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INF.5A Additional detailed information on the World Heritage Centre's activities and on the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions

### SUMMARY

This document contains additional detailed information about the World Heritage Centre's activities and on the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions since the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee (Riyadh, 2023).

This document should be read in conjunction with Document WHC/24/46.COM/5A

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# ANNEX 1

# Results-based report on the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre in pursuit of the 5Cs (covering the period from October 2023-May 2024)

#### Abbreviations:

ABs Advisory Bodies
AFR Africa
APA Asia and the Pacific
ARB Arab States
ENA Europe and North America
GLO Global
HUL Historic Urban Landscape
LAC Latin America and the Caribbean
OUV Outstanding Universal Value
WHC World Heritage Centre

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REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES
AFR	Financial support is provided by the Government of Japan's capacity-building programme to support 10 countries among the 11 African States Parties with no site on the World Heritage List, namely Burundi, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan		<i>Burundi</i> : Several meetings were convened with State party representatives to deliberate on diverse options for the nomination process and the selection of the site in question. The forthcoming update of the Tentative List, to be implemented under this project, will enhance clarity concerning site selection.
			<i>Djibouti</i> : numerous working sessions and meetings were convened with the State party to establish momentum for initiating the nomination project for the site of Rock Art of Abourma. A roadmap outlining the project approach was developed and endorsed by the state party.
			<i>Equatorial Guinea</i> : Discussions have been initiated to define the terms of collaboration and establish the way forward for implementing the planned activities.
			<i>Eswatini</i> : The State party successfully elaborated and submitted the Tentative List, including the site of Barberton Makhonjwa Mountains as a transboundary extension (South Africa), with the support of the program. Continual facilitation of dialogue between the two state parties is ensuring smooth advancement through subsequent phases, including the elaboration of dossiers and collaborative site management.
			<i>Guinea Bissau</i> : A highly significant milestone was achieved in Guinea-Bissau through the successful submission of the nomination dossier for The Coastal Ecosystems of the Bijagós Archipelago, in January 2024. A stakeholders' meeting was organised prior to the submission involving all key players including local communities. Moreover, a consultation was conducted to ascertain synergies for continuous stakeholder involvement.
			<i>Liberia</i> : A feasibility study was conducted through an expert review and stakeholder consultation to inform a decision regarding the nomination of Gola-Tiwai as a transboundary site between Sierra Leone and Liberia. The study proposed a phased nomination, recommending it as an extension of the site in Liberia during a subsequent phase.
			<i>Rwanda</i> : Successfully inscribed its first natural site "Nyungwe National Park" on the World Heritage list during the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee, in 2023. The State Party continues in capacity-building activities.

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			Sao Tome and Principe: The preparation of the nomination dossier in ongoing. A roadmap has been established for a planned submission of the dossier in January 2025.		
			<i>Sierra Leone:</i> The SP successfully submitted in January 2024 the nomination dossier for Gola-Tiwai Complex. A stakeholder meeting was organised for the validation of the dossier before its submission.		
			<i>South Sudan</i> : Discussions are ongoing with the State Party and Stakeholders for the initiation of the nomination process planned to start shortly.		
AFR	Technical support to the States Parties of Angola, Botswana and Namibia for the revision of their Tentative Lists as a follow-up of the recommendations of the feasibility study of a transboundary extension of the Okavango Delta (Botswana).	45 COM 7B.4	The feasibility study of a transboundary extension of the Okavango Delta (Botswana) was finalized in December 2023 and consultations are on-going to revise/update Tentative Lists.		
AFR	Financial support has been provided by the Sultanate of Oman in order to help five countries from the East Africa region (Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Somalia, and the United Republic of Tanzania) in revising their Tentative List toward developing the nomination dossiers.		<i>Kenya</i> : the nomination dossier for the Historic Town of Gedi is currently under evaluation by the Advisory Bodies and will be examined by the World Heritage Committee at its 46th session in New Delhi (2024).		
			<i>Comoros</i> : The nomination dossier is ongoing, for a planned submission January 2025. Several meetings have been held including a stakeholder meeting organized in March 2024 involving 39 participants. Regular meetings are held with the steering committee comprising members representing various stakeholders, to ensure their involvement along the process.		
			<i>Madagascar</i> : The nomination process was kickstarted and the ongoing documentation is led by governmental institutions and national professionals. The dossier is planned to be submitted in January 2025.		
			<i>Somalia</i> : The State party successfully developed and submitted its first Tentative List. Capacity building activities will continue to determine the next steps toward the nomination.		
			<i>United Republic of Tanzania</i> : Capacity building continues for the management authority of the Stone Town of Zanzibar.		
AFR	In the framework of international assistance, support is provided by WHC to the update of the Tentative List of Burkina Faso, Burundi, Malawi, Zambia, Liberia		Implementation of these International Assistances is ongoing in 2024		

