

## PROGRAMME

### 16 April 2023, Sunday

The arrival of the participants.

14:30 Departure for the visit to Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

15:30 - 20:30 Visit Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi and the museum.

- Tea & Coffee
- Light and Sound show
- Welcome Dinner

### 17 April 2023, Monday

09:00 - 09:30 Registration and Tea & Coffee

#### 09:30–10:10 **Opening Ceremony**

Remark

by **Mr. Hezekiel Dlamini**, Officer-in-Charge  
UNESCO New Delhi Multisectoral Regional Office

by Shri **Sheo Shekhar Shukla** (IAS), Principal Secretary  
Department of Tourism, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

by **Smt Usha Thakur**, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism  
Government of Madhya Pradesh.

by **Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan**, Hon'ble Chief Minister  
Government of Madhya Pradesh.

10:10 – 10:20 Break - Tea & Coffee

#### **Plenary Session: 50 years of the World Heritage Convention: Achievements and Challenges for future**

**10:20 – 10:35** Moderator: Dr. **Parul Pandya Dhar**, Professor of South and Southeast Asian Art History  
Department of History University of Delhi, India

10:20 - 10:25 Introduction by the moderator.

10:25 - 10:35 **50 years of the World Heritage Convention-Towards Inclusive, People-Centred and holistic Approach: Evolution of the Concept on Cultural Heritage.**

by Ms **Junhi Han**, Chief of Culture, UNESCO, New Delhi

## 10:35 - 12:15 **50 years of the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention in South Asia and future challenges:**

- 10:35 – 10:50 **Bangladesh:** Mr. Subrata Bhowmik  
Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs  
Dr. Shawkat Imam Khan  
Assistant Keeper, Bangladesh National Museum
- 10:50 – 11:05 **Bhutan:** Mr. Tshering Namgyel  
Specialist, Department of Culture and Dzongkha Development  
Mr. Karma Tenzin  
Executive Architect, Department of Culture and Dzongkha Development (Culture Expert)
- 11:05 – 11:20 **India:** Mr. Janhwij Sharma  
Additional Director General (World Heritage),  
Archaeological Survey of India
- 11:20 – 11:35 **Maldives:** Ms. Aishath Muneeza  
Project Manager of Male' Friday Mosque Conservation Project  
National Center for Cultural Heritage,  
Ministry of Arts, Culture and Heritage  
Mr. Mauroof Jameel  
Architect, Specialist - Architectural heritage of the Maldives
- 11:35 – 11:50 **Nepal:** Dr. Suresh Suras Shrestha  
Joint Secretary/ Head, Culture Division  
Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation  
Mr. Himal Kumar Upreti  
Archaeological Officer/ Site Management Officer  
Lumbini, the Birthplace of Lord Buddha, World Heritage Property
- 11:50 – 12:05 **Sri Lanka:** Mr. Somarathne Vidanapathirana  
Secretary, Ministry of Buddhasasana,  
Religious & Cultural Affairs  
Prof. Gamini Ranasinghe  
Director General, Central Cultural Fund

12:05 – 12:15 Q & A and conclusion by the moderator.

**12:15 – 13:00 Lunch break**

### **13:00 – 13:50 Side events:**

#### **6 interactive talks by Civil Societies and Academics.**

Civil society and cultural institutions, academics from South Asia will curate interactive talks on various themes related to Cultural Heritage.

### **Room 1 – Heritage based Academics Projects: Importance of Research**

Moderator: Mr. Subhra Kar, Programme Coordinator, UNESCO, New Delhi

- 13:00 – 13:20 **World Heritage sites in Historic Towns & Role of Regulatory Bodies:  
Cases: Kumbakonam, Thanjavur and Khajuraho.**  
By Prof. Ajay Khare, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal

13:20 – 13:40 **Community-Based Design Studio for Historic Cores**  
By Prof. Manu Mahajan, Head, Department of Urban Design,  
School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

## Room 2 – Theme: Role of Civil Societies

Moderator: Ms. Samvedna Patidar, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board

13:00 – 13:15 **An AR-based Initiative to Connect Heritage with Grassroot Communities**  
By Amar Oitijhho, Bangladesh

13:15 – 13:30 **Reviving Culture in Presentday Nepal**  
By Chowdhury Foundation, Nepal

13:30 – 13:45 Presentation 3  
By The Geoffrey Bawa Trustn, Sri Lanka (to be confirmed)

