

**States Parties to the World Heritage  
Convention****Culture Sector  
World Heritage Centre**

Ref: CL/WHC-24/07

29 April 2024

**Subject: Third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of States Parties  
to the World Heritage Convention in relation to Decision 45 COM 11**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As decided during the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in relation to Decision **45 COM 11** on 25 and 26 April 2024, States Parties will have the opportunity to make concrete and concise proposals in relation to the mandate of the Working Group. These proposals will be compiled in a document by the Secretariat to allow States Parties to work towards the development of recommendations to be transmitted to the World Heritage Committee at its forthcoming session.

To allow the completion of such a document, a succinct, focused bullet-point format is preferable and States Parties are invited to use the attached format to transmit their proposals to the Secretariat **preferably by 6 May 2024 and no later than 10 May**. Due to the very tight timeframe, written proposals received past this time will not be taken into account in that document and will be only uploaded on the dedicated webpage.

Please make sure you transmit your proposals to Mr Alessandro Balsamo ([a.balsamo@unesco.org](mailto:a.balsamo@unesco.org)) and Ms Luba Janikova ([l.janikova@unesco.org](mailto:l.janikova@unesco.org)) with copy to Mr Richard Veillon ([r.veillon@unesco.org](mailto:r.veillon@unesco.org)).

As indicated during the second meeting, please note that the third meeting of the Open-ended Working group will be held **on 22 and 23 May from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm (Paris time)**, both in praesentia at UNESCO Headquarters and online (Zoom). Logistical and technical information regarding this meeting will be sent in due course.

I am pleased to recall that all the documentation relevant for the work of this Open-ended Working Group is made available on a dedicated webpage at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/1405/?p=oewg2024>.

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Cc: Chairperson of the Open-ended Working Group in relation to Decision  
**45 COM 11**  
Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCRROM, ICOMOS, IUCN)

Thanking you for your continuous collaboration and support in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lazare Eloundou Assomo', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left and right.

Lazare Eloundou Assomo  
Director