

Performance Indicator 4: SDGs and Sustainable Development

69. Further to the adoption of the World Heritage Policy for Sustainable Development (WH-SD, 2015) the Centre continues to mainstream sustainable development in all its activities, as appropriate, including in statutory processes, operational projects and capacity-building activities.
70. The Centre has developed several project proposals related to the implementation of the WH-SD Policy and the 2030 Agenda, to seek funding for activities that will provide support to States Parties. The proposals are available on the Marketplace for World Heritage platform and include, among others: ‘World Heritage and Sustainable Development Policy explained: A guide and collection of good practices to support development of national policies, programmes and sustainable management of World Heritage properties’ and ‘Building a global, sustainable network of World Heritage site managers’.
71. A major 9-million USD project, led by a private-public consortium, was launched in October 2018 to build climate adaptation strategies within 5 marine World Heritage sites. An exchange of best practices between “Glacier Bay National Park” and “West Norwegian Fjords” led the Norwegian Parliament to adopt a resolution to halt emissions from cruise ships and ferries and make the World Heritage site the world’s first zero emission zone at sea.
72. An important update was made to the first global scientific assessment concerning the impacts of climate change for the conservation of World Heritage Coral reefs. In

September 2018, it was confirmed that remaining within 1.5°C climate target is critical for the survival of World Heritage-listed coral reefs.

73. Following the Resolution 38C/94 of the 38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO, a survey was developed in consultation with experts of the *Convention*, requesting the submission of national reports and focal points on the progress of implementation of the 2011 Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation. The consolidated report of the survey findings was presented to the 206th session of the Executive Board in April 2019 and at the 40th session of the General Conference of UNESCO.
74. Collaboration with the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) was also strengthened. In February 2019, the Director of the Centre and more than 50 representatives from UNESCO World Heritage Cities, attended a conference organized by the City of Vienna and OWHC. The event was a forum for exchange and discussion on the challenges facing dynamic cities between development pressures and the preservation of their World Heritage sites. Representatives from the Centre will also attend the forthcoming the OWHC Congress in June 2019 in Krakow, Poland, with the theme “Heritage and Tourism: Local communities and visitors – sharing responsibilities”.
75. A web page dedicated to reconstruction and recovery in World Heritage properties damaged by conflict or natural disasters worldwide, is under construction with the contributions of case studies on Aleppo, Beirut, Berlin and Sarajevo, as part of the ‘Harnessing reconciliation through the recovery of cultural heritage’ project financed by the Netherlands Funds in Trust.
76. To support the state of conservation at African World Heritage properties, in 2018 the AWHF awarded two grants to Cote d'Ivoire, towards the development of a Disaster Risk Management Plan for “Comoe National Park”, and development of a Strategic Management Plan for sustainable use of Sacred Kayas Natural Heritage in Coastal Kenya, as well as two World Heritage research grants (Moses Mapesa Educational Grant) to young African researchers from Benin and Madagascar.
77. An International Technical Meeting on the ‘Future of the Buddhas of Bamiyan’ took place in Salalah (Oman) on 3–5 December 2018, with financial support from the Japanese Government and the Office of the Advisor to the Sultan of Oman on Cultural Affairs. The meeting produced recommendations and guidance on better governance and decision-making processes for the preservation and development of the site and its surrounding areas, and on ways to improve coordination between national and international stakeholders in their efforts towards the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger.
78. To introduce the 2011 HUL Recommendation in Central Asian countries and to improve institutional and management frameworks for the protection of the “Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi” (Kazakhstan), a regional workshop was organized in Turkestan, Kazakhstan from 4 - 6 March 2019. With support from the Netherlands Funds-In-Trust, the meeting also discussed pilot project experiences for site managers of Central Asian World Heritage sites and responsible departments of Ministries of Culture in Central Asian countries.
79. UNESCO’s flagship Initiative “Revive the Spirit of Mosul” was launched in February 2018, and is the most important recovery and reconstruction campaign undertaken by UNESCO in recent times. The Initiative, supported by the Government of Iraq and the UN Secretary-General, aims to coordinate international efforts in two main areas: the restoration and rehabilitation of cultural heritage and the revival of educational and cultural institutions, by integrating the human dimension in reconstruction and recovery processes. The first meeting presenting the objectives

and expected results of the Initiative was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 10 September 2018.

80. Sustainable development policies and approaches have been mainstreamed into the Centre's activities in the Arab States region. This includes advocating for integrated approaches that are people-centred, for participatory and inclusive planning and fostering job creation. In particular, focus was given to the integration of sustainable development policies in the management of sites facing urban growth pressures. A legal analysis of the status of immovable property in private law, integrated within the development of a comprehensive framework for effective implementation of the 'Permanent Plan for the Safeguarding and Valorization of the Safeguarded Sector' is ongoing for the "Kasbah of Algiers" (Algeria).
81. A publication entitled 'Five years of conflict, the State of Cultural Heritage in the Ancient City of Aleppo report' funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund and supported by UNITAR-UNOSAT, was published in 2018 in Arabic, English and French. The report constitutes an essential starting point for strategic planning of the recovery of Aleppo, to help implement short-term emergency and mitigation measures, and identify priority actions.
82. With the support of the Ministry of Environment of France, the Centre is preparing a publication evidencing Heritage Impact Assessment in the Europe and North America region, linked specifically to renewable energies and energy transition. It will provide guidelines to prevent conservation issues at World Heritage sites, by identifying ways in which renewable energies and World Heritage protection can be complementary. Guidelines could assist Member States to develop national strategies in relation to the protection of World Heritage values, for evaluation processes of similar projects.
83. The official launch of the platform 'World Heritage Journeys in the European Union' initiative supported by the EU and in collaboration with National Geographic, was held as part of the European Heritage Days held at UNESCO Headquarters (15-16 September, 2018). The initiative developed a first ever website for World Heritage and sustainable travel, which features in-depth content on 34 World Heritage sites in the EU regrouped under 4 themes, see <https://visitworldheritage.com/en/eu>.
84. A three-year project financed by UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust for the 'Preservation of the Cultural World Heritage designed to strengthen the participatory management system of Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System', concluded its implementation phase. The 21 activities implemented among the six involved Member States of the Latin America and Caribbean region, have covered a range of topics. The project has successfully contributed to the long-term protection of the property and the aspirations of the hundreds of local communities living along the Qhapaq Ñan for sustainable development.
85. The implementation of a project, financed by the German Federal Foreign Office, to develop Disaster Risk Management Plans for three properties in Chile began in 2018 with meetings and workshops held between national authorities and local management actors in "Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works", "Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso" and "Rapa Nui National Park".
86. The UNESCO Office in Havana, in coordination with the Centre and the National Council of Cultural Heritage, finalized the implementation of a project to develop a strategy for sustainable community tourism at "Valley of Viñales" in Cuba, as part of an extra-budgetary project financed by the Spanish Funds-in-Trust.
87. Two project proposals for South America related to sustainable development of local communities were developed and published on the World Heritage Marketplace

platform. A project in “Los Katíos National Park” (Colombia) aims to strengthen sustainable resource management and local livelihoods for local resource-dependent communities, including Afro-Colombian and indigenous populations.

88. A continuous investment was made by the World Heritage Marine Programme to assist “Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System” with the implementation of its Desired State of Conservation. Following commendable conservation action by the Government of Belize, the property was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger in July 2018.

Performance Indicator 5: Nominations

89. The World Heritage List currently counts 1092 properties of which 845 are cultural, 209 natural and 38 mixed.
90. The Committee, at its 42nd session (Manama, 2018), inscribed 19 new properties on the World Heritage List: 13 cultural, 3 natural and 3 mixed. The Committee also approved a significant boundary modification of 1 property already inscribed on the List, and removed 1 property from the List of World Heritage in Danger. Among the newly inscribed properties were 3 cultural landscapes. With these new additions, the number of properties recognized as cultural landscapes on the World Heritage List reaches 105, which amounts to 9.6% of the properties inscribed on the List. Out of the 19 newly inscribed properties, 2 are situated in countries of Committee members. 11 provisional statements of Outstanding Universal Value were noted, which are still to be adopted in future Committee sessions.
91. The World Heritage Committee also decided to refer 4 nominations and to defer 3. 5 nominations were withdrawn. In 14 cases (87%), the recommendations given by the Advisory Bodies were not followed, and for the first time in the history of the *Convention* sites recommended for non-inscription were inscribed on the World Heritage List:
- 2 Non-inscriptions became Inscriptions
 - 2 Non-inscriptions became Referrals
 - 1 Non-inscription became Deferral
 - 4 Referrals became Inscriptions
 - 1 Referral for an extension became Approval
 - 2 Deferrals became Inscriptions
 - 1 Deferral became Referral
92. The regional distribution of inscribed properties at the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee was as follows:
- Africa: 2
 - Arab States: 2
 - Asia and the Pacific: 5
 - Europe and North America: 8
 - Latin America and the Caribbean: 2
93. An online consultation survey and expert meeting were organized to review the nomination process, tentative lists and upstream process, bearing in mind the Global Strategy, and to consider other possible measures, as requested by Committee Decision **42 COM 12A**. The expert meeting was held in Tunis (23-25 January 2019) further to the invitation of the Tunisian Government and with financial support from

the Australian Government. The meeting brought together 24 experts from all regions of the world, including an indigenous peoples expert and a young heritage professional, as well as representatives of the Advisory Bodies, Category 2 Centres and the Secretariat (see WHC/19/43.COM/INF.8 for full report).

94. The World Heritage Marine Programme organized a legal expert meeting on 11-12 December 2018 (Monte Carlo, Monaco) to discuss how globally unique marine areas beyond national jurisdiction could potentially receive protection through the 1972 *Convention*.
95. The AWHF organized a number of initiatives aimed at improving the representation of Africa on the World Heritage List such as a 3-week long Francophone World Heritage Nomination Training Course in Kigali, Rwanda (September, 2018) in the framework of the Capacity Building Framework for AWHF Programmes: 2018-2022. The course was implemented by the Ecole du Patrimoine Africain (EPA) with IUCN and WHC and gathered participants from 10 French and Portuguese speaking African countries, working on nine World Heritage nomination dossiers.
96. A workshop on the preparation of “Trans-national Serial Nomination of Geometric Rock Art in Lake Victoria Region” was organized in Kampala, Uganda (August, 2018) in collaboration with ICOMOS.
97. Upstream technical assistance was provided to the State Party of South Africa between April - December 2018 to aid with the finalization of a nomination dossier for the “Human Rights, Liberation and Reconciliation: Nelson Mandela Legacy Sites”.
98. The AWHF organized a regional workshop on harmonization of Tentative Lists in the East Africa region (June, 2019) in Kigali, Rwanda.
99. During the ‘Third Workshop on the South Asian Silk Roads Serial Transnational World Heritage Nomination Process’ Xi’an (China) on 12 November 2018, participants agreed upon action points, and took note of three heritage corridors proposed by Nepal and three key heritage corridors sections proposed by China. This follow-up activity to the 2014 Kathmandu Action Plan, in line with the 2015 Almaty Agreement, was organized by the Centre, the National Administration of Cultural Heritage of China (NACH), the Xi’an Municipal People’s Government and the ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi’an (IICC Xi’an).
100. A sub-regional conference ‘World Heritage Global Strategy in the Context of South Asia’, 21-22 February 2019 (Kolkata, India) provided an opportunity for National Focal Points and experts from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka to identify and discuss gaps in heritage identification and inscription.
101. With support from the Netherlands Funds-In-Trust, a technical assistance project ‘Maritime Trade Corridor Heritage in Indonesia’ was carried out in 2018. The project included a study tour and mobile training of experts from Indonesia to the Netherlands in September 2018, and organization of an international workshop in Jakarta in November 2018 to explore the conceptual framework of the Maritime Cultural Route through the mobilization of international stakeholders and partners.
102. Preparatory assistance was provided via the UNESCO/Netherlands Funds-in-Trust from the World Heritage Fund to support the nomination of “Deer Stone Monuments and Related Sites, the Heart of Bronze Age Culture” (Mongolia). International Assistance was also granted from the World Heritage Fund to support the preparation of nomination of “Mount Kumgang” (DPR Korea).
103. Work continues in the Arab States region with technical assistance for elaboration of nomination files provided to States Parties, specifically as key tools for conservation and management of heritage. Efforts have been undertaken to assist

the State Parties of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco and Oman to continue with boundary clarifications and boundary modifications of World Heritage properties.

104. An expert meeting on the “Safeguarding of the Oasis systems in the Maghreb” was organized in Oujda, Morocco (29 October - 1 November) by the UNESCO Office in Rabat and the Agence de l’Oriental, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Communication and with the financial support of the Netherlands. The meeting, during which the Centre underlined the importance and complexity of these natural landscapes, aimed at presenting oasis systems as developing human settlements.
105. The Centre participated in an ‘International Symposium for Fortified Heritage’ in Oran, Algeria (6-7 November 2018) organized by the Spanish Embassy and the Cervantes Institute in cooperation with the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Fortifications and Military Heritage and the Algerian Authorities. The event centred on fostering cooperation, conservation and awareness raising on the fortified heritage of Oran and its potential inclusion on the Tentative List.
106. Upstream assistance for the pilot project ‘Towards strengthened governance of the shared transboundary natural and cultural heritage of the Lake Ohrid region’ (Albania and the Republic of North Macedonia) was finalized in June 2018. The project received 2.4 million USD funding (EU and national co-financing by Albania) to improve transboundary cooperation and management effectiveness, as well as identifying and safeguarding the cultural and natural assets of the region. The State Party of Albania submitted the nomination dossier for the "Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid Region" extension to the existing World Heritage site in February 2018.
107. A detailed and participative methodology on updating Tentative Lists in the Latin America and Caribbean region was developed in close coordination with the Advisory Bodies, and is being piloted successfully with the States Parties of Peru and Honduras through the International Assistance mechanism. Both have held international and national workshops, with ICOMOS and IUCN experts. Several other States Parties in the region, including Colombia, Chile and the Plurinational State of Bolivia have also demonstrated their interest in applying the same methodology.
108. As part of a series of pilot projects in South America financed by the Spanish Funds-in-Trust, the process of developing a management plan for the Pantanal region in Paraguay was completed. The process involved all the relevant national and local actors, including indigenous communities and civil society, committed to strengthening the important natural heritage values in the region.
109. In the framework of the Regional Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean 2014-2024 (PARALC), support continues for States Parties in their consideration and preparation of nominations for under-represented heritage typologies. Nominations of one mixed property and one underwater cultural landscape have been prepared by the States Parties of Brazil and Jamaica and will be examined at the forthcoming Committee session. Support and consultations in the early stages of nomination processes for under-represented heritage, have also been provided and resulted in nomination files submitted by Brazil, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay for examination at the Committee’s 44th session.

IV. GLOBAL PRIORITY GENDER EQUALITY

110. The gender equality dimension is consistently integrated in the implementation of all activities carried out within the Centre and its regional work by ensuring equal and

respectful consultation, full and effective participation and equal opportunities for representation of both women and men within all mechanisms of the *Convention*.

111. In addition to balanced geographical and culture/nature expert representation, the gender equality dimension is one of the major criteria in the establishment of working expert groups, e.g. the Policy Compendium expert group and the expert group on the nomination process. The same approach is applied with regard to multimedia and animation products, with a balanced representation of female/male characters, such as the animated videos prepared as training material for the Third Periodic Reporting cycle.
112. Effective mainstreaming of gender equality is particularly demonstrated by the World Heritage Education Programme both for content and for participants, for example the participation of girls has exceeded 50% for the World Heritage Youth Forum.
113. The Centre has adopted as standard practice the consideration of gender equality in its new proposals for extra-budgetary projects. Particular attention is paid to the participation of women in positions of technical and decision-making. For initiatives already under implementation, the aim is that all genders have consistently strong representation among the participants in technical and capacity-building workshops.

