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## TEXTE

### 5D. Priority Africa, Sustainable Development and World Heritage

**Draft Decision: 43 COM 5D [pending](#)**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/19/43.COM/5D,
2. Recalling Decisions **36 COM 5C**, **38 COM 5D**, **39 COM 5D**, **40 COM 5C**, **41 COM 5C**, and **42 COM 17** adopted respectively at its 36th (Saint Petersburg, 2012), 38th (Doha, 2014), 39th (Bonn, 2015), 40th (Istanbul/UNESCO, 2016), 41st (Krakow, 2017) and 42nd (Manama, 2018) sessions respectively, as well as Resolution **20 GA 13**, adopted by the General Assembly at its 20th session (UNESCO, 2015),
3. Takes note of the African States Parties' unique biodiversity and richness, and their immense wealth of cultural heritage and local knowledge that have come down to humanity so far; and that must be conserved and passed on to future generations;
4. Welcomes with appreciation the activities of the World Heritage Centre along with Field Offices, the Advisory Bodies, the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) and other partners in raising awareness and building capacities around various issues related to World Heritage and sustainable development in Africa as well as the efforts towards developing policy and assessment tools and requests that these efforts be pursued;

5. Recognizes the specifically delicate task of balancing World Heritage and Sustainable Development by the least developed nations, notably of the African region, given that it is faced with a disproportionately higher level of poverty globally;
6. Further recognizes the need to employ innovative and transformative solutions for reconciling World Heritage and Sustainable Development that will take into account the nature, complexity and specificity of socio-economic constraints that these less developed countries continue to face;
- ~~7. [Angola, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Australia, Spain, Norway, Hungary: adjourn discussion] [Angola, United Republic of Tanzania] Takes note of the Position Paper on World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Africa adopted in October 2018 by the African Union through resolution STC/YCS-3/MIN/Report 67, as acknowledged in paragraph 20 d) of the Document WHC/19/43.COM/6; and requests the World Heritage Centre in collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund to take in to account its context with regard to implementation of the World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy;~~

9 8 [Hungary] Recalls its Decision **37 COM 7 (Part III)** which urges all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention and the leading industry stakeholders, to respect the International Council on Mining & Metals (ICMM) “No-go” commitment by not permitting extractive activities within World Heritage properties, and by making every effort to ensure that extractive companies located in their territory cause no damage to World Heritage properties, in line with Article 6 of the Convention;

9 8 [Hungary] Reiterates the need to integrate the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of World Heritage properties with inclusive and sustainable development needs through the effective implementation of the World Heritage Sustainable Development Policy (WH-SDP) aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; [Spain, Norway: adjourn] the protection of the Outstanding Universal Value should be furthermore ensured by including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), in national and international development projects, in accordance with Paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines;

10. Calls upon the African States Parties to strengthen governance of World Heritage properties and mainstream the WH-SDP principles in national and local conservation and management activities in and around World Heritage properties and processes related to World Heritage in Africa; and to mainstream them in national and local plans for development;
11. Further calls upon African States Parties to focus their development efforts to benefit local communities, including them in the decision-making, and building on their knowledge and needs with progressive and proactive conservation of natural and cultural heritage; and to create enabling environments for innovative solutions inclusive of green and blue economies while progressing towards other SDGs;
12. Calls upon all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention as well as international agencies and development partners, international finance institutions, industries, private sector, and other partners including multi and bi-lateral partners to join in ensuring policy coherence and harness synergies in multilateral agreements, investments, and protocols. These include the UN 2030 Agenda, and the “Africa 2063” as well as the WH-SDP to deliver multiple benefits, with inclusive governance mechanisms that bring all round benefits to the local communities in and around World Heritage properties;

13. *Thanks the States Parties and partners who have generously contributed to strengthening sustainable development in Africa and invites all States Parties to the World Heritage Convention to support, financially and through other means, awareness-raising and capacity-reinforcement programmes at various levels as well as activities aimed at developing guidance, innovative solutions, tools, mechanisms, and strategies for integrating heritage conservation into sustainable development policies and programmes and mainstreaming the sustainable development approach in conservation and management activities in Africa;*

14. *Invites the Secretariat and Advisory Bodies, in collaboration with African States Parties, [Angola, Tanzania, Burkina Faso] [the African World Heritage Fund \(AWHF\)](#) and other stakeholders to spearhead research into innovative solutions for sustainable development, providing measures at the operational level, that guide and coordinate the efforts of the African States Parties to the World Heritage Convention for the conservation of OUV in World Heritage properties, both cultural and natural, and their contribution to the sustainable development of local communities in particular; and also to establish a platform of good practices in integrating heritage conservation with sustainable development for African World Heritage properties.*

15. [Angola, Tanzania, Burkina Faso] [Requests the World Heritage Centre to present, at its 44th session, a progress report on Priority Africa, Sustainable development and World Heritage.](#)