## Room 3 – Theme: Diverse angle of Heritage

Moderator: Ms. Anjchita Nair, Programme Coordinator, UNESCO, New Delhi

13:00 – 13:15 Presentation 1  
By Dr. Vandana Sinha, Director, Center for Art & Archaeology,  
American Institute of Indian Studies, India

13:15 – 13:30 Presentation 2  
By Mr. Jonathan Kennedy Director Arts, British Council, India

13:30 – 13:45 Presentation 3  
By Mr. Saibal Bose, Chief Admn. Officer (P), Southern Railway (for NMR)

## THEMATIC SESSIONS

### 13:50 – 15:10 – Sessions 1

#### World Heritage and Sustainable Development for Local Community

Moderator: Ms. Rima Hooja, ICOMOS vice president & Managing Trustee Jaipur Virasat Foundation, India

Speakers: Mr. Ratish Nanda, Chief Executive Officer, Aga Khan Trust for Culture, India

Ms. Binita Magaiya, Conservation Architect, Kasthamandap Reconstruction Committee, Nepal

Ms. Apoorva Iyengar, Associate Director, Art Deco Mumbai Trust, India

Panelist: Prof. Madhura Yadav, Dean, Faculty of Design, Manipal University Jaipur, India  
Prof. Ajay Khare, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, India

13:50 – 13:57 Introduction by the moderator.

13:57 – 14:12 **Rethinking Conservation for Communities** by Ratish Nanda.

14:12 – 14:27 **Communities and Kasthamandap Reconstruction**, Nepal, by Ms. Binita Magaiya

14:27 – 14:42 **Role of Local Communities for managing and Conserving the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai World Heritage Site**, by Ms. Apoorva Iyengar.

- 14:42 – 14:57 Panel Discussions
- Prof. Dr. Madhura Yadav
  - Prof. Ajay Khare

14:57- 15:10 Q & A and conclusion by the moderator.

## 15:10 - 16:40 Sessions 2 - World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism

Moderator: Mr. Supratim Basu,  
Founder of the Association for Conservation & Tourism (ACT), India

Speakers: Mr. Anubhav Kumar, Founder of NotOnMap, India

Ms. Minu Chawla, Founder, RoadsWellTraveled Advisory and  
Senior Associate, SW Associates, India

Mr. Scott Wayne, President, SW Associates (Virtual participation), USA

Shri Prashant Singh Bhagel, Joint Director (Planning), Madhya Pradesh Tourism  
Board, India

Dr Manoj Kumar Kini, Director Kerala Tourism Infrastructure Ltd, India

Panelist: Mr. Sethrichem Sangtam, founder of Better Life Foundation, India

Dr Kasthurba A K, Professor & Head of Department, Dept. of Architecture &  
Planning, National Institute of Technology, Calicut, India

15:10 – 15:15 Introduction by the moderator.

15:15 – 15:30 **Balancing Preservation and Development: Sustainable Development for Future.**  
by Anubhav Kumar

15:30 – 15:45 **Madhya Pradesh Tourism projects**, by Shri Prashant Singh Bhagel

15:45 – 16:00 **Tourism: A Positive Force for Cultural Heritage** by Mr Scott Wayne and Ms Minu Chawla

16:00 – 16:15 **Kerala Tourism Ltd Initiates for Sustainable Tourism: Kodungullur**  
by Dr Manoj Kumar Kini

- 16:15 – 16:30 Panel Discussions
- Mr. Sethrichem Sangtam
  - Dr Kasthurba A K

16:30 – 16:40 Q & A and conclusion by the moderator.

16:40 First group departure for the Tribal Museum visit (optional)

## 16:40 - 17:40 Special session: On UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

Moderator: Ms. Anjchita Nair, Programme Coordinator, UNESCO, New Delhi

Gathering of the member cities along with candidate cities:

\*The session is open to all the participants of the Sub-regional Conference also\*.

Presentation by-

- Mumbai for Film

- Jaipur for Craft

Questions and Answers session and discussions

17:40 Second group departure for the Tribal Museum/ State Museum visit  
(After the end of the special session on Creative Cities Network)

**19:00 – 20:30 Cultural performance and Dinner at Tribal Museum**

## 18 April 2023, Tuesday

### 09:30 – 11:00 Sessions 3: World Heritage and Cultural Landscape

Moderator: Dr. Shikha Jain, Director, DRONAH Foundation, India

Speakers: Sanjeev Shanker, Meghalaya River Basin Authority, India

Mr. December Khongsdam (Indigenous community member from Syrwet U Barim Mariang Jingkieng Jri Cooperative Federation Ltd.), India

Dr. Vishakha Kawathekar, Head of Department, Dept. of Conservation, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal, India

Dr. Om Prakash Mishra, Heritage Expert, India

Mr. Janhwij Sharma, Additional Director General (World Heritage), Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), India

Panelist: Prof. Gamini Ranasinghe, Director General, Central Cultural Fund of Sri Lanka

Mr. Karma Tenzin, Executive Architect, Department of Culture and Dzongkha Development, Bhutan

09:30 – 09:45 Introduction by the moderator.