V. SYNERGIES WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS

114. Synergies with other Conventions and programmes have been further enhanced by the Centre in a proactive manner.
115. The revised Periodic Reporting Format adopted at the 41st session of the Committee (Krakow, 2017) mainstreams, for the first time, the synergies between the *World Heritage Convention* and other culture and biodiversity-related Conventions and programmes, by integrating relevant questions in this regard. The Third Periodic Reporting Cycle is now under way in the Arab States region.
116. A web page developed by the Centre (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/synergies/>) is a helpful tool for understanding better the synergies with the other culture and biodiversity-related Conventions and programmes.
117. The Centre continues to receive positive feedback from users of the website expressing satisfaction that concrete synergies between the various site-based Conventions and programmes (World Heritage, Hague Convention, Ramsar, Biosphere Reserves and UNESCO Global Geoparks) can be easily identified further to the initiative of the Centre to reflect these wherever relevant on the Centre's website (e.g. in the state of conservation information system), as multiple and UNESCO designated sites.

a) Culture Conventions

118. Secretaries of the six UNESCO Culture Conventions have met at the Culture Conventions Liaison Group (CCLG) in July 2018, October 2018 and March 2019. Discussions included organization of Committee and General Assembly sessions, issues related to Rules of Procedure, briefings on outcomes and recommendations of statutory meetings, and implementation of the Recommendations of the Governance Working Group.
119. The Chairpersons of the 1954, 1972, 2003 and 2005 Conventions also participated in the Governance Working Group (27 March 2018). They reported on the implementation of the recommendations for their respective Conventions and any challenges met. Synergies among the Culture Conventions featured strongly in the discussions.

120. Exchange and briefing sessions between the Centre and the Secretariat of the 2003 Convention took place in 2019, to discuss matters related to Periodic Reporting and monitoring of inscribed properties, in view of possible rapprochement and harmonization of these mechanisms. The Secretariat also provided relevant information to the statutory meetings of the 1954 Convention concerning the Periodic Reporting mechanism.
121. The Secretariat has ensured cross-disciplinary collaboration by including a specialist of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, in a training workshop on 'Periodic Reporting for National Focal Points for the Arab States region' (26-27 February 2019). The practice of inviting the participation of other UNESCO culture and biodiversity-related Conventions and programmes to meetings related to the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting will be continued.
122. In March 2019, UNESCO and UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) discussed possible new areas for collaboration, in particular the potential for synergies with the UNESCO Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest. Possibilities for enhanced cooperation will be explored, such as promotion of World Heritage properties of religious interest as potential 'cross-cutting values sites' and 'educational places' for enhancing mutual respect, knowledge and understanding between religious communities. The network of professionals and UN interagency cooperation will be reinforced through these joint activities, contributing to the implementation of the UNESCO Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest, as well as the Action Plan for the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures (2013-2022), including reinforcement of interreligious dialogue within the framework of the UNESCO/UNITWIN Network on Interreligious Dialogue for Intercultural Understanding.

b) Biodiversity-related Conventions

123. In the framework of the "2018 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development" held at the UN Headquarters in New York (July 2018) the Secretariats of the biodiversity-related Conventions organized a joint event "The Living Planet - the foundation of sustainable development: Contribution of the biodiversity-related conventions to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals". The event was attended by the Assistant Director-General for Culture and the Director of the Centre, see <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1861>.
124. The Centre hosted the 13th meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) at UNESCO headquarters (18-19 September, 2018). The BLG discussed ways to strengthen cooperation against accelerating global biodiversity loss, especially in view of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Meeting reports are available at <https://www.cbd.int/blg/>.
125. The BLG also discussed approaches for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The framework will be presented at the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) Conference of Parties (COP 15) to be held in 2020 (Kunming, China), and set a new and ambitious agenda to halt biodiversity loss in follow up to the Aichi Targets. It was concluded that National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP) had been crucial to harness synergies among the conventions and would remain relevant. It was also agreed that the new biodiversity framework should develop precise and smart targets to implement and measure progress.
126. On the occasion of the BLG meeting, members met for the first time with the UNESCO Culture Conventions Liaison Group (CCLG), opening up a new dialogue across the normative instruments on biodiversity and culture, see <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1886>.

127. The Centre participated in the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP 13) (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, October 2018). The participation included a presentation at the side-event “Cultural Approaches to Wise Use of Wetlands – Past, Present and Future”, and the dissemination of the special issue of the World Heritage Review on Wetlands. The Centre has also supported the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands by joining the 2018 World Wetlands Day dedicated to Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future, see: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1778/>.
128. The Centre also participated in the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 14) Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt (November, 2018) see: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1917>.
129. The BLG delivered two joint statements during COP 14 to highlight enhanced synergies and cooperation among its members and reiterate BLG’s engagement in elaborating the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Centre joined the launch of the partnership for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 initiated by the CBD Secretariat (SCBD). Under the auspices of the Joint Programme of Work between UNESCO and SCBD on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity, UNESCO co-organized the Nature and Culture Summit, resulting in the ‘Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration on Nature and Culture’ and a dialogue towards a multi-partner International Alliance on Nature and Culture to be launched at the CBD COP 15 in China in 2020.
130. In follow up to the results of the BLG meeting, the Centre together with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) submitted a joint proposal on undertaking a thematic assessment on connectivity conservation for the next work programme of IPBES.
131. The seventh session of IPBES met at UNESCO headquarters from 29 April - 4 May, 2019. UNESCO is an institutional co-sponsor of IPBES, together with UN Environment, FAO and UNDP. The first Global Biodiversity Assessment was presented for adoption at this meeting. The Assessment presented the overall status of biodiversity in the world and was a wake-up call to the global community, presenting evidence to indicate that biodiversity loss is still accelerating. The release of the Assessment is a major step on the way to CBD COP 15 (China, 2020). The Centre participated in IPBES-7 and a joint Statement from all Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG) members on Biodiversity was issued, see: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1967>.
132. The Centre is scheduled to attend a workshop before the 43rd session of the Committee on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and organized by the CBD Secretariat at the request of CBD COP 14, with participation of BLG members.
133. Active cooperation with the CITES Secretariat was pursued in relation to the state of conservation of properties affected by illegal trade in wildlife and flora. The Centre participated in the celebration of World Wildlife Day with the theme “Life below water, for people and planet” see: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1937>.
134. In July 2018, UNESCO and FAO signed a new Memorandum of Understanding, which refers to a longstanding cooperation between the World Heritage Centre and FAO’s Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS), and encourages further synergies and joint activities.

VI. FOLLOW-UP TO GLOBAL DECISIONS

135. The Secretariat has worked on a number of activities which are reported in other working documents and are therefore only briefly mentioned here. These involve,

among others, the reflection on reforming the nomination process in view of increasing the balance and credibility of the World Heritage List (WHC/19/43.COM/12A); the evaluation of the effectiveness of Reactive Monitoring mechanisms, including procedures and case studies (WHC/19/43.COM/7); the finalization of the Policy Compendium presented for review to the World Heritage Committee (WHC/19/43.COM/11B); as well as resource mobilization activities (WHC/19/43.COM/14). The organization of an expert meeting on memory sites, requested by the Committee at its 42nd session (Decisions **42 COM 5A** and **42COM 8B.24**), is subject to the availability of extra-budgetary funds, of which limited amounts have been committed by States Parties to this purpose thus far. The Secretariat is actively seeking voluntary contributions in order to finance the organization of the meeting, further details are available in document WHC/19/43.COM/8.

136. In 2018, the Director-General launched a process for UNESCO's strategic transformation which among other objectives, aims at preparing the preliminary proposals for the Medium Term Strategy 2022-2029 (41C/4) and the Programme for 2022-2023 (41C/5) taking into account the challenges of the contemporary world and the impact on the programmatic axes of UNESCO. The reflection on the third pillar - from April 2019 to May 2020 - will involve Member States, the Secretariat, UNESCO's intergovernmental programmes and Conventions. It aims at better defining the contribution of UNESCO to action frameworks on an international level, in particular the 2030 Agenda, recognizing that it is founded on the principles of universality, integration and transformation, and that it constitutes the action framework of the United Nations system. The World Heritage Committee has been addressing a number of strategic issues related to governance and the working methods of the *Convention*, such as the credibility of the *Convention*, the enhancement of dialogue between stakeholders etc. In light of this experience and ongoing work, the Committee members and States Parties to the *Convention* may wish to contribute to the strategic reflection, in the framework of the preparation of the Medium-Term Strategy (41 C/4, 2022-2029) and Programme for 2022-23 (41 C/5).

VII. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 43 COM 5A

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/19/43.COM/5A;
2. Recalling Decision **42 COM 5A** adopted at its 42nd session (Manama, 2018) and Decision **40 COM 5D** adopted at its 40th session (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016);
3. Takes note, with appreciation, of the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre over the past year in pursuit of the Expected Result to ensure that "Tangible heritage identified, protected, monitored and sustainably managed by Member States, in particular through the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention", and the five strategic objectives as presented in Document WHC/19/43.COM/5A;
4. Further notes the efforts by the World Heritage Centre to strengthen the cooperation with the other biodiversity-related Multilateral Environmental Agreements in the framework of the BLG, and welcomes the first Global Biodiversity Assessment presented at the seventh session of IPBES and calls on all States Parties to the Convention to actively engage in the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order set an

ambitious global agenda to halt biodiversity loss, including through the implementation of the World Heritage Convention;

5. *Takes note that only limited voluntary contribution have been committed by States Parties for the organization of an expert meeting on memory sites and reiterates its invitation to States Parties to contribute financially to this end;*
6. *Invites the States Parties to support the activities carried out by the World Heritage Centre for the implementation of the Convention;*
7. *Requests the World Heritage Centre to present, at its 44th session, a report on its activities.*

ANNEX 1: RESULTS-BASED REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE WHC IN PURSUIT OF THE 5 CS (COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 2018 TO JUNE 2019)

Please see also the following documents: "World Heritage Convention and sustainable development" (WHC/19/43.COM/5C), "Priority Africa, sustainable development and World Heritage" (WHC/19/43.COM/5D), "Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres" (WHC/19/43.COM/6) and "Progress report on the preparation of the follow-up to the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting" (WHC/19/43.COM/10A), Progress report on the Third cycle of Periodic Reporting (WHC/19/43.COM/10B).

Abbreviations: Advisory Bodies (**ABs**), Africa (**AFR**), Asia and the Pacific (**APA**), Arab States (**ARB**), Europe and North America (**EUR**), Global (**GLO**), Latin America and the Caribbean (**LAC**), World Heritage Centre (**WHC**).

1C Activities to make the World Heritage List more representative, balanced and credible (Credibility)

| REGION | ACTIVITIES | DECISION | RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered |
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| GLO | Technical support to State Parties in the framework of Retrospective Inventory: preparation of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (RSOUV) and boundary clarifications, presented to the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee. | 42 COM 8D 42 COM 8E | Adoption of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value and clarifications of property boundaries. |
| GLO | Assistance to States Parties in the nomination process (non-exhaustive list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upstream support initiated for African States Parties e.g. "Malawi Slave Routes" and "Dr David Livingstone Trail" Work initiated to support nomination of "Bale Mountains National Park" (Ethiopia) funded by UNESCO/Flanders Funds-in-Trust cooperation Upstream support, including ICOMOS Advisory mission, to Uganda for nomination of "Nyero and other hunter gatherer geometric rock art sites in Eastern Uganda" Upstream support, including a WHC Advisory mission, to Zambia for the nomination of "Barotse Cultural Landscape" Upstream technical assistance provided to South Africa to aid with development/finalization of nomination dossier for "Human Rights, Liberation and Reconciliation: Nelson Mandela Legacy Sites" A workshop on the preparation of trans-national, serial nomination of "Geometric Rock Art in Lake Victoria Region" organized in Kampala (Uganda) August 2018, in collaboration with ICOMOS Central Asia sub-regional coordination meeting of the working group on the serial transnational World Heritage nomination "Silk Roads: Fergana Syrdarya Corridor" 2 October 2018 (Almaty, Kazakhstan). Funded by | Global Strategy 39 COM 8B.8 38 COM 8B.19 42 COM 7B.5 | Better understanding of the nomination mechanism and timeframe. Identification of new sites for a balanced and representative World Heritage List. Completion of nomination files. Supporting States Parties through upstream preparatory assistance including technical support and advice. Reinforcement of local capacity on future inscriptions on the World Heritage List. Revision of the Tentative Lists. Improvement in capacities in inventorying of cultural and natural heritage. |

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| | <p>UNESCO/Japan FiT (J-FiT) project “Support for the Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia (Phase II)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical WHC/IUCN missions to the Pantanal region of Paraguay concerning the finalization of the natural area’s new Management Plan in light of a possible future nomination | | |
| GLO | <p>Online consultation survey and expert meeting based on 42COM Decision to review the nomination process, tentative lists and upstream process, bearing in mind the Global Strategy, and to consider other possible measures, see WHC/19/43.COM/INF.8 for full report.</p> | 42 COM 12A | <p>24 experts from all regions of the World, including representatives of indigenous peoples, youth, Advisory Bodies and WHC participated in the meeting held in Tunis (23-25 January 2019).</p> |
| GLO | <p>Legal expert meeting supported by the French Biodiversity Agency and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, 11 - 12 December 2018 (Monaco) to investigate how globally unique marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, could potentially receive protection through the 1972 <i>World Heritage Convention</i>.</p> | <p>Global Strategy 29 COM 5B 18 GA 8</p> | <p>Agreement that the <i>Convention’s</i> scope covers areas of OUV beyond national jurisdiction and the lack of procedures in the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> are an oversight, see: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1912/.</p> |
| AFR | <p>The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) organized initiatives aimed at improving the representation of Africa on the World Heritage List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 3-week long Francophone World Heritage Nomination Training Course in September 2018 (Kigali, Rwanda) with the Ecole du Patrimoine Africain (EPA) and IUCN in the framework of the Capacity Building Framework for AWHF Programmes: 2018-2022 • A regional workshop on harmonization of Tentative Lists in the East Africa region in June 2019 (Kigali, Rwanda) | Global Strategy | <p>Participants from French and Portuguese Speaking African countries (Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Rwanda and Togo) attended.</p> <p>Development of a possible roadmap for the preparation of a serial transnational nomination for the Lake Victoria Region.</p> |
| AFR | <p>The Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI) presented results of an upstream mission to “Odzala KoKoua National Park” (Congo) in August 2018. The meeting included a training session on the <i>Convention</i> for national experts. A second workshop (April, 2019) aims to develop a national action plan for a nomination dossier.</p> <p>Two workshops on the <i>Convention</i> planned in Gabon for May and June 2019.</p> | 42 COM 7 | <p>Feasibility studies are underway to assess OUV for “Ivindo National Park” (Gabon) and “Odzala National Park” (Congo).</p> <p>Technical support provided to the Congolese authorities for preparing a nomination file for “Odzala KoKoua National Park” (Congo).</p> |
| APA | <p>Third Workshop on the “South Asian Silk Roads” Serial Transnational World Heritage Nomination Process 12 November 2018 (Xi’an, China) organised by: WHC; State Administration of Cultural Heritage of China (SACH); Xi’an Municipal People’s Government; and ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi’an (IICC Xi’an).</p> <p>Participants from China, Nepal, international resource personnel and the WHC gathered for this follow-up activity.</p> | 42 COM 7B.5 | <p>Action points were agreed and three heritage corridors proposed by Nepal (covering Nepal, China and India) and three heritage corridors proposed by China (covering Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan) were noted.</p> |