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AFR	Financial support was provided by The World Heritage Fund for Capacity Building and Cooperation for World Heritage in Africa" to the State Party of Cameroon to finalize the nomination of "Diy-Gid-Biy Cultural Landscape".		The nomination was successfully finalised and submitted by the State Party in January 2024.		
AFR	Technical support was provided by WHC to the finalization of Nomination dossiers of natural sites, notably the "Maputo National Park" (Mozambique) as the transboundary extension of "iSimangaliso Wetland Park" World Heritage property (South Africa), and the "Coastal and Marine Ecosystems of the Bijagos Archipelago" (Guinea Bissau		The States Parties of Mozambique, South Africa and Guinea Bissau submitted the nomination dossiers in February 2024.		
AFR	Support through International Assistance is provided in view of developing nomination dossiers to Togo and Liberia notably for the development of a preliminary assessment dossier, as well as to Comoros, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Uganda, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania.		Implementation for these International Assistances is ongoing.		
AFR	Support by the Governments of the Netherlands and France are provided in assistance to "the Modern Heritage of Africa (MoHoA) – Supporting the thematic study/gab analysis, the harmonization of Tentative Lists and the development of nominations"		An online meeting has been arranged involving project stakeholders to chart the course for implementing activities. The brainstorming session has led to the identification of activities and their corresponding timeline. An online workshop is scheduled for May, aiming to scope the intervention, with significant involvement from African scholars, professionals, and representatives of state parties, along with project partners and stakeholders.		
AFR	In addition, the World Heritage Fund was used to support the preparation of a nomination dossier for Zakouma National Park (in Chad). It is expected that the dossier be finalized and submitted by the State Party in January 2025.		A first draft of the dossier has already been prepared and a mission is planned by UNESCO to the site in April 2024 to meet with the communities of the village of Bone around the property, for their involvement and support before finalisation of the dossier.		
APA	International assistance supporting Cambodia to formulate a nomination file including three sites of memory related to Khmer rouges regime		After the assistance, the State Party finalised and submitted the nomination file reflecting the principles discussed in the open-end working group related to this subject.		
APA	International assistance supporting Sri Lanka to improve the conservation of monuments associated with Sigiriya and Dambulla Cave temple		The technical intervention is planned with conservation details.		

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APA	First Sub-Regional "Silk Roads: Volga-Caspian Corridor" Conference, held in Baku, Azerbaijan (23-25 October 2023) and First "Silk Roads: Volga-Caspian Corridor" practical field workshop, held in Aktau, Kazakhstan (5-7 September 2023)		Sub-regional platform has been established and Resolutions have been adopted which aimed at coordination mechanism for the "Silk Road Volga- Caspian corridor" World Heritage nomination process.		
LAC	Technical support provided to the Ministry of Culture and Heritage of Ecuador to develop a proposal for updating the Tentative List, and strengthen the capacities of local governments for the identification and protection of potential World Heritage properties (throughout 2024)	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	A proposal for international assistance has been submitted for the 2024 cycle and the State Party has demonstrated full commitment to develop the Tentative List update process in close coordination with the World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Field Office in Quito and the relevant Advisory Bodies.		
LAC	Development of the project "UNESCO Routes", as part of the Participation Programme 2022-23 approved for the National Commission of Uruguay, and with the participation of the UNESCO Office in Montevideo (several locations, Uruguay, May-November 2023).	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	Students, local authorities, and communities, as well as touristic operators became aware of the importance of UNESCO's World Heritage properties in the country, new possible sites, and their potential for local development through participatory and guided visits to the sites.		
LAC	The World Heritage Action Plan for the LAC region (2023– 2029) was launched on 11 December 2023. The meeting outlines five strategic objectives aimed at enhancing the list representativeness, preservation and promotion of World Heritage of the LAC region.	Global Strategy	The online meeting brought together approximately 200 participants, including representatives from the World Heritage secretariat, Advisory Bodies, National Focal points, Site managers, and category 2 Centres. The key elements of the Action Plan were presented and discussed in preparation for its implementation.		
LAC	A series of 10 virtual international rock art conferences from September 2023 to May 2024, organized in collaboration with the Naj Tunich Initiative, CEMCA, and UNESCO Guatemala.	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	Development of guidelines for the management plan of the Naj Tunich Caves (site registered on the Tentative List of Guatemala), as well as conservation strategies for rock art in general, also in view of possible nominations.		
LAC	Upstream process for sites in Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The upstream process, conducted in 2023 and 2024, is focused on the feasibility study for a transboundary World Heritage nomination and, if feasible, on the elaboration of a roadmap for the development of a nomination dossier.		
LAC	Exhibition «KAFE ANMÈ, KAFE SOLÈY» on coffee plantations sites in Haiti, for the 30th anniversary of the UNESCO Project Slave Route (March 2024, UNESCO Headquarters)		This exhibition raised awareness on the historic cultural landscape of coffee in Haiti, in view of the update of the Tentative List an prior to possible nomination files.		

