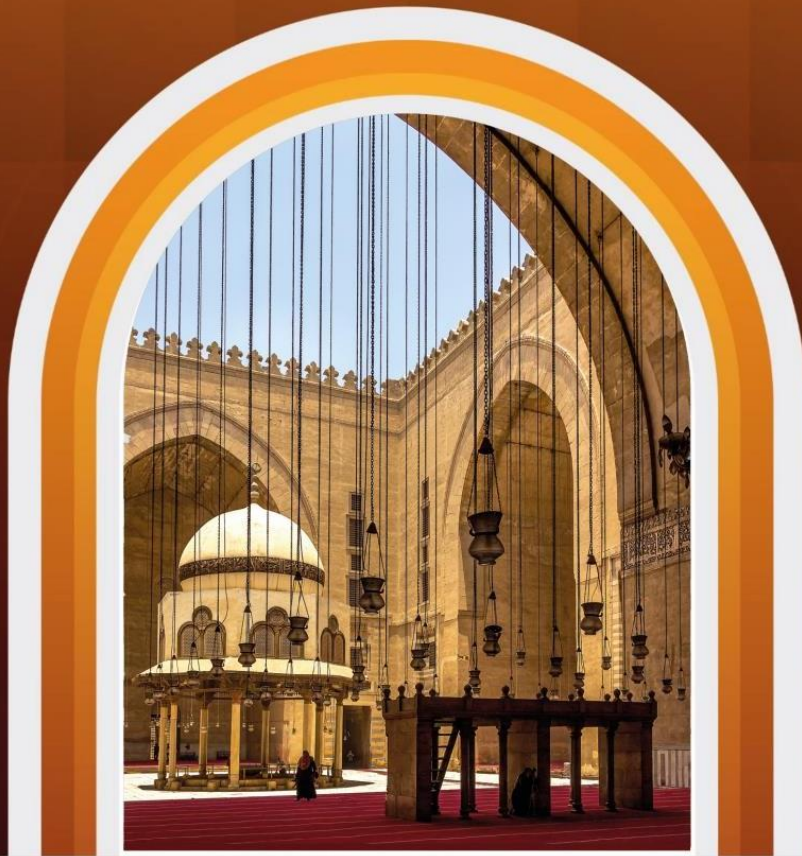




The Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

State of Conservation Report



World Heritage Site:

HISTORIC CAIRO
EGYPT 2024

Executive Summary

This State of Conservation (SoC) report presents the response of the State Party (the Arab Republic of Egypt) to the recommendations of Decision 45 COM7B.38 of the World Heritage Committee (WHC), regarding the World Heritage Site, Historic Cairo, issued at their 45th meeting, "Riyadh", Saudi Arabia, 2023.

The State Party has undertaken many efforts and measures to conserve the property's Outstanding Universal Value (OUV), prevent the deterioration of its urban fabric, according to the HUL Recommendations and the national Sustainable Development Strategy (Egypt 2030).

In response to Decision 45 COM7B.38, the State Party clarifies the following:

1. The Egyptian Cabinet issued a decision on 5/9/2022 ([Annex 1](#)) to establish (a temporary unit to manage the projects of the Urban Development Fund for the regeneration of Historic Cairo) with an organizational structure under the supervision and management of the Urban Development Fund ([Annex 2](#)) to manage ongoing urban regeneration and sustainable development projects in Historic Cairo's priority areas.
2. The proposed interventions of Al hakim mosque action area ([Annex 3](#)) include reconstruction and reuse the wikalat (caravansaries) and urban spaces in accordance with the historical reference and the authentic fabric, these proposed interventions ensure the visual integrity and the sky line of the city, including activities that contribute to sustainable economic development such as the reuse of the wikalat (caravansaries) complex as heritage hotel models, social cultural and tourism activities, and traditional heritage crafts and With reference to the impact assessment study (HIA) for this project, the assessments and related supplementary studies are being reviewed and, upon completion, they will be sent to WHS for study and review by advisory bodies.
3. As for Salah Salem Axis Development Project, The State Party had sent to the World Heritage Center in August 2023 a technical report in response to the complaint attached to the letter of the Director of the World Heritage Center dated 25/5/2023 ([Annex 4](#)).
4. The establishment of the administrative structure of Historic Cairo regeneration unit aims primarily to achieve the objectives of the sustainable development strategy for Historic Cairo that is currently being implemented in priority areas.
5. A number of projects have been implemented, ongoing and planned ([Annex 5](#)), such as (to preserve archaeological buildings - to develop visitor services at archaeological sites and buildings - Integrated Management of Cultural Tourism Project – IMCT – inventory project for heritage crafts in historic Cairo - Training activities, capacity building, and raising cultural and archaeological awareness).
6. The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities is currently cooperating with the UNESCO office in Cairo to prepare a sustainable development plan for Historic Cairo through launching



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the University Heritage Forum project, which is scheduled to be held in Cairo in the period (5 - 14 February 2024) within the framework of the Historic Cairo Urban Regeneration Project (UNESCO URHC [Annex 6](#)) for the comprehensive urban development of the city in which civil society associations are actively involved.

7. With reference to World Heritage committee's request concerning the details provided in the legal framework with respect to the demolition of protected monuments relate to unregistered buildings or demolition permissions issued for safety reasons in the long term, firstly, The State Party would like to confirm that All buildings of historic Cairo as a world Heritage property are protected by force of Egyptian Law (Antiquities Protection Law No. 117 of 1983 - Law No. 144 of 2006 - Building Law No. 119 of 2008 (see the State of Conservation Report for Historic Cairo 2022, pp. 8, 9, 10). As for the demolition and removal of buildings, the Egyptian state is keen to preserve the urban fabric of historic Cairo and protect it from the slums that distorted it in previous years. These works are carried out within the strictest limits for buildings that are structurally dilapidated or those that were built randomly and incompatible with the urban fabric of historic Cairo according to specific technical conditions. Through these works, archaeological and heritage buildings are secured from collapsing during the demolition of dilapidated public buildings.

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