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| APA | <p>5th meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Serial World Heritage Nomination of the Silk Roads, 4-5 December 2018 (Ashgabat, Turkmenistan) organised by WHC and the UNESCO Cluster Office in Tehran, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan and the Turkmen National Commission for UNESCO. Funded partially by the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust project “Support for the Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia (Phase II)” and by the Chinese and Kazakh Governments’ voluntary contributions to the World Heritage Fund.</p> <p>Participants included National Focal Points and experts from 13 countries, representatives from ICOMOS International Conservation Centre-Xi’an (IICC-X), the Secretariat of the Coordinating Committee, UNESCO representatives and international resource persons including the International Institute for Central Asian Studies (IICAS) and University College of London (UCL), to support the discussions on technical assistance and cooperation.</p> | 42 COM 7B.5 | <p>Participants adopted the Ashgabat Decision, which notably calls to refocus the efforts of the Silk Roads ICC from listing to conservation.</p> <p>The Maritime Silk Routes were not considered to fall within the mandate of the ICC, but the ICC could provide an example to establish a similar coordination mechanism, if necessary.</p> |
| ARB | <p>International workshop on Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (RSOUV) of “Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town”, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 10-11 December 2018. The workshop, organized by the WHC included ICOMOS, ICCROM, the Palestinian Authorities and the UNESCO Field Office in Ramallah.</p> | 42 COM 7A.28 | <p>Drafting of a RSOUV and the Desired State of Conservation (DSOCR) of the property.</p> |
| EUR | <p>Conclusion of the pilot upstream project “Towards strengthened governance of the shared transboundary natural and cultural heritage of the Lake Ohrid region” (Albania and the Republic of North Macedonia) with 2.4 million USD funding secured (EU and national co-financing by Albania for a 4-year project), from 2014 to 2018, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance for preparation of the extension file of the World Heritage property “Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region” (Republic of North Macedonia), submitted by the State Party of Albania in February 2018 • Establishment of integrated management mechanisms based on cross-sectoral cooperation and public participation • Reinforcement of transboundary cooperation through provision of transboundary platform meetings • Capacity building on management effectiveness and transboundary cooperation through workshops and training courses • Profiling of the transboundary area and its sustainable development opportunities • Implementation of the waste awareness campaign through activities on waste water and solid waste management and reduction | <p>35 COM 12 38 COM 7B.58</p> | <p>Improved transboundary cooperation and management effectiveness for the protection and sustainable development of the natural and cultural heritage of the Ohrid region.</p> <p>Cultural and natural assets of the Ohrid region identified and safeguarded by the local and national authorities.</p> <p>The complex nature of the project as a mixed and transboundary site, proved to be challenging in terms of effectively engaging local communities and ensuring transboundary cooperation.</p> <p>Local, regional and national efforts by authorities and local communities of both countries are essential to ensure safeguarding of the unique heritage of the region. See: http://whc.unesco.org/en/lake-ohrid-region</p> |

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| LAC | <p>International workshop, December 2018 (Lima, Peru) with national authorities, site managers, ICOMOS and IUCN as the first step to pilot a participatory methodology for updating the State Party's Tentative List.</p> <p>The follow-up national workshop to finalize the Tentative List proposal was in April 2019, and the final version formally submitted to the WHC.</p> <p>These activities were in the framework of an International Assistance project financed by the World Heritage Fund.</p> | Global Strategy | <p>Tentative List successfully updated after an exemplary and participatory analysis at the national level.</p> <p>First pilot case of applying the methodology developed in the LAC region, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies.</p> |
| LAC | <p>High-level meetings with relevant national and local authorities in Pantanal region of Paraguay, to approve and communicate final results of a project, supported by the Spanish Funds-in-Trust (S-FiT) as part of a series of pilot projects for the sub-regional Action Plans in South America and the Caribbean.</p> | Global Strategy | <p>Finalization of this project and subsequent road-map for the natural area, promotes nominations of under-represented heritage typologies.</p> |
| LAC | <p>Implementation of the first phase of a Participation Programme project with the States Parties of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada, for the development of a cultural and natural heritage inventory at national levels.</p> <p>Approved in 2018, the project is coordinated by the UNESCO Office in Kingston, and partly funded with support of the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust for World Heritage (NL-FiT).</p> | Global Strategy | <p>Aim is to update and harmonize Tentative Lists in the under-represented Caribbean sub-region, including international cooperation between States Parties.</p> |
| 2C Activities to ensure the effective Conservation of World Heritage properties (Conservation) | | | |
| REGION | ACTIVITIES | DECISION | RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered |
| GLO | <p>Support for the development of management plans for World Heritage properties across all regions.</p> | <p>38 COM 7B 38 COM 7A</p> | <p>Updating and finalization of management plans.</p> |
| GLO | <p>Regular update of the State of Conservation Information System (http://whc.unesco.org/en/soc), by integrating all state of conservation reports examined by the Committee at its 42nd session, mission reports, States Parties reports (full reports or summaries) to further improve the knowledge management system.</p> <p>Work is progressing to ensure the availability of all Reactive Monitoring and Advisory mission reports since 1979 through the online tool.</p> | <p>37 COM 7C</p> | <p>As of mid-March 2018, over 1 million page views, (source: GoogleAnalytics)</p> |
| GLO | <p>21 Reactive Monitoring missions have been carried out, or are being planned, in all regions at the time of drafting this document, as per Decisions taken by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint WHC/IUCN mission to "Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park" Viet Nam, July 2018 | <p>42 COM 7B 42 COM 7A</p> | <p>Detailed analysis of states of conservation with recommendations.</p> <p>Support to the State Party for the implementation of mission recommendations ongoing.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to “Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor” Montenegro, October 2018 • Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “Białowieża Forest” Belarus/Poland, September/October 2018 • WHC mission to the World Heritage properties of “Byblos” and “Tyre” Lebanon, October 2018 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to “Ancient City of Nessebar” Bulgaria, October 2018 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS missions to “Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta” Pakistan, January 2019 • Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “Area de Conservación Guanacaste” Costa Rica, January 2019 • Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “Mount Nimba Strict nature Reserve” Côte d’Ivoire/Guinea, January 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to “Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz” Uzbekistan, January/February 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to “Gebel Barkal and the Sites of the Napatan Region” Sudan, February 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to “Historic Centre of Prague” Czech Republic, March, 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS/IUCN mission to “Ngorongoro Conservation Area” Tanzania, March 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS/IUCN mission to “Trang An Landscape Complex”, Viet Nam, March/April 2019 • Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “Manovo Gounda Saint Floris national Park” Central African Republic, March/April 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to “Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa” China, April 2019 • Joint WHC/IUCN/ICOMOS mission to “Socotra Archipelago” Yemen, April 2019 • Joint WHC/IUCN/ICOMOS mission to “The Ahwar of Southern Iraq: Refuge of Biodiversity and the Relict Landscape of the Mesopotamian Cities” Iraq, April/May 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to “Budapest including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue” Hungary, April/May 2019 • Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “East Rennell” Solomon Islands, May 2019 • Joint WHC/ICOMOS mission to “Historic Cairo” Egypt, June 2019 | | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint WHC/IUCN mission to “Volcanoes of Kamchatka” Russian Federation, August 2019 | | |
| GLO | <p>Conservation activities have been carried out in all regions (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded by the UNESCO/Hungary Funds-in-Trust, urgent conservation works have been carried out at “Sukur Cultural Landscape” (Nigeria) WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to the “Historic Center of Agadez” (Niger) to assist in the implementation of the recommendations of the World Heritage Committee Thanks to International Assistance in 2018, urgent actions were carried out in the “Old Towns of Djenne”, “Tomb of Askia” and “Cliff of Bandiagara (Land of the Dogons)” (Mali) Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM Advisory mission to the “Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions” (Ghana) undertaken to advise the State Party in its efforts to improve tourism facilities at Elmina castle. Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to the “Archaeological Sites of the Island of Meroe”, Sudan, 20-23 February 2019 Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to: “Archaeological Site of Carthage”, Tunisia, March/April 2019 Joint WHC/IUCN Advisory mission to the Slovak components of the World Heritage property “Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe” (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine) Joint WHC/IUCN Advisory mission to the World Heritage property “Durmitor National Park” (Montenegro) International assistance for conservation projects implemented in Ukraine, Bulgaria, Armenia ICOMOS Advisory mission to “Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena” (Colombia) to support the State Party in diverse management issues. Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to “Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape” to support national authorities in the finalization and implementation of the property’s management plan and projects for future development | <p>Global Strategy</p> <p>Decisions of World Heritage Committee under 7A and 7B</p> | <p>Restoration of the site museum, restoration of the Local Primary Healthcare Centre, and of seven new water points</p> <p>Recommendations on the project regarding a new protective shelter at one of the site components of the World Heritage property.</p> |

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| GLO | Launch of the update to the 2017 global scientific assessment of climate change impacts on World Heritage coral reefs, supported by the French Biodiversity Agency (September, 2018). | 41 COM 7.21 | Publication of the latest scientific information showing that delivering on the Paris Climate Agreement is essential for the survival of World Heritage-listed coral reefs, see: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1878/ |
| GLO | <p>Collaboration with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to strengthen the relationship between the tourism and culture sectors and contribute to the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</p> <p>3rd UNWTO/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture, jointly organized by UNWTO and UNESCO from 3 - 5 December 2018, in Istanbul, and hosted by the State Party of Turkey.</p> | 2015 Policy on the integration of a sustainable development perspective into the processes of the World Heritage Convention (2015 WH-SD policy) | <p>Focus on technology, visitor management models and approaches that bring the widest possible range of benefits to both visitors and locals, whilst safeguarding cultural values and heritage in line with responsible tourism principles and the UNWTO Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.</p> <p>Conference highlighted how sustainable tourism can make an important contribution to the SDGs in terms of poverty reduction, fighting inequality, and promoting inclusive growth.</p> |
| GLO | <p>Launch of a USD\$9 million public-private consortium to build and embed comprehensive resilience strategies into the management of five pilot World Heritage marine sites at the 2018 Our Ocean Conference in Bali, Indonesia.</p> <p>An international consortium of partners leads the initiative, including: WHC; Rockefeller Foundation and its pioneering 100 Resilient Cities; BHP Foundation; Nature Conservancy’s Reef Resilience Network; Great Barrier Reef Foundation; and the global consultancy in environmental engineering, AECOM.</p> | 40 COM 7 41 COM 7 2017 UNESCO Updated Strategy for Action on Climate Change | <p>Innovative capacity building at World Heritage marine sites to enhance the resilience of World Heritage properties and secure their adaptation to climate change, by reducing pressures and threats, and developing climate adaptation strategies for properties at risk.</p> <p>Increased assistance from the WHC to assist States Parties to implement appropriate management responses to the adverse effects of Climate Change at World Heritage marine sites.</p> |
| GLO | Development and testing of a Visitor Management Assessment Tool enabling World Heritage site management stakeholders to assess tourism management according to a set of social, economic and environmental indicators, linking to the Sustainable Development Goals (November, 2018). | 42 COM 5A | Tool has been pilot-tested in Luang Prabang World Heritage site in Laos, in collaboration with German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH (GIZ) and the University of Western Sydney and presented to government authorities in Vientiane. |

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| GLO | Joint event “The Living Planet – the foundation of sustainable development: Contribution of the biodiversity-related conventions to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals” at 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development held at the UN Headquarters in New York from 9 to 18 July 2018. | 2015 WH-SD policy | Highlighted the critical importance of biodiversity and healthy ecosystems to the objectives of the 2030 Agenda and demonstrated how the implementation of the conventions contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). |
| GLO | WHC hosted the 13th meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) at UNESCO HQ (18-19 September, 2018). See: https://www.cbd.int/blg/ | 2017 UNESCO Updated Strategy for Action on Climate Change | The BLG discussed ways to strengthen cooperation to fight against accelerating global biodiversity loss, especially in view of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. |
| GLO | WHC participated in the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 14) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt in November 2018. See: https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1917 | 2017 UNESCO Updated Strategy for Action on Climate Change | The BLG delivered two joint statements to highlight enhanced synergies and cooperation among its members and reiterate BLG’s engagement in elaborating the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. |
| AFR | Management plans or sub-plans, including for sustainable tourism, business planning, disaster risk, cultural resources, invasive alien species etc. updated for the following World Heritage properties in Africa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maloti-Drakensberg Park (Lesotho/South Africa) • Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls (Zambia/Zimbabwe) • Ngorongoro Conservation Area (Tanzania) • Rwenzori Mountains National Park (Uganda) • Lake Turkana National Parks (Kenya) • iSimangaliso Wetland Park (South Africa) • Fossil Hominid sites of South Africa (South Africa) • Niokolo-Koba National Park (Senegal) Management plans or sub-plans currently being updated for the following properties, some of which are supported by International Assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Malawi National Park (Malawi) • Chongoni Rock-Art Area (Malawi) • Okavango Delta (Botswana) • Ngorongoro Conservation Area (Tanzania) • Kenya Lake System in the Great Rift Valley (Kenya) • Mana Pools National Park, Sapi and Chewore Safari Areas (Zimbabwe) • Simien National Park (Ethiopia) • Mapungubwe Cultural Landscape (South Africa) | 42 COM 7 | Improved management effectiveness and increased awareness of the role and importance of management planning for the conservation of World Heritage properties, for the involvement of local communities, as well as for the management of risks. |

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| AFR | UNESCO/Flanders Funds-in-Trust (FL-FiT) funded cooperation project initiated to support outstanding significant boundary modification of “Simien National Park” (Ethiopia) and strategic transboundary extensions to enhance integrity, including in “Okavango Delta” (Botswana). | 42 COM 7B.91 38 COM 8B.5 | Boundary amendments elaborated. |
| AFR | ICOMOS Advisory mission to the “Royal Palaces of Abomey” (Benin). | 41 COM 7B.66 | Implementation of four projects forming part of the tourism development program “Benin Révélé” providing for interventions on the property as well as on sites inscribed on Benin's Tentative List. |
| AFR | Expert meeting further to joint WHC/ICOMOS/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to “Ngorongoro Conservation Area” (March 2019) on the conservation of the Laetoli footprints and the proposed Museum project in Paris in March 2019. | 41 COM 7B.39 | Discussions surrounding proposed museum project. |
| AFR | <p>“Programme for the Rehabilitation of Cultural Heritage and the Safeguarding of Ancient Manuscripts in Mali” has ensured the following conservation works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration and conservation of the Sidi Yahia Sankoré mosques in Timbuktu and the Tomb of Askia in Gao • Reconstruction of the fence walls of two cemeteries sheltering the mausoleums of the Saints in Timbuktu • Rehabilitation of three museums in Timbuktu and Gao • Reconstruction of the Al Farouk monument and the partial renovation of the Independence Square of Timbuktu • Installation of a solar electric device for the mosque of Djenné | 42 COM 7A.13 42 COM 7A.14 42 COM 7A.15 | Financial support of the European Union and Spain has made it possible to carry out numerous works within this framework. |
| AFR | AWHF, in support of the state of conservation at African World Heritage properties, awarded two Conservation Grants and two World Heritage Research Grants (Moses Mapesa Educational Grant). | 41 COM 8C.3 42 COM 7 | <p>Development of a Disaster Risk Management Plan for “Comoe National Park” and development of a Strategic Management Plan for sustainable use of sacred Kayas Natural Heritage in Coastal Kenya.</p> <p>World Heritage Research Grants awarded to young African researchers from Benin and Madagascar to contribute towards one Doctoral and one Masters research programme.</p> |
| AFR | Significant progress made in the implementation and execution of European Union financed project, Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI). An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was carried out (March, 2019) to assess the impact of agro-industrial activities on the “Dja Faunal Reserve” (Cameroon). The evaluation report is expected in April 2019. | 42 COM 7 | Grants allocated to “Ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lopé-Okanda” (Gabon); “Sangha Trinational” (Congo, Cameroon and Central African Republic) and “Dja Faunal Reserve” (Cameroon) to enhance the management of these natural properties by |