09:45 – 10:00 **Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscape Community and Science-based approach for Nurturing Sustainability**, Meghalaya  
by Sanjeev Shanker, Mr. December Khongsdam

10:00 – 10:15 **The Relic Landscapes in India as World Heritage Sites – the Journey from Sensibility to Responsibility**  
by Dr. Vishakha Kawathekar, Dr. Om Prakash Mishra, MP Tourism

10:15 – 10:30 **Project 'Mausam' – Maritime Cultural Landscape – South Asia and beyond**  
by Janhwij Sharma,

10:30 – 10:45 Panel Discussions

- Prof. Gamini Ranasinghe, Director General, Central Cultural Fund of Sri Lanka
- Mr. Karma Tenzin, Executive Architect, Department of Culture and Dzongkha Development, Bhutan

10:45 – 11:00 Q & A and conclusion by the moderator.

11:00 - 11:10 Break - Tea & Coffee

#### **11:10 – 12:25 Session 4 - Historic Cities and Historic Urban Landscape**

Moderator: Dr Rand Eppich, Heritage Development Conservation Architect, Madrid

Speakers: Mr. Nishant Upadhyay, Principal Architect, Dharatal, India

Mr. Ashish Trambadia, Director/CEO, Ahmedabad World Heritage City Trust, India

Mr. Khawaja Tausif Ahmad, Chief Executive Officer, Aga Khan Cultural Service Pakistan ((Virtual participation), Pakistan

11:10 – 11:25 Introduction by the moderator

11:25 – 11:40 **UNESCO Historic Urban Landscape Pilot Project on Gwalior and Orchha**  
by Nishant Upadhyay, Dr Rand Eppich and Ms Junhi Han

11:40 – 11:55 **Historic City of Ahmedabad, the city of Heritage and Sustainable growth**  
by Ar. Ashish Trambadia

11:55 – 12:10 **Achieving Sustainable Development through Urban Regeneration Project in Lahore by Aga Khan Historic Cities Program** by Khawaja Tausif Ahmad (Virtual participation)

12:10 – 12:25 Q & A and conclusion by the moderator.

#### **12:25 - 13:30 Lunch Break**

#### **13:30 - 14:15 Sessions 5: World Heritage and Climate Change and Intangible Cultural Heritage**

Moderator: Dr. Gautam Talukdar, Category II Centre of UNESCO, Wildlife Institute of India

Speakers: Mr. Munis Pandit, Expert in Coral Stone Conservation, India

Prof. Dr. Vishakha Kawathekar, Dept. of Conservation, SPA, Bhopal

13:30 – 13:40 Introduction by the moderator

13:40 – 13:50 **Water Resource Management of Ancient India and its applicability for Preparedness of Climate Change**, by Dr. Vishakha Kawathekar

13:50 – 14:00 **Climate Change and its impact on cultural heritage**, by Mr. Munis Pandit

14:00 – 14:15 Q & A and conclusion by the moderator.

#### **14:15 – 15:00 Group talk: Free questions and Answers Session about World Heritage but also all other issues related to our heritage and brainstorming among the participants (15 participants per group)**

The session is curated to be a free talk, among the participants, facilitate by an expert: should you have any questions related to World Heritage, this is a good occasion to abut also an

#### **15:00 – 16:00 Bhopal Vision Statement adoption.**

Moderators: Mr. Janhwij Sharma and Ms. Junhi Han (to be confirmed)  
to be facilitated by moderators.

#### **16:00 - 16:15 Closing Session**

##### **Concluding comments by Civil Society and Universities**

- Representative from the Civil Society
- Representative from the Universities
- Representative from UNESCO Cluster Countries

**Closing remarks**

- UNESCO New Delhi
- Shri Vivek Shrotriya, IAS, Additional Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Bhopal

16:15 - 16:30 Break - Tea & Coffee

16:30 Departure for the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya visit

18:30 - 19:30 Cruise Drive at Upper Lake, Bhopal

**19:30 – 20:30 Farewell dinner at MPT Winds N Wave Cottages, Bhopal**