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GLO	The second phase of development of the 'World Heritage Online Map Platform' (WHOMP), a web-based Geographic Information System (GIS) for World Heritage properties, has started on March 2024 with the support of the Flanders UNESCO Trust-Fund (FUT).	45COM 7.2	The first phase of the WHOMP project was launched in October 2021 with the aim of developing an online GIS of World Heritage properties in Europe and North America as a pilot region. The platform is designed to assist States Parties in monitoring the state of conservation of World Heritage properties through the use of geospatial information systems. WHOMP has been publicly available since the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee (Riyadh, 2023) on the following website: <u>https://whc.unesco.org/en/wh-gis/</u> . The current second phase aims to include georeferenced polygons of World Heritage sites in Africa and to integrate other datasets and analytical tools related to factors affecting properties as listed in the State of conservation Information System ( <u>https://whc.unesco.en/soc</u> ).	
GLO	Organization of the 5th World Heritage Marine Managers Conference in October 2023. Supported by the French Biodiversity Agency (Office français de la biodiversité), the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and the Principality of Monaco.		Improved sharing of solutions in effective conservation of the 50 marine World Heritage properties across 37 States Parties. Managers from the 50 marine sites inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List were brought together in the Wadden Sea World Heritage site (Netherlands, Demark, Germany) in October 2023 for the 5th UNESCO World Heritage Marine Managers Conference. Over five days, the managers and key global experts discussed critical challenges and solutions in protecting ocean biodiversity. A summary document of the outcomes of the conference is being developed for publication in April 2024. More information is available at: https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2617/	
AFR	The following Reactive Monitoring missions have been carried out, as per Decisions taken by the Committee:			
	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to Stone Town of Zanzibar (United Republic of Tanzania), July 2023	45 COM 7B.37		
	<ul> <li>Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to Lamu Old Town (Kenya), August 2023</li> </ul>	45 COM 7B.126		
	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM mission to Osun Oshogbo Sacred Grove (Nigeria), August 2023	45 COM 7B.129		
	<ul> <li>Joint UNESCO/IUCN mission to Niokolo-Koba National Park (Senegal), March 2024</li> </ul>	45 COM 7A.13		