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| | | | <p>funding conservation activities and building the technical capacity of park staff.</p> <p>The recommendations of the EIA are to be implemented by the corporation and the State Party.</p> |
| APA | <p>Detailed damage assessment of cultural heritage in Tonga following Tropical Cyclone Gita, 16-23 June 2018, including Tonga's Tentative List sites.</p> <p>Organised by UNESCO Office in Apia and funded via the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund.</p> <p>http://www.unesco.org/new/en/member-states/single-view/news/detailed_damage_assessment_of_cultural_heritage_following_cy/</p> | <p>42 COM 7</p> <p>2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties</p> | <p>"Tongatapu, Kingdom of Tonga: detailed damage assessment and a recovery plan for cultural heritage sites following tropical cyclone Gita; final report (historical buildings)" produced.</p> |
| APA | <p>Developing disaster risk reduction strategy of heritage cities workshop: 'Experience Sharing on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Strategy in Three Heritage Cities in Southeast Asia and the Pacific (i) Melaka and George Town, Malaysia; (ii) Semarang Old Town, Indonesia; and (iii) Levuka Historic Port Town, Fiji' 24-25 July 2018 (Semarang, Indonesia).</p> <p>Supported by the UNESCO/Malaysia Funds-in-Trust.</p> <p>http://www.unesco.org/new/en/apia/about-this-office/single-view/news/developing_disaster_risk_reduction_strategy_of_heritage_citi/</p> | <p>42 COM 7</p> <p>2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties</p> | <p>Hazards map of Levuka Historic Port Town produced and a vulnerability assessment conducted. Collected information compiled into a GIS database hosted at the Fiji National Trust (FNT).</p> <p>Stories and memories from the community on past hazards were collected. FNT also mapped the existing mitigation measures to develop a DRR strategy and a heritage risk map.</p> |
| APA | <p>Central Asian Sub-Regional Workshop - Development of Management Strategies for Silk Roads Corridors, 3-4 October 2018 and 26 June 2019 (Almaty, Kazakhstan).</p> <p>Closing Workshop of the UNESCO/J-FiT project Phase II, 27-28 June, 2019 (Almaty, Kazakhstan).</p> <p>Funded by the UNESCO/J-FiT project "Support for the Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia (Phase II)".</p> | <p>42 COM 7B.5</p> | <p>Capacity building for experts from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, international and regional experts, UNESCO representatives and other partners.</p> <p>Participants agreed to work together for the preparation of management systems for component parts/sites of the Silk Roads Serial Transnational Nominations in Central Asia and reviewed current progress.</p> |
| APA | <p>Meeting of the Lumbini International Steering Committee of international, national and local stakeholders, including representatives of several Buddhist organizations, 8-10 March 2019 (Lumbini, Nepal).</p> <p>Funded by the UNESCO/J-FiT for the safeguarding of Lumbini (Phase III) project.</p> | <p>42 COM 7B.13</p> | <p>Advised the Government of Nepal and UNESCO on the technical progress of operations carried out as part of the UNESCO/ J-FiT funded Lumbini project. Review of the work carried out in 2018 and agreement on technical aspects of the programme for the coming year.</p> <p>Need for improved coordination between various development and infrastructure projects carried out by international agencies and governments in Lumbini.</p> |

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| APA | Workshop and International Panel Meeting 'Cultural Landscape and Sustaining its Significance – Bhutan', 1–6 May 2019 (Thimphu, Bhutan). | Global Strategy | Improved capacity of the Division for Conservation of Heritage Sites (DCSH) of the Department of Culture at the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan. Development of management plan for Punakha Dzong and improved understanding by the Bhutanese authorities of the methodology used for the management of cultural landscapes. |
| ARB | South-South expert meeting in “Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungonab Bay - Mukkawar Island Marine National Park” Sudan, organized by the Marine Programme (9-13 October, 2018). Supported by the Government of Flanders, to share experiences regarding World Heritage status and livelihoods that derive benefits from the conservation of OUV. | 42 COM 7B.99 | First south-south cooperation across World Heritage marine sites, including translation to Arabic of a best practice guide on management of World Heritage marine sites. Identification of focus areas where Marine Programme can merge expertise and financial resources to support the management of “Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungonab Bay – Mukkawar Island Marine National Park”. |
| ARB | Launch of the International Assistance project entitled “Management plan and Conservation Plan for the World Heritage Site-Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town”, July 2018-January 2020. | 42 COM 7A.28 | Preparation of the Management and Conservation Plan for “Hebron/AI-Khalil Old Town”, in close coordination with Advisory Bodies and WHC. |
| ARB | Side event at the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee presenting the UNESCO Initiative “Revive the spirit of Mosul”, Manama, Bahrain (29 June 2018). International Conference “Revive the Spirit of Mosul”, 10 September 2018 (UNESCO Headquarters, Paris) organized by UNESCO in collaboration with the government of Iraq, to understand the current situation in Mosul. Projects were presented exemplifying the rationale for the initiative “Revive the Spirit of Mosul” spearheaded by UNESCO. | UNESCO Initiative: Revive the Spirit of Mosul | Projects will contribute to the rehabilitation of Mosul's heritage sites, reviving its cultural life and its formal institutions. Demonstration of solidarity from the International Community with the Government of Iraq, particularly understanding the economic, social, humanitarian and legal challenges it faces, and support of the search for sustainable responses to the most urgent needs of the city. |
| ARB | Workshop on addressing cultural heritage in impact assessment in Egypt (Cairo, 18-21 March 2019). | 39 COM 7.11 | Reinforcement of local expertise on cultural heritage and Heritage Impact Assessments. |
| ARB | Expert Meeting on “Safeguarding of the Oasis systems in the Maghreb”, 29 October - 1 November 2018 (Oujda, Morocco) organized by UNESCO Office in Rabat and the Agence de l'Oriental in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Communication and with financial support of the Netherlands. | | Reinforcement of local expertise on the protection of the Oasis systems in the Maghreb. |

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| ARB | Launch of the International Assistance project to assist in the first phase of the master plan for “Crac des Chevaliers” and “Qal’at Salah El-Din” (Syria) January 2019 – December 2020. | 42 COM 7A.34 42 COM 7A.36 | Elaboration of a Management Plan for the property. |
| ARB | Participation to the "Symposium international sur le patrimoine fortifié d'Oran Bonnes pratiques en réhabilitation et réutilisation des fortifications Oran" Algeria, 6-7 November 2018. | 2015 WH-SD policy | Exchange of technical expertise and case studies on fortified heritage in the region in collaboration with ICOFORT, on a regional level and with the Cervantes Institute (Spain) on a local level, including the support and participation of the Algerian authorities. |
| EUR | High-level UNESCO/ICOMOS Advisory mission to “Historic Centre of Vienna” with participation of the UNESCO ADG/CLT and ICOMOS DG to assess the state of conservation of the property. | 42 COM 7A.5 | Commitment of UNESCO and ICOMOS expressed at the highest level for constructive dialogue with all the actors involved in the state of conservation of the property through meetings with the representatives of the State Party and of the municipality as well as civil society representatives. |
| EUR | The State Party of Turkey hosted an International workshop in Istanbul entitled “Past, Present and Future of Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment” (17-18 April 2019) with the participation of the World Heritage Centre. | | Outcomes of workshop discussions will contribute to further improvement of the publication ‘Guidance on Cultural Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties’. |
| EUR | Following meetings between the Centre and State Party of Turkey (November, 2018) an International Conference on Archaeological World Heritage properties, is being organized in cooperation with private scientific foundation for 4-5 December, 2019 (Istanbul, Turkey) to take stock of the experience acquired in the management of archaeological heritage sites especially for balancing research, conservation and presentation. | 2015 WH-SD policy | Initiate an international network dedicated to sharing and highlighting the experience and best practices of the Archaeological World Heritage actors of the wider region. |
| EUR | Following a meeting of the Director-General with the Ambassador of the Republic of Iceland to UNESCO (April, 2019), joint planning has been initiated of a conference entitled “Managing complexity: the way forward for World Heritage in the Arctic region” (24-25 October 2019) within the framework of the Icelandic Chairmanship 2019, Nordic Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. | 2015 WH-SD policy | Site managers from the Arctic and Nordic region and transnational/serial world heritage properties in Europe invited to participate towards a holistic approach for managing conservation issues. |
| EUR | UNESCO financially supported (Participation Programme) conference on “Methodology for the conservation and strengthening of the rock-cut churches and the drainage system for monastic complex of Geghard” Armenia, 2018. | | Sustainable development measures mainstreamed in conservation actions. |
| EUR | UNESCO financially supported (Participation Programme) project on Digital Mapping and Historical Representation of Belarusian Cities, 2018. | | Support provided to national and local institutions in heritage conservation and management efforts. |

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| EUR | Stakeholder dialogue related to energy transition projects within or near World Heritage properties in Germany. | 2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties | Improvement of understanding the process of developing renewable energy projects in the setting of a World Heritage property, and to ensure more effective decision making in heritage conservation. |
| LAC | Support from the Marine Programme to the implementation of the DSOCR for “Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System” with a focus on securing legal protection from oil exploration; the establishment of mangrove regulation; and a permanent cessation of land sales and leases within the property. Financed by the Government of Flanders and Mr Adrian and Ms Jacqui Beecroft / Charities Aid Foundation. | 40 COM 7A.32 41 COM 7A.2 42 COM 7A.43 | Removal of the “Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System” from the List of World Heritage in Danger. Showcasing the potential of the <i>Convention</i> to facilitate tangible conservation results across all stakeholders involved. |
| LAC | Forum in Mexico City, October 2018, for the conservation and safeguarding of forests in the World Heritage property “Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco” and the surrounding areas. Organized by the UNESCO Office in Mexico, the forum involved participation of local authorities, academics and communities. | Global Strategy | Conclusions and proposals presented, based on public consultations developed since 2017 where governmental institutions, academics, farmers and 200 representatives of the indigenous peoples were involved. |
| LAC | Final workshop for the elaboration of a coordinated, participatory and sustainable Management Plan for “Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue” (Paraguay) 20 November 2018 in the framework of an International Assistance project financed by the World Heritage Fund. | CONF 002 XI 37 COM 8E 37 COM 8D | Informed communities, as well as those identified about the mission and objectives proposed for the Management Plan. |
| LAC | Revision and finalization of Phase I of the project “Préservation du patrimoine et appui au secteur touristique” (PAST) by the national authorities of Haiti and the World Bank. Phase II to begin in 2019. | 42 COM 7B.39 40 COM 7B.6 | Implementation of the project revised and reassured for the next phase, to support conservation and management of World Heritage. |
| LAC | Workshop in Quito, Ecuador in September 2018 with six States Parties of “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”, on the topic of stone architecture conservation strategies and techniques. The workshop was the second on this topic held in the framework of the three-year project “Support to the reinforcement of the participative management structure of the “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”, financed by J-FiT in response to the recommendations by the Committee upon the property’s inscription. | 42 COM 7B.33 40 COM 7B.1 38 COM 8B.43 | Technical Secretariats trained. Appropriate stone conservation strategies and techniques to apply throughout the property agreed. |
| LAC | Two workshops were held in the communities of Iglesia (November 2018) and in Cachi (May 2019), Argentina, with representatives, including community members, from the six involved States Parties of the property “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”, on the topic of earthen architecture | 42 COM 7B.33 40 COM 7B.1 38 COM 8B.43 | Technical Secretariats trained. Appropriate earthen conservation strategies and techniques to apply throughout the property agreed. |

