The ongoing global health crisis due to the COVID-19 has brought sharply into focus the fragility of our cities. We stand at the crossroads to consider pathways to recovery and enhancing the resilience of people everywhere. In light of the new challenges that the current health crisis has presented to cities worldwide, UNESCO introduces its World Heritage City Webinar on ‘Re-thinking Urban Heritage for Resilience and Recovery.’ The World Heritage City Webinar is an innovation laboratory to analyse, assess, and explore strategies for the protection and management of World Heritage properties in the urban context. World Heritage Cities serve as practical and valuable laboratories to engage with, disagree, invent, and reflect on collectively on the issues and challenges facing World Heritage Cities. The World Heritage City Webinar is an activity of the World Heritage Cities Programme, one of the six thematic programmes formally approved and monitored by the World Heritage Committee. In line with the implementation of the 2011 UNESCO Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, the World Heritage City Webinar aims to recover the notion of heritage cities as thriving urban centres using heritage-based strategies to build back the cities to be stronger, more sustainable, more resilient, and more deeply connected to their histories and landscape.

The World Heritage City Webinar will be held on 17 June 2020 online 13:00h – 15:30h Paris time (UTC+2). An international panel of World Heritage City Mayors and experts will share their views and experiences. Today, World Heritage cities are faced with extended closures and the loss of livelihoods from tourism. Re-emergence from the crisis will need to be carefully balanced.
safeguarding continuity in heritage values and identity while, at the same time, considering alternative strategies and scenarios. A variety of models that are sustainable and people centred need to be addressed to recover and build back historic cities. In this context, the debate will explore how heritage can be integrated in and help support recovery, resilience, and sustainable development in World Heritage Cities.

The World Heritage City Webinar will be held on Zoom in English and French (with simultaneous interpretation). It will be open to public and broadcasted via YouTube.

Visit https://whc.unesco.org/en/cities/ for more information on the World Heritage Cities Programme. Contact us at worldheritagecities@unesco.org

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## Preliminary Agenda:

### Re-thinking Urban Heritage for Recovery and Resilience

**Wednesday 17 June 2020**  
13:00 – 15:30 Paris time (UTC+2)

**Session Moderator:** Jyoti Hosagrahar, Deputy Director of the World Heritage Centre

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| 13:08-13:35 | **Panel 1** | **City Experiences**  
- Ms. Souad Abderrahim, Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia  
- Mr. Mato Franković, Mayor of Dubrovnic, Croatia  
- Mr. Arun Garg, Additional Commissioner, Jaipur Municipal Corporation, Jaipur Greater and Heritage, India  
- Mr. Juan Carlos Medina, Mayor of Vigan, Philippines |
- Mr. Satya Tripathi, UN Assistant Secretary General, UN Environment  
- Ms. Cherie Nursalim, Vice Chairman of GIGI Group |
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- Mr. Luis Bernardo Nava Guerrero, Mayor of Queretaro, Mexico  
- Ms. Stefania Proietti, Mayor of Assisi, Italy |
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- Mr. Pier Luigi Sacco, Head of Venice Office, OECD  
- Mr. Michael Sudarkasa, CEO, Africa Business Group  
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