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	Joint WHC/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to Serengeti National Park (United Republic of Tanzania), 3-9 January 2024	45 COM 7B.76			
AFR	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/IUCN Advisory mission was carried out to Ngorongoro Conservation Area (United Republic of Tanzania), February 2024	45 COM 7B.30			
AFR	In Mali, substantial support is provided by the International Alliance for the protection of heritage in conflict areas (ALIPH) to the rehabilitation of the Tomb of Askia, and for the Cliff of Bandiagara (Land of the dogon), and by the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court (ICC) for the World Heritage property Timbuktu.		At the Cliff of Bandiagara, the interventions have allowed so far to undertake a large inventory of damages endured by communities on their heritage, undertake extensive community sensitisation and to reconstruct 47 houses and 96 granaries, while implementation at the Tomb of Askia had experienced delays and is gaining speed since March 2024.		
			In Timbuktu, the interventions permitted to undertake important conservation works on the cemeteries hosting some of the mausoleums and to initiate the installation of public lighting and the plantation of trees.		
AFR	Thanks to the support of the French Development Agency (AFD), a large-scale project for The Rehabilitation and Development of Great Zimbabwe National Monument World Heritage site (Zimbabwe) has been launched in early 2023 jointly with UNOPS. The project supports capacity building for conservation and community-based management, provision of equipment for maintenance and documentations, improved site interpretation, entrepreneurial management and sustainable tourism,		Following a successful inception phase concluded in December 2022, the project components to be carried out by UNESCO were defined, constituting about one third of the overall budget (USD 1,06 M out of 3M). So far, a new Integrated Management Plan 2024-2028 for the property has		
b n d			been developed and a 'Heritage Impact Assessment was prepared that aimed to evaluate the potential impact of proposed rehabilitation and infrastructure development projects on the property's OUV and other significant values. The HIA received an ICOMOS technical review.		
AFR	The Government of Japan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia support the Rehabilitation of the Majestic Cinema in the Stone of Zanzibar, a World Heritage Site, to become Cultural Hub.		The official launching of the project is intended to take place in early May 2024. During this moment a technical knowledge exchange session involving both national and international experts will also be organized.		
			Through the support from the Government of Japan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the first phase of the rehabilitation process involving preliminary assessments will soon commence with the development of the building's existing situation drawings that would provide a comprehensive understanding of the structure's current condition and layout, the conductance of the technical condition assessment of the roof, which will inform on the current state of the roof and ceiling, ensure the development of the conservation management plan of the building that will provide a structured approach to conserving its historical and architectural significance.		

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AFR	Thanks to the financial support from the Government of France, a project was carried out for the consolidation and conservation of Fort Amsterdam, a component of the Forts and Castles, Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions (Ghana).		The works were terminated in mid-2023 and allowed to consolidate the bases of the fort's outer walls and to conduct community sensitisation. Efforts are made to mobilise additional funding for a second phase comprising installation of better visitor's reception facilities.	
AFR	In the framework of international assistance, support is provided to the development or updates of management plans to Ghana, Senegal, Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe.		Implementation of these assistances is ongoing	
AFR	Support is provided by the Kingdom of the Netherlands FIT for the conservation of Osun Oshogbo Sacred Grove (Nigeria).		Following the Reactive Monitoring mission to the property in August 2023, the project will be rolled out in 2024 to support the development of a conservation methodology, ensure digital documentation, carry out Website design and deployment, conduct stakeholder identification and engagement, and review and update the site management plan	
AFR	A project is implemented for Improving the conservation and living conditions of the macuti town of the Island of Mozambique through the Historic Urban Landscape approach (HUL), with funding from the Kingdom of the Netherlands FIT.		A draft local management plan and best practices manual for the conservation of urban heritage in macuti town were prepared in 2023; local stakeholder consultations for the validation of these will be completed in 2024.	
AFR	The World Heritage Fund supported the development of management plans for "The Cultural Landscape of Diy-Gid- Biy and the Mandara Mountains" and the "Mount Mulanje Cultural Landscape", as part of the assistance provided to the nomination dossiers.		The management plans were successfully developed and submitted along with the nomination dossiers, in January 2024.	
AFR	The Government of Norway has made a significant financial contribution to the World Heritage Fund (USD 12,3M in 2019-2023) aimed at supporting conservation of World Heritage properties in Africa, in particular natural World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger and properties severely threatened. The running activities include:	45 COM 7As 45 COM 7Bs	Funding from Norway has enabled the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to develop and implement, together with African States Parties and other conservation partners, a range of ambitious conservation activities benefitting to date 20 natural, 7 cultural and 3 mixed World Heritage properties in Africa, 14 of which are included on the List of World Heritage in Danger. Most of these activities also support sustainable development of the local communities living in and outside the World Heritage sites.	
	<ul> <li>Securing Manovo-Gounda St. Floris National Park (Central African Republic)</li> <li>Conflict mitigation in Okapi Wildlife Reserve (Democratic Republic of the Congo -DRC)</li> </ul>		In addition to the activities in Africa, Norway also contributes to the <u>Rapid</u> <u>Response Facility</u> , a mechanism that aids protected areas in the event of an emergency. During the reporting period, 2 RRF grants were approved for sites in Latin America. Further, with the support of Norway, UNESCO promotes the <u>List of World Heritage in Danger</u> as a key conservation tool of the World	