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| | conservation strategies and techniques. Workshops were held in the framework of the three-year project financed by J-FiT designed to strengthen the participatory management system of "Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System". | | |
| LAC | In March 2019 in Pasto, Colombia, the final workshop was held with the six involved States Parties on the digital system developed for monitoring the state of conservation of the property "Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System", including its intangible heritage values. This workshop was held in the framework of the three-year project financed by J-FiT designed to strengthen the participatory management system of "Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System". | 42 COM 7B.33 40 COM 7B.1 38 COM 8B.43 | States Parties conducted the final pilot of the monitoring system, which was one of the key recommendations for the property upon inscription. |
| 3C Activities to promote the development of effective Capacity-Building measures (Capacity-Building) | | | |
| REGION | ACTIVITIES | DECISION | RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered |
| GLO | <p>Training workshops were organized in all regions (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of capacity-building activities for local actors, Malian institutions, as well as MINUSMA civilian and military personnel on heritage protection UNESCO-Turkmenistan training Workshop and field activities, 9-18 October 2019, Ashgabat and Merv, Turkmenistan. Organized with specialists from the Japanese Teikyo University and the Institute of Archaeology, University College of London (UK) funded via the UNESCO/ J-FiT project "Support for the Silk Roads World Heritage Sites in Central Asia (Phase II)" Elaboration of case studies on Aleppo, Beirut, Sarajevo and Berlin and commissioning of papers, in the framework of the project 'Harnessing reconciliation through the recovery of cultural heritage' funded by the Netherlands Funds in Trust Advisory assistance in preparation of management plans (Ukraine), preparation of amendments to national legislation (Georgia), and urban planning activities (Georgia). | <p>Global Strategy</p> <p>Decisions of World Heritage Committee under 7A and 7B</p> | <p>Capacity building for site managers and archaeologists from Turkmenistan Ministry of Culture, the Institute of History and Archaeological Parks on documentation, conservation and the management of architectural monuments and archaeological sites.</p> <p>Building a critical mass of information on post-conflict reconstruction experiences to inform post-conflict recovery and reconstruction policies at WH cities in the Arab States.</p> |
| GLO | Capacity building events specific to the 2011 Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation (HUL) were organized in all regions (non-exhaustive list): | 42 COM 5A | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of C2Cs at ARC-WH (Bahrain) in April 2019, including a dedicated session on the implementation of HUL through C2Cs and UNESCO Chairs • Workshop, funded by NL-FIT, entitled “Conservation of Asmara: A Modernist African City” took place in Asmara (Eritrea) in December 2018 focusing on HUL • National workshop as part of the project “Technical support to the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi” in Turkestan, Kazakhstan by introducing the HUL approach (30-31 October 2018) • International Expert Meeting on the Implementation of the HUL Recommendation at WHITRAP (Shanghai, China) 26-28 March 2018 • Workshop entitled “Technical support to the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi in Turkestan, Kazakhstan, by introducing the HUL approach in Central Asia”, 5-6 March 2019 including the participation of Governments of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan • Capacity-building workshops for professionals and the local community were organized in Shakrisyabz, Samarkand, and Bukhara in Uzbekistan by high-level Joint WHC/ICOMOS Mission to Shakrisyabz • An international Symposium entitled “Old Town, Neighbourhood Sharing Future” was held in Beijing (China) in September 2018 • HUL Training in Muntok, Bangka Island (Indonesia) in November 2018 • An international Workshop for the Conservation and Regeneration of Changzhou Island Guangzhou, which focused on the local government level, was organized in July 2018 • Pioneering methodology for citizen participation for the implementation of HUL was presented during an exposition entitled “Smart City Expo LATAM Congress WeGov: Ciudadanía y Gobierno para el bien Común”, held in the City of Puebla (Mexico) in September 2018 • Conference on the topic “Heritage, Landscape, and Urban Development” was held in Santiago (Chile) in December 2018 with the participation of the national Chilean Focal Point for Cultural Heritage and international experts • Co-organized by UNESCO’s Lima Office, the Provincial Municipality of the City of Trujillo, and the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Trujillo, a series of seminars entitled “Contributions of the Historic Urban Landscape to the Design and Management of Sustainable Cities”, took place in City of Trujillo (Mexico) in 2018 • Co-organized by UNESCO Lima Office, the Spanish Cooperation Agency (AECID) and the Provincial Municipality of Cusco, the Sixth | | <p>Sessions organised included the “White Pagoda Memoir – Sharing Authentic Historic Urban Landscapes” aimed at sharing city and community memories as an authentic heritage tool according to the principles of the HUL Recommendation.</p> <p>Focus on the HUL approach to integrating cultural heritage in urban development plans and measures.</p> <p>Discussion on the HUL Recommendation to foster national policies on heritage and quality of life in Latin America.</p> <p>Attendance of local and regional authorities, faculty members and students from Departments of Architecture and Urbanism of northern Peru Universities, and members of diverse cultural associations.</p> <p>Sixth edition of this biennial meeting benefitted authorities of the municipal governments of Trujillo, Cajamarca, Ayacucho, and Chachapoyas and employees of the regional offices of the Ministry of Culture of Peru from the country’s three Word Heritage Cities (Lima, Cusco and Arequipa).</p> |
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| | National Meeting of Historic Cities entitled “Social and Economic Sustainability in Historic Cities” took place in the City of Cusco (Peru) in 2018, where the HUL approach was widely discussed | | |
| GLO | World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 17-26 June 2018 “Protecting Heritage in an Ever-Changing World” held in Manama (Bahrain) with participation of 30 young people (17 female, 13 male) from 30 countries: Albania; Algeria; Argentina; Austria; Bahrain; Benin; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Brazil; Cameroon; China; Colombia; Cuba; Guatemala; Ghana; Greece; India; Kuwait; Netherlands; Pakistan; Palestine; Philippines; Poland; Russian Federation; Senegal; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Thailand; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; the United States of America; and Zimbabwe. See: https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1836/ | | Improved youth knowledge and understanding of the challenges and opportunities of the protection, conservation and restoration of World Heritage sites carrying associative values. The presentation of the results of the participants’ work in the form of a Declaration at the 42nd Session of the World Heritage Committee. |
| GLO | Capacity-building workshop for team leaders of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative, was held from 12 - 15 March 2019 at UNESCO Headquarters (Paris, France) in collaboration with the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS), European Heritage Volunteers and Better World. | | Training in fundraising, advocacy, communication, and project management provided to team leaders of WHV campaigns, attended by 18 team leaders from 16 countries, representing all 5 regions. |
| GLO | The 2nd World Heritage Site Managers Forum was held in Manama (Bahrain) 21-28 June 2018, on the theme of “World Heritage Site Manager: Role, Responsibility and Capacity-Building Needs”. Participants of the Forum included 44 representatives of World Heritage properties located in 33 States Parties (Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cuba, Cyprus, Germany, Jordan, Italy, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malawi, Mali, Myanmar, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Zambia and Zimbabwe). | 42 COM 7 | Training sessions and workshops were organized by WHC, ICCROM and the Bahraini Authorities, aimed at increasing understanding of the World Heritage decision-making processes for effective protection of Outstanding Universal Value. The full statement of the participants “Recognition and Inclusion” is available at http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1435/ |
| GLO | Operational activities of the World Heritage marine site managers’ community network, including 49 marine sites in 37 countries. With the leadership support of the Annenberg Foundation, the Government of Flanders, and the French Biodiversity Agency. | 29 COM 5B 37 COM 5E | Managers trained in development of climate adaptation strategies and market-based approaches to strengthen sustainable fisheries. |
| GLO | High-level delegation from Belize visit to Australia’s “Great Barrier Reef” (26 - 30 November 2018) to exchange best practices regarding the reef’s iconic World Heritage status, to help protect fragile ecosystems from climate impacts | 40 COM 5D | Improved visibility of local conservation work in marine sites, and access to marine expertise, including substantial exchange on management solutions and best practices among marine World Heritage sites. |

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| | and secure sustainable livelihoods, jobs and income for local communities http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1909/ | | |
| GLO | World Heritage marine managers and marine litter experts from around the world met at the Island of Norderney in the “Wadden Sea” (14 - 16 November 2018) to discuss impacts of marine litter and plastics. Best practices on marine litter monitoring, clean-up campaigns and awareness-raising were exchanged http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1904/ | 42 COM 5A | Positioning World Heritage marine network as a leader for change in ocean conservation. |
| GLO | UNESCO and World Bank launch of a joint paper entitled “Culture in City Reconstruction and Recovery” at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France (16 November, 2018) and the World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C. (4 March, 2019). | 42 COM 5A | Supporting the development of practitioners, national and local authorities, and international organizations in integrating culture in city reconstruction and recovery processes, following destruction of cultural heritage due to conflict. |
| GLO | 15th World Congress of the Organization of World Heritage Cities, Krakow, Poland (2-5 June 2019). Theme will be “Heritage and Tourism: Local communities and visitors – sharing responsibilities”. | 42 COM 5A | Platform for the exchange of knowledge and experiences concerning implementation of municipal policies, governmental and local initiatives, as well as solutions aimed at protection, preservation and management of heritage cities. |
| AFR | A workshop on strengthening the conservation and management of “Asmara: the Modernist City of Africa, Eritrea” from 18 - 22 March 2019. | 42 COM 5A | Second of two capacity-building workshops as part of the NL-FiT to UNESCO Project “Conservation of Asmara: the Modernist City of Africa, Eritrea”. |
| AFR | Expert meeting in November 2018 in Paris (France) with the purpose to discuss a proposal for a new initiative entitled “China-Africa exchange for capacity-building and knowledge-sharing among World Heritage practitioners”. | UNESCO Global Priority Africa | Highlighted the need to focus on African priorities, to consider the high-level dimension of events and engagements and have a results-based approach based on capacity building and field projects. |
| AFR | Two regional workshops entitled “World Heritage and Education Institutions in Africa” were organized respectively at Great Zimbabwe University (Zimbabwe) and Saint-Louis (Senegal). | UNESCO Global Priority Africa | Exchange and recommendations on issues related to the involvement of universities in the implementation of the <i>Convention</i> , addressing an urgent need to build African capacities in a sustainable way by drawing on a pool of expertise available at African educational institutions. |
| AFR | Regional meeting on safeguarding of transboundary heritage sites for sustainable development and peace in Africa held in the city of Man (Côte d’Ivoire) near the “Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve” funded by the NL-FiT, 11 -15 February 2019. | UNESCO Global Priority Africa | Working papers were presented to approximately 60 experts, site managers, technical and financial partners, academics, and representatives of the private sector from 20 African countries. 40 institutions involved in African heritage management were represented. |

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| AFR | <p>The AWHF carried out a number of capacity-building initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A National Disaster Risk Management Workshop on World Heritage Sites in South Africa in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) of South Africa at “Vredefort Dome” (July-August 2018) • Preparatory Workshop for the Third Cycle of World Heritage Periodic Reporting in the Africa Region was organized in Nelspruit, South Africa, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) of South Africa (February 2019) • First African Regional Course on Promoting People-Centred Approaches to Conservation of Nature and Culture (PNC18), in collaboration with ICCROM and IUCN, was held at “Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls” Zambia (August 2018) | <p>2015 WH-SD policy</p> <p>UNESCO Global Priority Africa</p> | <p>Site managers were trained in the protection of World Heritage by improving risk management skills.</p> <p>Participants from 16 countries (Botswana, Cote D'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) attended the course.</p> |
| AFR | <p>Organization of CAWHFI training workshops in the region (non-exhaustive list):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop in Yaoundé (Cameroon) in January 2019 to present and assess activities implemented in CAWHFI, attended by 40 site managers and heritage professionals from Central Africa (Congo, Cameroon, Gabon and Central African Republic) • Two training workshops in November and December 2018, to provide technical support for the conservators of “Sangha Trinational” and “Dja Faunal Reserve” (Cameroon), aiming to evaluate the implementation of the Recommendations adopted by the Committee for these two for drafting of the state of conservation reports • Two workshops are to be organized in Cameroon and Congo on the management and conservation of World Heritage sites in June 2019 | <p>Global Strategy Decisions of World Heritage Committee under 7A and 7B</p> | <p>Capacities of site managers, government officials, community members and heritage experts enhanced.</p> <p>Analysis and exchange of good practices on the management and conservation of World Heritage sites.</p> <p>Creation and strengthening of networks of key actors (e.g. network of educational institutions) in the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>.</p> <p>Update of information and current technical knowledge.</p> <p>Improvement of capacities in the protection and conservation of World Heritage properties.</p> <p>Strengthening of institutional and administrative frameworks for the protection of World Heritage properties.</p> |
| APA | <p>Launch of ‘Buddhist Heritage Route for Sustainable Tourism Development in South Asia’ project, supported by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to develop and promote sustainable tourism in South Asia with a focus on Bangladesh, Nepal and India, through the creation of a Buddhist Heritage Circuit. Participating WH sites: “Lumbini, the Birthplace of the Lord Buddha” Nepal; “Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi” India; “Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur” Bangladesh.</p> <p>Three capacity building workshops organized in: Kathmandu, Nepal (July 2018), Bhopal, India (November 2018) and Dhaka, Bangladesh (March 2019).</p> | <p>2015 WH-SD policy</p> | <p>Workshops played an important role in building and strengthening sustainable destination partnerships between heritage and tourism managers and across borders between sites. Participants provided important inputs for developing marketing and communication strategies and identified how this project and the new destination partnerships, can help create a more inclusive and sustainable tourism development approach at the sites.</p> |

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| APA | Sub-regional conference on World Heritage Global Strategy, 21-22 February 2019, Kolkata (India). Attendance of National Focal Points and experts from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka to explore the potential of the South Asian sub-region to ensure that the List reflects the world's cultural and natural diversity. | 42 COM 5A 42 COM 12A | Participants agreed to reinforce the capacity of the South Asian State Parties with regard to the implementation of the <i>Convention</i> . |
| ARB | Technical advice provided to the State Parties of Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Oman in the submissions of boundary clarifications and the elaboration of minor boundary modifications. Technical assistance was also provided to the State Party of Palestine regarding the elaboration of the SOUV for "Hebron/Al-Khalil Old town". | 42 COM 7A | A number of countries in the region, particularly those facing conflicts, are making important efforts to clarify buffer zones and boundary modifications of World Heritage properties. |
| ARB | Follow-up to the recommendations of the "Expert Meeting on the Safeguarding of Oases Systems" that took place in Oujda (Morocco) from 29 October to 1 November 2018). | 42 COM 5A | Visibility increased to underrepresented typology of sites through publication of a dedicated World Heritage Review on Oases systems and a planned side event at 43COM. Technical support to the elaboration of the nomination file proposal for the "Oasis of Figuig", inscribed on the Tentative List from the Government of Morocco. |
| ARB | Workshops in collaboration with WH-ARC on the "Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for National Focal Points", Manama, Bahrain (12-14 November, 2018) and UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France (26-27, February 2019). | 41 COM 10A | Training National Focal Points in carrying out reporting duties in the framework of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting (2018 - 2020). |
| ARB | Sub regional meetings on the "Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for Site managers", UNESCO Office in Cairo, Egypt, March and April 2019. | 41 COM 10A | Training of site managers in carrying out reporting duties in the framework of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting (2018 - 2020). |
| ARB | In partnership with UNESCO Beirut and the Directorate General of Antiquities (DGA) in Lebanon, ICCROM-Sharjah held a training workshop on "Enhancing World Heritage Management Skills for Heritage Professionals" in Beirut, Lebanon, 8 – 11 February 2019. | | The workshop's target audience were site managers, archaeologists and architects working for the DGA in Lebanon. |
| EUR | Vienna hosted the "Organization of World Heritage Cities Workshop and Conference" with the theme "World Heritage Cities Between Development and Preservation" (13-15 February, 2019) and with the participation of DIR/WHC. | 42 COM 5A | 24 World Heritage cities exchanged on the challenges facing dynamic cities between the development and preservation of World Heritage sites. The meeting concluded with the "Vienna Declaration - Preservation, Development and Management of World Heritage in Dynamic Cities". |

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| EUR | International assistance provided for Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) workshop in Kotor (Montenegro) 3-6 December 2018. | 39 COM 7.11 | Improvement of capacities and skills to conduct HIAs for more effective decision making in heritage conservation. |
| EUR | Publication of case studies regarding Heritage Impact Assessments linked to renewable energies and energy transition is currently in preparation, with contribution from the Ministry of Environment of France. | 2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties | Guidelines on renewable energy projects and World Heritage, as a resource for States Parties to prevent conservation issues at World Heritage sites, and to identify ways in which renewable energies and World Heritage protection can co-exist. Guidelines could assist in developing national strategies for the evaluation process of these project proposals. |
| EUR | International assistance provided for a risk preparedness workshop in Gjirokastra (Albania) 4 to 15 July 2018. | | Improvement of capacities in risk preparedness, developing risk preparedness plans for World Heritage sites and ensuring the resilience of communities. |
| EUR | World Heritage Journeys in the European Union initiative, supported by the EU to encourage people to travel more regionally beyond major hubs, stay longer and support local culture and creative industries. The project, in collaboration with National Geographic, developed a pioneering website for World Heritage and sustainable travel, which features in-depth content on 34 World Heritage sites in the EU regrouped under 4 themes: https://visitworldheritage.com/en/eu | 2015 WH-SD policy | Capacity building workshops in Helsingør, Denmark (June, 2018) and Versailles, France (October, 2018) where participating World Heritage sites exchanged experiences and knowledge on how to take advantage of marketing strategies and activities of the project. |
| LAC | WHC, Institute for National Historic and Artistic Heritage (IPHAN) of Brazil and the Category 2 Centre, Regional Heritage Management Training Centre "Lucio Costa" meeting in Rio de Janeiro (August, 2018) to discuss and agree upon the UNESCO-C2C Agenda and work plan for 2018-2020, which was subsequently presented to the C2C's 2nd Governance Board Meeting and approved. | Global Strategy 37 COM 10A | Defined capacity-building priorities and actions agreed upon, designed to support the 10 member countries in their implementation of the <i>Convention</i> . |
| LAC | National seminar of site managers, Buenos Aires (Argentina) December 2018, regarding strengthening Risk Management in World Heritage properties. Representatives were from the National Commission, national authorities that compose the Argentinian Committee for World Heritage (CAPM), as well as an international expert and the WHC. | Global Strategy | Outcomes to provide sufficient inputs for site managers and national authorities to integrate DRM into new or revised management plans and mechanisms. |
| LAC | Meeting between UNESCO Office in Montevideo and the State Party of Uruguay (February, 2019) endorsing their commitment to continue "IMPULSO for heritage" to strengthen the management of cultural heritage sites in the | Global Strategy | Programme aims to strengthen management strategies of World Heritage properties in Uruguay. |