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	Salonga National Park boundary demarcation (DRC)		Heritage Convention. Detailed information about each activity is provided at https://whc.unesco.org/en/partners/381
	Community-driven emergency programme to protect mountain gorillas of the Virunga National Park (DRC)		https://whc.unesco.org/en/partners/solt
	<ul> <li>Protecting against impacts of agricultural and agro- industrial projects in Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal)</li> </ul>		
	Towards removing Niokolo-Koba National Park from the List of World Heritage in Danger (Senegal)		
	Enhancing monitoring efforts and community support to maintain ecological connectivity in the Dja Faunal Reserve (Cameroon)		
	<ul> <li>Supporting cultural and environmental education programmes in Lopé National Park (Gabon) (support extended to lvindo National Park in Gabon in 2023)</li> </ul>		
	Restoration of Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves (Niger)		
	Promoting the sustainable management of the W-Arly- Pendjari Complex (Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger)		
	• Development and implementation of corrective measures and a Desired state of conservation for the removal of the site from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR) for Lake Turkana National Parks (Kenya)		
	<ul> <li>Lake Malawi fish conservation project in Lake Malawi National Park (Malawi)</li> </ul>		
	Sustainable management of the Okavango Delta World Heritage site (Botswana)		
	Conservation of Ennedi Massif: Natural and Cultural Landscape (Chad)		
	Support to African States Parties to elaborate the DSOCR		

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	Preservation of the Historic Town of Grand-Bassam (Côte d'Ivoire)			
	Improving conservation of Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba (Togo)			
	• Applying HUL approach to safeguard Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi (Uganda) and Royal Palaces of Abomey (Benin)			
	Rapid Response Facility (RRF)			
	Uplifting the perception of the List of World Heritage in Danger			
AFR	Project "biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management for integrated community development in protected areas of Madagascar" BIOCOM funded by the Republic of Korea.	45 COM 7A.11	WHC has collaborated with the UNESCO office in Nairobi in developing the second phase for a project "biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management for integrated community development in protected areas of Madagascar" proposed to the Government of Korea and supporting the programme of corrective measures for the Rainforests of Atsinanana (Madagascar) World Heritage property.	
ARB	Following Storm Daniel, which struck northeastern Libya on 10 September 2023, two UNESCO missions were undertaken to Libya (9-12 October 2024 and 17-21 November 2024) to assess the impact of the storm on cultural properties. The missions were supported by the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund.		The World Heritage property 'Archaeological Site of Cyrene' was one of the assessed sites. A report with recommendations for conservation and management has been produced and shared with the State Party.	
ARB	A joint WHC/ICOMOS/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission was undertaken to 'The Ahwar of Southern Iraq: Refuge of Biodiversity and the Relict Landscape of the Mesopotamian Cities, Iraq (2-8 March 2024).	45 COM 7B.31	The State Party was actively engaged during the mission, as per the decision of the Committee, and received an analysis of the state of conservation of the property with recommendations.	
ARB	In the framework of Emergency Assistance, support is provided to Yemen in implementing "Socotra Archipelago (Yemen) Oil Spill Response Action" (IA nº3415).	45 COM 7B.12	Risk assessment of the Socotra oil spill effectively undertaken, action plan for oil spill response, and capacities of stakeholders reinforced in responding to oil spils.	
ARB	In the framework of International Assistance, support is provided to Tunisia in the "Finalization of the Protection and		Once finalized, the plan will contribute to achieving improved mechanisms for the protection of the property.	

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	Development Plan (PPMV) of Dougga' Thugga" (IA nº3152).				
ARB	In the framework of International Assistance, support is provided to Tunisia in the "Elaboration of a safeguarding and enhancement management plan- PSMV for the Medina of Tunis", (IA n°3189)		Once finalized, the plan will contribute to achieving improved mechanisms for the protection of the property.		
ARB	Implementation of the "Dive into Heritage" project, funded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which aims at creating an online platform that leverages digital technologies to		3D Digitization of 10 World Heritage properties in the Arab States (one site fully documented by UNESCO and existing digital data of 9 properties optimized for web use).		
	safeguard and promote World Heritage properties and its related intangible heritage.		Development of the offline prototype of the platform including the 10 Pilot World Heritage properties.		
			Organisation of an online Expert Working Group Meeting on 3D model optimization for web (November 2023).		
APA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to Thang Long Citadel, Hanoi (Viet Nam) (July 2023)		The mission assisted the State Party in revisiting the attributes can be removed to expand archaeological research which are specifically related to one of the criteria.		
APA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to Mohenjodaro, Pakistan (March 2024)	45 COM 7B. 169	The mission followed up two emergency missions after the exceptional rainfall of August 2022, for continued technical assistance to the State Party to address damages		
APA	4th intergovernmental Conference on Safeguarding and Sustainable Development of Angkor and 30th anniversary of the creation of the International Coordinating Committee (ICC) for Angkor and Sambor Prei Kuk (Cambodia) (UNESCO HQs, November 2023)		The Angkor/Sambor Prei Kuk Declaration was adopted to set the strategic objectives for the next decade for the safeguarding of the emblematic site and the continuation of the ICC mechanism for studying technical projects to ensure the high scientific standards		
	Technical sessions of the ICC (November 2023, March 2024)				
APA	Repair and restoration of damaged parts of the World Heritage properties of Mohejodaro and Makli, Pakistan, following the exceptional disaster of August 2022		Most damaged parts are repaired, and reinforcement measures were applied to the most vulnerable parts of the properties.		