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| | country: the “Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento” and “Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape”. | | |
| LAC | Workshop-conference in Phillipsburg, Saint Maarten, with the support of the UNESCO Office in Kingston (30 July - 3 August 2018) on disaster recovery and heritage preservation, particularly in response to widespread impacts on cultural heritage following the destructive 2017 Atlantic hurricane season. Approximately 50 participants attended from the Caribbean region, representing international and regional policy makers, emergency responders and cultural heritage stewards. | Global Strategy | Outcomes helped strengthen the sub-region’s focus of protecting cultural heritage in the face of threats from natural disasters, through disaster management planning, strategies and policies and in post-disaster needs assessments undertaken. |
| LAC | High-level delegation from Belize visited Australia’s “Great Barrier Reef” from 26-30 November 2018, in the framework of the World Heritage Marine Programme, to exchange best practices on protecting ecosystems from climate impacts and securing sustainable livelihoods, jobs and income for local communities. | 2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties | Contributed to positioning the World Heritage marine network as a leader for change in ocean conservation. |
| LAC | Capacity-building workshop was held in Havana, Cuba on the topic of flood prevention on the Malecón coastline of “Old Havana and its Fortification System” (February, 2019) in the framework of the national plan to address climate change and disaster risk. Initiative was a joint effort of the UNESCO Office in Havana, the Environment Agency of the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment (CITMA) of Cuba, and the Embassy of the Netherlands. | 2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties | Identification of integrated solutions and technology transfers that can be implemented without major investments to reduce flood risks along Havana’s coastline. |
| LAC | Workshop in Cuzco, Peru (October, 2018) as the final activity regarding disaster risk preparation, response, and recovery in the framework of the 3-year J-FiT project in support of “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”. | 42 COM 7B.33 40 COM 7B.1 38 COM 8B.43 | Mechanisms and tools for disaster risk management established for use among all six States Parties involved. |
| 4C Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication (Communication) | | | |
| REGION | ACTIVITIES | DECISION | RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered |
| GLO | Development of several communication activities to highlight World Heritage marine sites and the work of the World Heritage Marine Programme, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of the 2018 annual report of the World Heritage Marine Programme http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1928/ | 29 COM 5B 41 COM 7 42 COM 7 42 COM 5A | Increased understanding on the need to protect World Heritage marine sites and strengthened cooperation with the partners for the preservation of marine sites. Increased understanding on the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage coral reefs, the threat of climate |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A first stop in “Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary” 14 - 29 March 2018 organized by Monaco Explorations • Cooperation with 19-yr old Belgian artist VEXX to create artwork to celebrate the 2018 World Oceans Day on 8 June 2018 | | <p>change and the work of UNESCO’s WHC to address the issue.</p> <p>Increased awareness of the power of art to inspire people all over the world to step up efforts to protect our Marine World Heritage for future generations: http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1828/</p> |
| GLO | 8th edition of “World Heritage Sites” co-published with Harper Collins in English (North American edition by Firefly Books) was released in 2018. | <i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C | Visibility of World Heritage and the need for its preservation enhanced. |
| GLO | 2019 World Heritage Calendar published with Panasonic in paper, online, and PC tablet formats. | <i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C | Visibility of World Heritage enhanced, particularly in Asia, and among young people. |
| GLO | English, French and Spanish publication of the quarterly World Heritage Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue 88 (World Heritage in Bahrain) • Issue 89 (Wetlands) • Issue 90 (Success Stories) • Issue 91 (Walled Cities) | <i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C | <p>Visibility of World Heritage enhanced.</p> <p>Also available in an online electronic format.</p> <p>The financial viability is dependent on the continuous support of the co-publisher and States Parties hosting the Committee session.</p> |
| GLO | 80 news items and 16 events created on the WHC website between 1 July 2018 - 22 February 2019. In 2018, the website whc.unesco.org, represented 44.97% of the page views and 38.8% of the visits to all unesco.org websites (Gooleanalytics). | <i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C | Visibility of UNESCO and WHC’s actions enhanced. |
| GLO | Social media: From July 2018, posts about World Heritage were shared across UNESCO’s social media platforms (5 848 777 total followers in English, French and Spanish) on a weekly basis. Twitter 3 558 769 Facebook 1 257 941 Instagram 1 032 067 | <i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C | Visibility of UNESCO and WHC’s actions enhanced across a wide range of platforms, with more exposure to young people. |
| GLO | E-newsletter with information on World Heritage published in June and December 2018, and February 2019 (English and French). | <i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C | <p>Visibility enhanced.</p> <p>E-newsletter sent to 21,000 WHC website members (approx. 16,000 in English, 5,000 in French).</p> |
| GLO | 35,000 copies of the 2018-2019 World Heritage Map, produced in collaboration with National Geographic Maps in English, French, Spanish. | <i>Operational Guidelines</i> Chapter IX.C | Enhanced knowledge of World Heritage sites and the <i>Convention</i> . |

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| GLO | Third Meeting of the World Heritage Policy Compendium Working Group (11-13 December, 2018) UNESCO HQ, Paris. Experts with competence in the fields of natural and cultural heritage as well as representatives of the Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN). | 42 COM 11 | Finalization of the draft Policy Compendium in line with the request by the World Heritage Committee at its 42nd session in Manama, Bahrain. |
| GLO | Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting Newsletter and Facebook group established to facilitate sharing of good practice and dissemination of key information. | 42 COM 10A | The Centre intends to widen the Facebook group to a global network of site managers to provide a space to share best practices on wider conservation challenges and management. |
| GLO | The Centre has redeveloped the World Heritage Marketplace platform on its website in order to attract further funding for specific projects and increase Resource Mobilization, see: https://whc.unesco.org/en/marketplace/ | 42 COM 14 | Mobilization of further extra budgetary funding for specific World Heritage projects. |
| GLO | Translation into Armenian of the World Heritage Resource Manuals series: Preparing World Heritage Nominations, Managing Cultural World Heritage and Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage. Translations have been supported by the World Heritage Fund through International Assistance and the Armenian National Commission for UNESCO. | 37 COM 6 | Manuals are all available online at the following link: http://whc.unesco.org/en/resourcemanuals/ |
| GLO | Presentation at the side-event “Cultural Approaches to Wise Use of Wetlands – Past, Present and Future” at the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (COP13) (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 21-29 October, 2018). | 2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties | Dissemination of the special issue of World Heritage on wetlands: http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/89/ |
| GLO | UNESCO and the Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle (Natural History Museum, MNHN) co-hosted a meeting (March, 2019) as an opportunity to raise Member States’ awareness of the urgency of our shared responsibility to protect Great Apes and their habitats, attended by DIR/WHC and DG of UNESCO. | 2007 Policy on Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage Properties | Museum’s partnership with UNESCO is a shared commitment to prevent the loss of Great Apes and their habitats in several World Heritage sites across the Africa and Asia-Pacific regions. |
| AFR | Development of Heritage Passports for the three African States Parties (Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Ghana) funded by the Hungarian government following the example of the Heritage Passport of Mali. | 36 COM 10D | Development of an information and awareness-raising tool. |
| AFR | Central Africa World Heritage Forest Initiative (CAWHFI) project production of communication materials e.g. 8-page brochures, flyers, etc. | UNESCO Global Priority Africa | Better knowledge of World Heritage sites and the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> . |

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| | <p>Production and distribution of two editions of the CAWHFI project newsletter; development and distribution of more than 15 articles and videos on the project.</p> <p>Several publications published through UNESCO Yaoundé social network accounts (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube).</p> <p>Organization of launching ceremony to promote the episode of "Patrimoinito in the Dja Faunal Reserve" (December, 2018) bringing together more than 300 young people and children living around the property.</p> <p>High level event in Brussels (November, 2018) to promote the <i>Convention</i> and UNESCO's activities for the protection of sites in the Congo Basin with the participation of DIR/WHC and DIR Brussels Office.</p> | UNESCO Operational Strategy on youth 2014-21 | Enhancing the visibility of World Heritage, especially among young people. |
| APA | <p>UNESCO Apia Round Table on Building Sustainable Tourism for Green/Blue Livelihoods in Pacific Island Countries and Territories, 1 October 2018, Apia, (Samoa).</p> <p>https://en.unesco.org/events/unesco-round-table-building-sustainable-tourism-greenblue-livelihoods-pacific-island</p> | 2015 WH-SD policy | Highlighted sustainable tourism at World Heritage sites and UNESCO Biosphere Reserves, as well as initiatives from across the Pacific that emphasise the importance of culture, nature, social inclusion and responsible tourism for the Pacific. Strengthened collaboration between the Science and Culture sectors on Small Island Developing States (SIDS). |
| ARB | <p>Publication entitled "Five years of conflict, the State of Cultural Heritage in the Ancient City of Aleppo report", funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund, in cooperation with UNITAR-UNOSAT. Published in December 2018, available in English, French and Arabic.</p> | 42 COM 7A.30 | Awareness raising on the importance of protecting cultural heritage at risk in times of conflict. |
| EUR | <p>World Heritage Journeys in the European Union initiative supported by the EU and in collaboration with National Geographic, developed a first ever website for World Heritage and sustainable travel, which features in-depth content on 34 World Heritage sites in the EU, regrouped under 4 themes.</p> <p>Official launch of the platform as part of the European Heritage Days held at UNESCO headquarters 15-16 September 2018:</p> <p>https://visitworldheritage.com/en/eu</p> | 2015 WH-SD policy | EU-China high-level Conference on World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism organized in the UNESCO headquarters in October 2018. Important contribution to the 2018 EU/China Tourism Year, focusing on best practices and innovation in visitor management, marketing, sustainability, and technology for cultural heritage tourism in the EU. |
| LAC | <p>Conference and celebration at UNESCO Headquarters for the anniversary of the 40th inscription of the properties "Galápagos Islands" and "City of Quito" on the World Heritage List in 1978. Organized by the State Party of Ecuador with the WHC, and attended by DIR/WHC and ADG/CLT (December 2018).</p> | Global Strategy, CONF 010 VIII.38 (Inscription) | Opportunity to recall the importance of the first properties inscribed on the World Heritage List and the commitment of Ecuador in implementing the <i>Convention</i> . |

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| LAC | With the support of the WHC, the Pontificia Universidad Catolica in Valparaiso created a new UNESCO Chair Programme centred on cultural heritage entitled "Restoration and Conservation in Heritage Structures" (January 2019). | Global Strategy | Initiative to involve training and research programmes as well as communication activities developed at a national and international level. |
| 5C Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities (Communities) | | | |
| REGION | ACTIVITIES | DECISION | RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered |
| GLO | World Heritage Watch Forum in Paris 4-5 February 2019, partially attended by representatives of WHC and Advisory Bodies to the <i>Convention</i> . | 42 COM 7 | Opportunity for information exchange with members of civil society regarding state of conservation of World Heritage properties across all regions. |
| AFR | Funded by UNESCO/Hungary Funds-in-Trust, support was provided for the visibility, promotion and increased awareness of the "Ruins of Loropéni" (Burkina Faso) World Heritage site. | 33 COM 8B.12 | Development of signage at the site, equipment provided for the museum of the Loropéni Interpretation Centre, and events held for the information and awareness raising for local communities and decision makers. |
| AFR | COMPACT programme with the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme in "Maloti-Drakensberg Park" (Lesotho/South Africa) with the support of the UNESCO/NL-FiT cooperation, and "Okavango Delta" (Botswana) with support of the UNESCO/FL-FiT cooperation. | 36 COM 10D 41 COM 7B.38 42 COM 7B.89 | COMPACT grant-making strategies completed in the "Maloti-Drakensberg Park" towards community based conservation and livelihood projects. Continuation of COMPACT strategy work within "Okavango Delta" updating of management plan. |
| AFR | Supported through International Assistance, work was undertaken to strengthen Sehlabathebe community conservation forum, enhancing community involvement in the conservation and management of "Maloti Drakensberg Park" (Lesotho). | 41 COM 7B.38 | Improved involvement of communities in management of the property through development of the legal and institutional frameworks (by-laws), the constitution and integrated management plan for the community conservation forum, as well as a Memorandum of Understanding between the park management authority and the community conservation forum. |
| AFR | 2019 African World Heritage Day: 4th African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum from 29 April - 5 May 2019 in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia). | UNESCO Global Priority Africa | Improved involvement of youth in World Heritage conservation. |
| APA | Workshop entitled "Technical support to the Mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi" in Turkestan, Kazakhstan, introducing the HUL approach in Central Asia" (5-6 March, 2019) including the participation of Governments of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. | 42 COM 5A | Sessions aimed at sharing city and community memories as an authentic heritage tool according to the principles of the HUL Recommendation. |
| ARB | Launch of International Assistance for the recovery plan of "Ancient City of Bosra" Syria (March-December, 2019). | 42 COM 7A.31 | Elaboration of a survey on damage assessment and data collection. The project will have a direct benefit for |

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| | | | local practitioners and communities and will serve as a case study for the damaged built heritage site. |
| LAC | International seminar “Cultural Heritage and sustainable tourism” held in October 2018 in Lima, Peru, organized by the University San Martin de Porres and the UNESCO Chair Programme on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism. | World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme | Case studies of cultural heritage within the UNESCO framework were analysed to propose strengthened relationships between heritage, tourism and communities. |
| LAC | Workshop in Lima, Peru (August, 2018) on the topic of public use by local communities and other actors of the property’s diverse components, in the framework of the implementation of the 3-year extra-budgetary project financed by J-FiT in support of “Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System”. | 42 COM 7B.33 40 COM 7B.1 38 COM 8B.43 | Public use and management has been reinforced, which considers the needs and activities of local communities. |
| LAC | Finalization of a project implemented in cooperation with the UNESCO Office in Quito and financed by J-FiT entitled “Preservation and conservation of Tiwanaku and the Akapana Pyramid, Bolivia”, for the property “Tiwanaku: Spiritual and Political Centre of the Tiwanaku Culture”. Closing event (July 2018) with high-level government representatives and the Embassy of Japan, as well as national and local actors involved in the property’s conservation and management, including members of all the neighbouring communities. | 42 COM 7B.34 | Successful presentation of the finalized Management Plan and outcomes of the project. |
| LAC | Participation Programme approved project to support the empowerment of school-aged children living near the World Heritage property “Jesuit Missions of La Santísima Trinidad de Paraná and Jesús de Tavarangue” Paraguay. | Global Strategy, 17 COM XI (Inscription) | Local population understand the property’s importance, through the development of educational resources and related seminars. |
| LAC | International initiative for young people “My Community in World Heritage” was implemented by the UNESCO Office in San José (February, 2019) in cooperation with the Cultural Centers of Spain in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, as part of a Participation Programme approved in 2018. | World Heritage and young people | Initiative includes a competition aimed at the creation of proposals and design of communicative materials to reflect the perception of young people towards community identity and relationship to World Heritage, in the 5 States Parties of the geographic cluster. |
| LAC | Finalization of a project developing a strategy for sustainable community tourism in “Valley of Viñales”, Cuba. Implemented by the UNESCO Office in Havana, in coordination with the WHC and the National Council of Cultural Heritage (CNPC) workshops were held in the framework of an extra-budgetary project financed by the Spanish Funds-in-Trust in late 2018 – early 2019. | CONF 209 VIII.C.1 (Inscription) 38 COM 8E (RSOUV) | National and local authorities, together with experts and community members discussed management of sustainable and community tourism, identifying key factors to strengthen actions in the property. |