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APA	Repair of the Imperial Residence Anh Din, in Hué (Viet Nam) under the French funding to include this monument in the extended nomination under preparation		The roof of this emblematic monument was repaired and reinforced, and the second phase of the funding cooperation was also approved.	
APA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM Advisory mission to the Ancient Building Complex in the Wudang Mountains (China) (13-17 December 2023)	45 COM 7B.153	The mission addressed the uplift project of the Yuzhen Palace, a potential boundary clarification and buffer zone identification, and visitor management.	
APA	2024 Lumbini International Scientific Committee annual meeting in Lumbini (Nepal) (17-19 March 2024)	45 COM 7B.46	Recommended actions were presented to enhance conservation and management of Lumbini World Heritage Property and protection of environment, and sustainable development and tourism initiatives to improve sustainable livelihoods of the local and indigenous communities in the Greater Lumbini Area, focusing Tilaurakot-Kapilavastu.	
APA	Kathmandu Valley International Scientific Committee (ISC) 2nd annual meeting in Kathmandu (Nepal) (20-21 March 2024)	45 COM 7B.45	The 2024 Kathmandu Valley ISC meeting resulted in a draft 27-points suggestions/recommendations under the related six thematic areas (Conservation Management Plan; Disaster Risk Management; Visitor Management; Urban planning; Subsurface Archaeology; and Community and Sustainable Development) as 'ISC-KV Recommendations 2024'.	
APA	Regional Workshop on World Heritage in Pacific Island Countries (Nadi, Fiji, 1-3 November 2023) Organized by UNESCO Office in Apia, in partnership with the Australian Government	45 COM 10A	Participants from all 14 SIDS States Parties have strengthened their capacity to develop quality nomination dossiers and become more aware of the World Heritage Convention by discussing challenges, opportunities and initiatives for World Heritage across the Pacific region, drawing on the Regional Action Plan for World Heritage for the Pacific 2021-2025 and the Regional Framework Action Plan for APA (2023-2029).	
ENA	Joint WHC/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to the World Heritage property 'Lake Baikal' (Russian Federation, 12- 16 December 2023)	44 COM 7B.107 45 COM 7B.24	The State Party invited a mission to review the overall conservation status of the property. The mission reviewed the existing and potential threats to the property from the various legislative changes, the remediation plans for the former Baikalsk Pulp and Paper Mill (BPPM) and the development projects in the Special Economic Zones in the property. While challenges remain, the State Party has demonstrated its commitment to meeting UNESCO standards through concrete corrective actions. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	
ENA	Joint WHC/IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission to the World Heritage property 'Białowieża Forest' (Poland/Belarus, 18- 27 March 2024)	44 COM 7B.100 45 COM 7B.21	The States Parties invited a mission to the property to assess the impact of the border barrier in Poland on the OUV of the property, whether sufficient mitigation measures are in place regarding the movement of key species, and	