**Follow-up on the Decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee
at its 42nd session (Manama, 2018)**

| Decisions & items | IMPLEMENTED | ON-GOING | DELAYED |
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| 42 COM 2 Admission of Observers | ✓ | | |
| 42 COM 3A Adoption of the Agenda | ✓ | | |
| 42 COM 3B Adoption of the Timetable | ✓ | | |
| 42 COM 5A Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions | | See Document WHC/19/43.COM/5A | |
| 42 COM 5B Reports of the Advisory Bodies | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/5B and WHC/19/43.COM/5E | |
| 42 COM 6 Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres | | See Document WHC/19/43.COM/6 | |
| 42 COM 7 State of Conservation of World Heritage properties | ✓ (partially) | See Document WHC/19/43.COM/7 | |
| 41 COM 7A State of conservation of the properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/7A and WHC/19/43.COM/7A.Add | |
| 41 COM 7B State of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/7B and WHC/19/43.COM/7B.Add | |
| 42 COM 8 General Decision on Item 8 | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/8A | |
| 42 COM 8A Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties as of 15 April 2018, in conformity with the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> | ✓ | | |
| 42 COM 8B Nominations to the World Heritage List | ✓ | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/8B.Add, WHC/19/43.COM/7B and WHC/19/43.COM/7B.Add | |
| 42 COM 8C.1 Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger (inscribed properties) | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/7A and WHC/19/43.COM/7A.Add | |

| Decisions & items | IMPLEMENTED | ON-GOING | DELAYED |
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| 42 COM 8C.2 Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger (retained properties) | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/7A and WHC/19/43.COM/7A.Add | |
| 42 COM 8C.3 Update of the List of World Heritage in Danger (removed properties) | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/7B and WHC/19/43.COM/7B.Add | |
| 42 COM 8D Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties | ✓ | See Document WHC/19/43.COM/8D | |
| 42 COM 8E Adoption of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value | ✓ | | |
| 42 COM 9A Progress report on the reflection concerning the Upstream Processes | | See Document WHC/19/43.COM/9A | |
| 42 COM 10A Progress report on the preparation of the Third cycle of Periodic Reporting | | See Document WHC/19/43.COM/10B | |
| 42 COM 11 Progress report on a Draft Policy Compendium | | See Document WHC/19/43.COM/11B | |
| 42 COM 12A Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods: outcomes of the ad-hoc working group | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/12 | |
| 42 COM 12B Follow up and implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group on Governance as endorsed by the General Conference | | Outcomes of the ad-hoc Working Group and Decision 42 COM 12A to be presented to the General Conference working group on governance, and to the 22nd session of the General Assembly of States Parties in November 2019 | |
| 42 COM 13 International Assistance | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/13 and WHC/19/43.COM/11A | |
| 42 COM 14 Presentation of the final accounts of the World Heritage Fund for 2016-2017, implementation of the World Heritage Fund under the biennium 2018-2019 and follow-up to Decision 41 COM 14 | | See Documents WHC/19/43.COM/14 and WHC/19/43.COM/12A | |
| 42 COM 15 Other business | N/A | N/A | N/A |

| Decisions & items | IMPLEMENTED | ON-GOING | DELAYED |
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| <p>42 COM 16 Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (2019)</p> | <p>Chairperson: H. E. Mr Abulfaz Garayev (Azerbaijan) Rapporteur: Ms Mahani Taylor (Australia) Vice-Chairpersons: Brazil, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Norway, Tunisia</p> | | |
| <p>42 COM 17 Provisional Agenda of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (2019)</p> | | <p>See Document WHC/19/43.COM/3A</p> | |

World Heritage Expert and other Meetings, January 2019 – December 2019

Note: At its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011), the World Heritage Committee, by Decision **35 COM 12B**, requested the World Heritage Centre to present an annual list of planned meetings. The Committee requested the Centre to document, more particularly all meetings in which the participation of the Secretariat is foreseen. Such a list should contain all relevant information for the Committee to decide on priorities and allocation of human and financial available resources. This annex therefore presents the consolidated list of planned meetings.

| Meeting | Venue | Dates | Contact / Responsible entity |
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| Reflection on the Nomination process | Tunis, Tunisia | 23-25 January 2019 | WHC/NOM |
| EOH Arab Regional Workshop | Ouarzazate, Morocco | 28 January – 1 February 2019 | |
| World Heritage Watch Forum | Paris, France | 4 February 2019 | World Heritage Watch |
| WHC/ABs meeting | UNESCO HQs | 5-8 February 2019 | WHC/PSM |
| Connecting Practice | ICOMOS Paris, France | 7-8 February 2019 | ICOMOS |
| Training workshop “Enhancing World Heritage Management Skills For Heritage Professionals in Lebanon” | Beirut, Lebanon, with site visit in Byblos | 8-11 February 2019 | UNESCO Beirut Office |
| Regional meeting on transboundary cooperation for effective management of World Heritage Sites in Africa | Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve, Côte d'Ivoire | 12 – 14 February 2019 | WHC/AFR |
| ARC-WH Board meeting | Bahrain | 18-20 February 2019 | ARC-WH |
| South African Capacity Workshop | Kruger NP, South Africa | 17-22 February 2019 | |
| Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise – Arab States Region Site Managers meeting | UNESCO HQs | 26 – 27 February 2019 | WHC/ARB |
| 2019 Lumbini International Scientific Committee Meeting | Lumbini, Nepal | 8-10 March 2019 | WHC/APA |
| World Heritage Capacity Building Platform Content Development Meetings | ICCROM, Rome, Italy | 11-12 March 2019 | ICCROM/IUCN |
| ICOMOS Nomination Panel | ICOMOS HQs, Charenton | 11-13 March 2019 | ICOMOS/NOM |

| Meeting | Venue | Dates | Contact / Responsible entity |
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| World Heritage Leadership Programme (WHLP) Donor meetings | ICCROM, Rome, Italy | 14-15 March 2019 | ICCROM/IUCN |
| Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise – Arab States Region Site Managers meeting | Cairo, Egypt | March 2019 (tbc) | WHC/ARB |
| International Association for Impact Assessments (IAIA) Conference | Brisbane, Australia | 29 April – 2 May 2019 | IAIA |
| Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise – Arab States Region Focal Points meeting | | April 2019 (tbc) | WHC/ARB |
| Supporting South Asian Cultural Landscape Workshop and International Panel Meeting | Thimphu, Bhutan | 1-6 May 2019 | WHC/APA |
| 4th Global Managers Conference (Marine World Heritage) | Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, USA | May 2019 (tbc) | WHC/NTO |
| World Heritage Wilderness Workshop | Kathmandu, Nepal | 30-31 May 2019 | IUCN |
| World Heritage Capacity Building Platform Content Development Meetings | ICCROM, Rome, Italy | 10-11 June 2019 | ICCROM/IUCN |
| Workshop for Course on Built Heritage | ICCROM or Cyprus (tbc) | 15-17 May (tbc) | ICCROM |
| Possible Geo Framework Thematic Study Workshop | IUCN HQs, Gland Switzerland | June 2019 (tbc) | IUCN |
| Young Professional Forum | Baku, Azerbaijan | 23 June - 2 July 2019 | WHC/PSM |
| Site Managers Forum | Baku, Azerbaijan | 26 June - 4 July 2019 | WHC/PSM |
| 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee | Baku, Azerbaijan | 30 June - 10 July 2019 | WHC/PSM |
| World Heritage & Post 2020 agenda | Vilm, Germany | 13-16 August 2019 | IUCN |

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| World Heritage Capacity Building Platform Content Development Meetings | ICCROM, Rome, Italy | 5-6 September 2019 | ICCROM/IUCN |
| ICOMOS Annual General Assembly, Advisory Committee and Scientific Symposium | Marrakesh, Morocco | 12-19 October 2019 | ICOMOS |
| ICCROM Council & General Assembly | ICCROM, Rome, Italy | 28 October – 1 November 2019 | ICCROM |
| 3rd Latin American Parks Congress | Lima, Peru | 14 -17 October 2019 (Postponed from 17-20 March 2019) | |
| Africa Parks Congress | Nairobi, Kenya | 18-23 November 2019 | |
| 40th session of the UNESCO General Conference | UNESCO HQs | 12-27 November 2019 | |
| 22nd session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention | UNESCO HQs | 27-28 November 2019 | WHC/PSM |
| Asian regional course on People, Nature, Culture | Dambulla/Sigiriya, Sri Lanka | 25 November – 6 December (tbc) | ICCROM/IUCN |
| IUCN World Heritage Panel | IUCN HQs, Gland Switzerland | 2-6 December 2019 | IUCN |

**Report on the authorization of use of the World Heritage emblem
(February 2018 - February 2019)**

The requests for using the World Heritage emblem are managed by the Partnerships, Communication and Meetings Unit – CLT/PCM - in respect of Chapter VIII of the *Operational Guidelines*, completed by the Table of uses of the World Heritage Emblem, (Annex 14) adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 39th session.

Between 16 February 2018 and 15 February 2019, CLT/PCM received and answered 238 requests related to the World Heritage Emblem as follows:

- 65 requests from World Heritage sites or competent national authorities for creation of their site-specific World Heritage emblem;
- 8 requests from national authorities for creation of all their site-specific emblems in several languages;
- 3 requests from national authorities for creation of their World Heritage emblems (World Heritage in [country]) in various languages;
- 98 requests from World Heritage sites managing authorities or local or national authorities for advice or validation of material containing one of the combined UNESCO/World Heritage logos;
- 6 requests from UNESCO Field Offices or other UNESCO Programme Sectors for activities related to the World Heritage;
- 30 requests from national commissions, institutions, programmes or others for logo use for an activity or elements of documentation or information (see table below);
- 28 requests refused for non-compliance with the *Operational Guidelines*.

With the view to meet the requests of States Parties, CLT/PCM automatically created in several languages the site-specific logo of the 19 sites inscribed in 2018 by the World Heritage Committee at its 42nd session.

In addition, in line with the *Operational Guidelines*, CLT/PCM also dealt with 9 cases of misuse of the World Heritage emblem or combined logo which were:

- copied and used without previous formal request nor authorization;
- modified to create a different logo;
- associated to local logos;
- used for events or activities not supported by the World Heritage Centre, etc.

In such cases, the national authorities were informed and the responsible entities were contacted and requested to remove these unauthorized logos and/or replace them with correct logos when appropriate. UNESCO Legal Affairs was consulted when necessary.

It is recalled that the World Heritage Emblem has been notified and accepted by the Paris Union Member States under Article 6 ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and that States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, pursuant to the Operational Guidelines of the World Heritage Convention, should take all measures to prevent the use of the World Heritage Emblem for any purpose not recognized by the World Heritage Committee.

In addition, the UNESCO name, acronym and logo name have also been notified and accepted by the Paris Union Member States under Article 6 ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and Member States should, in conformity with the 2007 Directives concerning the use of the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO, also prevent any unauthorized use of UNESCO's name acronym, logo and Internet domain names.

The following cases are not reported in this document:

- Requests for use of UNESCO logo and World Heritage emblem as part of contractual agreements or partnerships (see Annex 5 of document);
- Uses made by the UNESCO Category 2 Centres of their own specific logos, except for requests for other World Heritage logos;
- Requests for use of the World Heritage emblem granted directly by the national commissions or national focal points for the World Heritage emblem.

All applications accepted and listed below (by alphabetical order of States Parties) have required and obtained the prior consent of the States Parties concerned.

| Country | Requestor | Date of reception | Description | Logo granted | Comments |
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| Bahrain | | 03/05/2018 | Site Managers Forum | "In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre" | |
| Belgium | Wallonie Patrimoine Awap | 28/01/2019 | Signage of the World Heritage sites in Wallonia | World Heritage Emblem alone | "Patrimonio Mundial" to be replaced by a version in Braille |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | City of Mostar and Old City agency | 15/01/2019 | Harmonization of external blinds for shops and restaurants within the WH property in order to reduce visual pollution | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| Canada | TC Media Livres inc. | 04/10/2018 | Illustration of a page dedicated to World Heritage in 3 school books | World Heritage Convention | |
| China (Macao) | Department of Cultural Heritage, Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao S.A.R. Government | 24/07/2018 | Uniforms distributed for free to the World Heritage site's staff | World Heritage Emblem alone (or site-specific logo) | No information on the follow-up |

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| Croatia | National Commission | 27/04/2018 | Tourist signs along the road for the serial property Stećci Medieval Tombstone Graveyards | World Heritage Emblem alone | + Site-specific logo |
| France | Region Occitanie | 06/02/2019 | Signage of 40 « Grands Sites » in Occitanie / South of France | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| France | French Agency for Biodiversity | 21/03/2018 | High Seas International Conference | “In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre” | |
| France | Bordeaux Metropole | 03/07/2018 | Trail markers inserted in the pavement of WH itineraries | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| France | Avignon Tourisme | 20/10/2018 | Icone above a list of World Heritage sites in Provence on a touristic map | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| France | Conseil Départemental du Puy-De-Dôme | 18/12/2018 | Road signs at the entrance of Chaîne des Puys - faille de Limagne | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| France | Tourism office of Aire-sur-l'Adour Eugénie-les-Bains | 19/12/2018 | Pictogram in a touristic guide | World Heritage Emblem alone | No information on the follow-up |
| Italy | Carabinieri Corps | 25/05/2018 | 2019 Calendar of the Carabinieri | “With the support of the World Heritage Centre” | |
| Italy | Ministry of Culture | 26/09/2018 | WH logo for documentary videos produced by RAI TV channel | x | No information on the follow-up |

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| Japan | University of Tsukuba | 11/07/2018 | Capacity Building Workshops on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation (CBWNCL) | "In cooperation with the World Heritage Centre" | |
| Lesotho | | 20/11/2018 | Report produced in the framework of an International Assistance | "With the support of the World Heritage Centre" | |
| Monaco | Institut océanographique de Monaco | 25/01/2019 | 3D video on explorations conducted in Malpelo | "With the support of the World Heritage Centre" | |
| Palestine | Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities | 02/05/2018 | Tourist Map | World Heritage Emblem alone | No information on the follow-up |
| Poland | National Heritage Board of Poland | 18/04/2018 | Expert meeting organized in the framework of the Decision 41 COM 7 . | "In cooperation with" | |
| Saudi Arabia | Ministry of Culture / TBD Picture Research | 17/09/2018 | Video in the new museum exhibits within the new museum spaces in Atturaif | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| Spain | Region of Madrid | 20/04/2018 | Road signs | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| Spain | Region of Galicia | 16/11/2018 | Engraved stone commemorating the 25 th anniversary of the inscription of the French Way of Santiago | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| Sri Lanka | YuSit Bureau d'études et de valorisation patrimoniale innovante | 30/03/2018 | Development of a free 'Visit Galle' app. | World Heritage Emblem alone | |
| Sweden | Visit Dalarna AB / Dalarna's municipalities | 15/05/2018 | Brochure | World Heritage Emblem alone | No information on the follow-up |

Other entities:

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| | Harper Collins | 08/03/2018 | 8th Edition of The World's Heritage | "With the support of the World Heritage Centre | Co-publication with ERI |
| | IUCN | 24/09/2018 | Illustration of the page dedicated to partners in the IUCN Annual Report 2018 | "World Heritage Convention" | |
| | Organization of World Heritage Cities | 19/10/2018 | Workshop and Conference by the City of Vienna and the OWHC | "With the support of the World Heritage Centre" | |
| | UNEP | 18/12/2018 | Sixth Global Environment Outlook report. Illustration of a page on the World Heritage Convention | "World Heritage Convention" | |
| | World Organization of the Scout Movement | 20/03/2018 | World Scouting – UNESCO World Heritage Recognition - Guidelines (French version) | "In partnership with the World Heritage Centre" | |
| | WWF | 01/06/2018 | Call on members to subscribe to a World Heritage Commitment | "In support of the World Heritage Convention" | |

Inventory of World Heritage Partnerships

Decision **37 COM 5D** requested the Secretariat to continue to report, in an analytical manner, on the implementation of the PACT strategy by submitting at each regular session of the World Heritage Committee a detailed inventory of on-going and envisaged partnerships as an Annex to the Report of the World Heritage Centre, using the current template.

Table 1 provides a list of ongoing WHC partnerships as of February 2019 with the private sector and foundations developed in accordance with the PACT strategy adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in 2013 and with the PACT Regulatory Framework.

For each partnership, the table provides, in alphabetical order by name of partner, a description, the funds received in 2018 (if any), expected results, major outputs/deliverables, emblem use and an indicative evaluation of the benefits for World Heritage. It also links each partnership to the relevant Strategic Objectives (the 5 Cs) and areas of cooperation benefitting from the partnership.

The Table also includes dates of signature and expiration for each partnership and, if applicable, the indication if a partnership is new, or if renewal has been signed since the last session of the Committee; if renewal is envisaged in the period between the current and the next reporting to the Committee, or if the partnership has been terminated since the last report to the Committee.

Table 2 presents the partnerships envisaged which are currently being discussed or are undergoing internal evaluation and/or external validation.

Table 1 - Inventory of ongoing World Heritage Partnerships as at February 2019 (in alphabetical order)

| Nr | Partnership description and financial contribution agreed (if any) | Amounts received in 2018 ¹ (in USD or converted) | Expected results | Major outputs/deliverables | Emblem use ² | Agreements signed ³ | Evaluation of benefits | Benefitting Strategic objectives and Areas of cooperation |
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| 1 | <p>Architecture Week Prague, Czech Republic</p> <p>Raise awareness of the World Heritage Convention, in particular the heritage of architecture, town planning and landscape design.</p> <p>169,500 USD (for 3 years)</p> | 14,080 | <p>Increased international understanding of the Historic Urban Landscape Recommendation and UNESCO's policies on architectural and urban development and preservation.</p> <p>Enhanced awareness among young people about the need to preserve architectural heritage.</p> | <p>Organization of joint exhibitions, including at UNESCO Headquarters.</p> <p>Joint organization of the educational project "Playful Architecture".</p> | <p>On communication materials during the "Architecture Week festival" in Prague including the catalogue, partner website and related correspondence, joint exhibitions.</p> | <p>Partnership agreement signed in October 2015</p> <p>Amended in April 2017</p> <p>End: October 2018</p> | <p>The Architecture Week Festival is an international platform for dialogue on issues of interest for the World Heritage Convention.</p> | <p>Communication</p> <p>Education</p> |
| 2 | <p>Charities Aid Foundation</p> <p>Support for the World Heritage Marine Programme's provision of technical support to the Government of Belize.</p> <p>119,982 USD</p> | | <p>Fulfil the Desired State of Conservation for Removal from the Danger List (DSOCR) and the subsequent removal of the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System from the List of World Heritage in Danger.</p> | <p>Capacity support for the World Heritage Centre's Marine Programme to the Government of Belize to facilitate the implementation/finalization of the Desired State of Conservation for removal from the List in Danger</p> <p>Capacity support to the annual State of Conservation reporting, monitoring and evaluation as requested by the World Heritage Committee toward removal of the property from the World Heritage List in Danger</p> | <p>Material about the project</p> | <p>Funds-in-Trust (FIT) signed December 2017</p> <p>End: December 2019</p> | <p>The project is a prime example of the importance of targeted support for a concrete goal, on a topic that clearly demonstrated the power and added value of the 1972 World Heritage Convention for marine conservation.</p> <p>The Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger in July 2018.</p> | <p>Conservation</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Natural Heritage</p> |

¹ Amounts received in 2018 have not been certified by the UNESCO Bureau of Financial Management.

² Strictly regulated according to the terms of the signed agreement (in particular, every resource using the name, logo of UNESCO and World Heritage emblem is subject to approval by WHC and if necessary by ERI)

³ All agreements are available on the World Heritage Centre's website <http://whc.unesco.org/en/agreements> (password protected pages, for States Parties only)

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| 3 | <p>Fondation Chanel, France</p> <p>Economic integration of women living around the WH site Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve in Madagascar.</p> <p>Coordinated and implemented by Nairobi office with backstopping at HQ and Education Sector.</p> <p>484,000 USD (for 3 years)</p> | | Drive economic development at Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve, Madagascar | Capacity-building projects to create job opportunities in the field of sustainable tourism and crafts. | On all of the project's communication materials. | Partnership agreement signed in January 2018 End: Dec 2020 | The project has just started and it will be evaluated before its termination in 2020. | Capacity-building Sustainable development |
| 4 | <p>Fondation Franz Weber, Switzerland</p> <p>The 'Fondation Franz Weber' supports the Rapid Response Facility and natural heritage conservation projects.</p> <p>750,000 USD (for 5 years)</p> <p>New contribution</p> | 80,483 | Rapid Response Facility improved thanks to additional funding (the Fund was created in 2005 with Fauna and Flora International in order to mobilize funds to respond to emergency situations at natural heritage sites), | <p>From January to December 2018, RRF received 45 emergency small grants applications: 21 from Africa, 13 from Latin America and the Caribbean and 12 from Asia-Pacific regions.</p> <p>Two grants awarded for Latin America and the Caribbean region and one grant for Asia Pacific region with an average value of 75 000 USD.</p> | On respective websites and documentation about the project. | Funds-in-Trust (FIT) Start: January 2013 End: July 2018 Contribution letter signed in August 2018 | The Fondation Weber contribution to the RRF has supported emergency response for the following three World Heritages properties: Chitwan National Park in Nepal, Brazilian Atlantic Islands in Brazil and Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. | Conservation Capacity Building Communities Natural World Heritage |
| 5 | <p>Fondation Iris, France</p> <p>Integrating indigenous knowledge to contemporary forest management practices in Myanmar.</p> <p>Coordinated and implemented by Bangkok office with backstopping at HQ.</p> <p>113,160 USD (for 18 months)</p> <p>New agreement under discussion</p> | | Improved knowledge about forest management practices among the Rawang in Myanmar. | Inventory of Intangible cultural heritage linked to indigenous communities' knowledge and list of recommendations to integrate this knowledge in contemporary forest management practices. | On all of the project's communication materials. | Project agreement signed in October 2017 End: April 2019 | Ongoing. | Conservation |

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| 6 | <p>Google Inc., USA</p> <p>The project allows internet users to virtually visit a selection of WH properties.</p> <p>Non-financial</p> <p>Renewed (Tacit yearly renewal)</p> | | Help spread the message about preserving WH and allow it to reach the broad public. Increase awareness worldwide. | The partnership offers virtual visits of World Heritage sites. | On Google Arts & Culture platform | License agreement Start: 29 May 2012 | Discussions are ongoing to extend scope of partnership for enhanced benefits to World Heritage. | Communication |
| 7 | <p>Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Australia</p> <p>Building climate change resilience for coral reefs in UNESCO World Heritage marine sites</p> <p>415,723 USD (550,000 AUD) (4 years)</p> <p>NEW</p> | 109,256 | Increased knowledge and understanding among the Marine World Heritage network for building climate resilience in World Heritage marine sites. | Knowledge from the climate resilience initiative in the five pilot World Heritage marine sites is shared with the Marine World Heritage network and broader Marine Protected Area Community. | Materials about the project. | Funds-in-Trust (FIT) Start: September 2019 End: September 2022 | <p>The 9 million USD pioneering climate adaptation project was launched during the 2018 "Our Ocean" Conference in Bali, Indonesia.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing to attract additional resources from other partners to add more marine sites to the project.</p> | <p>Conservation</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Communities</p> <p>Natural World Heritage</p> <p>Communication</p> |

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| 8 | <p>GSP – OurPlace World Heritage Ltd and Our Place Publishing Ltd, New Zealand</p> <p>Creation of image bank for World Heritage.</p> <p>OUR PLACE supplies photographs for the World Heritage Centre website galleries, and has supplied numerous images for UNESCO and related third-party publications.</p> <p>Non-financial</p> | | <p>Enriched photo bank of images and enhanced awareness of WH sites.</p> | <p>Our Place and its international network of professional photographers contribute to a large image databank used to help promote conservation efforts and publicize the World Heritage message.</p> <p>Ourplace provides high-resolution photos of World Heritage sites to WHC for promotion and communication use.</p> | <p>On website and at exhibitions organized by Our Place with WH images.</p> | <p>World Heritage Fund Special Account.</p> <p>MoU signed in 2006.</p> <p>Agreement signed in 2008 and ended in 2012.</p> <p>New agreement Start: March 2014, amended May 2017</p> <p>End: May 2019</p> | <p>Our Place has photographed over 400 World Heritage sites in 100 countries and has an archive of more than 45,000 exclusively owned World Heritage images.</p> <p>Image data bank is accessible for use by UNESCO and by World Heritage sites.</p> | <p>Communication</p> |
| 9 | <p>Hainan Province Cihang Foundation, China</p> <p>Recovery and rehabilitation of cultural heritage in the Kathmandu Valley, Nepal.</p> <p>999,934 USD (3 years)</p> <p>Coordinated and implemented by Kathmandu Office with backstopping at HQ.</p> | | <p>Creation of employment and training opportunities related to Nepal's cultural heritage, tourism being at the core of the local economy.</p> | <p>Monitoring, assessment and mitigation of further risk to the monuments and sites.</p> <p>Scientific investigations of the foundations, research and conservation measures. Creation of a systematic database for Nepal's cultural heritage.</p> | | <p>Funds-in-Trust (FIT)</p> <p>Start: January 2017</p> <p>End: January 2020</p> | <p>The project will be evaluated before its termination in 2020.</p> | <p>Conservation Communities</p> |

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| 10 | <p>Kobi Graphis, Japan</p> <p>Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage calendar and a World Heritage Youth calendar.</p> <p>Annual contribution of 55,000 USD + royalties.</p> | 55,000 +3,733 (royalties) | Enhanced awareness about World Heritage. | <p>Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage and WH Youth calendar. Web version since 2011</p> <p>Free iPad App launched in 2012.</p> <p>The calendar is sold through UNESCO and Panasonic channels. Overall print run of 180,000 of which 4138 have been sold in bookstores (2018 calendar).</p> | Calendar. Website. iPad App. | <p>World Heritage Fund Special Account</p> <p>Partnership agreements signed in 1996, 2001, 2007 and extended with amendments.</p> <p>Start: 1996</p> <p>End: 2019</p> | The calendar has contributed to raising awareness about World Heritage sites. | Communication |
| 11 | <p>Mercedes-Benz, China</p> <p>Conservation and Management of World Heritage Sites in China.</p> <p>1,680,000 USD (3 years)</p> <p>Coordinated and implemented by Beijing office with backstopping at HQ.</p> | | Capacity building, strengthening of management effectiveness, World Heritage sustainable livelihood, awareness raising and public outreach. | <p>Evaluation system of WH management effectiveness through annual reporting, monitoring and meeting mechanism, at WH natural sites in China.</p> <p>Promotion of sustainable livelihood at WH sites through wider stakeholder participation.</p> | On all of the project's communication materials. | <p>Funds-in-Trust (FIT)</p> <p>Phase III</p> <p>Start: Jan 2017</p> <p>End: March 2020</p> | The project will seek to explore how to balance conservation and utilization at WH sites in China so as to achieve economic, social and environmental sustainable development. It will be evaluated at the end of Phase III. | Conservation Communities Capacity Building |
| 12 | <p>Montblanc International GmbH, Germany</p> <p>150,000 EUR (for 3 years)</p> | 60,386 | Awareness raised about WH among networks of high end collectors. | 3 series of exclusive pens to be launched in 2019 and 2020 | On communication materials related to the initiative | <p>Letter of contribution to the World Heritage Fund signed on January 2018</p> <p>End: 2020</p> | The project has just started and it will be evaluated before its termination in 2020. | Communication |

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| 13 | <p>Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation</p> <p>Support to the activities of the World Heritage Marine Programme</p> <p>134,655 USD</p> <p>NEW</p> | 134,501 | <p>Advance the possibility that globally unique marine areas beyond national jurisdiction could potentially receive protection through the 1972 World Heritage Convention</p> | <p>Organization of legal expert meeting in Monte Carlo, Monaco, on 11 – 12 December 2018.</p> <p>Summary report of expert meeting will be published in Spring 2019.</p> | <p>Materials about the project.</p> | <p>Contribution to the World Heritage Fund</p> <p>October 2018</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>Conservation</p> <p>Natural World Heritage</p> <p>Communication</p> |
| 14 | <p>Seabourn, USA</p> <p>Strategic partnership with the overall goal of raising awareness on heritage conservation and sustainable tourism mobilizing sustainable resources for the long term conservation of World Heritage.</p> <p>1,282,850 USD (4 years)</p> | 370,000 | <p>Increased awareness of and support for the protection and safeguarding of Heritage and World Heritage properties and the sustainable development of tourism from an influential stakeholder group;</p> <p>Demonstrated efficacy of preservation of cultural and natural values at World Heritage sites through capacity building activities for site managers and other stakeholders;</p> <p>Increased engagement of key stakeholder groups through the development of an incentive programme to engage local communities and the tourism private sector operating in and around World Heritage properties.</p> | <p>Identification and promotion of authentic, sustainable and responsible tourism products and services that provide high quality and low impact visitor experiences at World Heritage sites.</p> <p>Awareness is enhanced with key stakeholders through a series of high profile communication activities.</p> <p>Site managers' capacities reinforced through transnational networks capacity building activities.</p> | <p>Website and video clips.</p> <p>Brochures and other printed material which explain the World Heritage Convention</p> | <p>Revised Framework agreement signed in March 2016</p> <p>End: December 2019</p> | <p>The Seabourn partnership has demonstrated the potential that exists to raise awareness and support from the traveling public working with a private sector partner.</p> <p>The support has enabled the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme to implement its action plan and has leveraged additional support of 3 million euros from the European Commission.</p> | <p>Sustainable Tourism</p> <p>Awareness Raising</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Conservation</p> |

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| 15 | <p>The Ocean Foundation</p> <p>Support to the activities of the World Heritage Marine Programme</p> <p>100,000 USD</p> <p>NEW</p> | 100,000 | Improved conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the Komodo National Park World Heritage site. | Provision of technical support of the World Heritage Marine Programme towards the finalization of the marine management plan of the Komodo National Park World Heritage site. | Materials about the project. | <p>Contribution to the World Heritage Fund</p> <p>August 2018</p> | Ongoing | <p>Conservation</p> <p>Capacity Building</p> <p>Natural World Heritage</p> |
| 16 | <p>TOKYO BROADCASTING SYSTEM (TBS), Japan</p> <p>Production of a series of 30-minute films on World Heritage entitled "The World Heritage" broadcast weekly by TBS.</p> <p>Since 2006: 40,000 USD per year.</p> <p>Renewed (Tacit yearly renewal)</p> | 40,000 | Enhanced awareness on World Heritage sites. | 670 films have been produced. | On documentaries and brochures about the project. | <p>World Heritage Fund Special Account Agreement with NFUAJ in 1996.</p> <p>Agreement with WHC since 2006.</p> | <p>Global outreach.</p> <p>Total number of audience of the programme per month: 40 million (estimated average for 2017).</p> | Communication |
| 17 | <p>ZDF, Germany</p> <p>Production of a TV series about World Heritage sites and conservation challenges.</p> <p>200,000 EUR (2 years)</p> <p>NEW</p> | 115,741 | Enhanced awareness on World Heritage sites. | 50 World Heritage sites will be filmed in 15 countries worldwide. | On documentaries. | <p>Partnership agreement signed in April 2018.</p> <p>End: December 2020</p> | <p>Global outreach.</p> <p>Estimated audience per documentary: 10 million.</p> | Communication |

Table 2 - Inventory of envisaged World Heritage Partnerships as at February 2018 (in alphabetical order)

| Nr | Partner | Description |
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| 1 | Hachette Children Group, United Kingdom | Co-publication of a children's book on World Heritage ("Saving our World Heritage") and a series of six children's books on WH by region. Advance payment of £10,000 against royalties of 12.5 per cent of net receipts. |
| 2 | National Tokens, Belgium | Development of a World Heritage Souvenir Coins Programme as an opportunity to raise awareness on the World Heritage Convention, to reinforce a common visual identity at World Heritage sites involved in the programme and to raise funds through a collection of coins to be sold at WH sites. Revenues will be shared between the World Heritage Fund, World Heritage sites and the implementing partner (National Tokens). |