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			the overall state of conservation and the property. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	
ENA	Joint WHC/IUCN/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to the World Heritage property 'Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region' (Albania/North Macedonia, 25-29 March 2024)	45 COM 7B.104	The objectives of the mission were to assess the overall state of conservation of the property, to review the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the 2020 Reactive Monitoring mission and previous Committee decisions, to assess the progress made in developing the Strategic Recovery Plan for the property, and to review the development and effective implementation of immediate emergency measures prior to the approval of the Plan. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	
ENA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to 'Le Havre, the City Rebuilt by Auguste Perret' (France, 27-28 March 2024)	45 COM 7B.184	The State Party invited a mission to assess the overall state of conservation of the property. To this end, the mission reviewed the implementation of the recommendations regarding the impact of the Alta Tower on the OUV of the property following the 2023 joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission. In addition, the mission served to gather information on future development or construction projects within the property and its buffer zone, and to review the current management system in place. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	
ENA	Joint WHC/IUCN/ICOMOS Reactive Monitoring mission to the World Heritage property 'Laponian Area' (Sweden, 27- 31 May 2024)	45 COM 7B.32	The State Party invited a mission to ascertain details of the approved exploitation concession for the proposed Kallak mining development in the setting of the property in relation to the practice of reindeer husbandry and the rights of the indigenous Sami people. In addition, the mission reviewed the proposed process for the revision of the IDIA and assessed the overall state of conservation of the property, including the current management system and protection of the property and its wider environment, and the nature and extent of other existing and potential threats to the OUV, in particular existing and proposed electrical transmission lines within the property. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	
ENA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/Ramsar Advisory mission to the World Heritage property 'Fertö / Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape' (Austria/Hungary, 2-5 October 2023)	45 COM 7B.52	The two States Parties invited a mission to the property. The mission was to review the tourism development projects within the property, the management of the water supply to Lake Fertö/Neusiedl and the development of renewable energy infrastructure within the visible range of the property. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	

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ENA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM Advisory mission to the World Heritage property 'Derwent Valley Mills' (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 30 January- 2 February 2024)	45 COM 7B.61	The State Party invited a mission to review the protection and management measures currently in place for the property and to provide advice on current vulnerabilities and opportunities for improvement, in particular with regard to the legal jurisdiction and authority of the Management Authority, the legal status of the Management Plan, and the legal mandate for conducting Heritage Impact Assessments. The mission also reviewed the numerous planned and ongoing development projects within the property with a view to providing advice on these projects to ensure the preservation of the outstanding universal value of this World Heritage property. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	
ENA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS/ICCROM Advisory mission to the World Heritage property 'Historic Centre of Vienna' (Austria, 11-13 March 2024)		Following the latest decision of the World Heritage Committee (Decision <b>45 COM 7A.55</b> ), the State Party invited an Advisory mission to the property to seek advice on the possibilities of defining acceptable thresholds for the design review options of the Heumarkt Neu project located within the property, on the status of implementation of the corrective measures and on the way forward for those still to be completed for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger. The mission report will inform the state of conservation report to be examined at the 46th session of the Committee.	
ENA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to the World Heritage property 'Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications, Bermuda' (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 25-28 March 2024)		The State Party invited a mission to review the protection and management measures currently in place and to assess the overall state of conservation of the property, with a view to providing advice and recommendations for the conservation of the property's OUV. In addition, the mission reviewed the current development of the St Regis Resort and Residences in the buffer zone of the property, including related planned and ongoing projects, with a view to making recommendations to ensure the conservation of the property's OUV. The mission report is in preparation.	
ENA	ICOMOS Advisory mission to the World Heritage property 'Kizhi Pogost' (Russian Federation, 25-29 March 2024)	45 COM 7B.198 44 COM 7B.160	At the invitation of the State Party and in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the ICOMOS Advisory mission visited the property and assessed the progress made by the State Party in tourism development and buffer zone planning and development, including the Master Plan for Velikaya Guba. The mission report is under preparation.	
ENA	Under the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust 'Support to Ukraine in Culture and Education through UNESCO:	45 COM 7B.59 45 COM 7B60		

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	Emergency Response for World Heritage and Cultural Property: Damage Assessment and Protection':			
	Support was provided,in close cooperation with ICCROM and the UNESCO Culture and Emergencies Entity, through capacity building activities (remote and in L'viv) on on-site damage and risk assessment of immovable cultural property.		A methodology and form for on-site damage and risk assessment of immovable cultural heritage was developed, adapted to the Ukrainian context in accordance with the national regulatory framework and by bringing it in line with international standards for documenting damage to immovable heritage, planning interventions and facilitating cost estimates, including for World Heritage properties.	
	<ul> <li>Support was provided to develop a rehabilitation plan for the urban historic centre of Chernihiv (four online workshops, one UNESCO/ICCROM damage assessment mission to Chernihiv, one</li> </ul>		Documentation of seven damaged cultural properties in the urban historic centre of Chernihiv, including the Tentative List site 'Historic Centre of Chernihiv, 9th-13th centuries'.	
	UNESCO/ICOMOS mission to Chernihiv to provide methodological assistance) in line with the UNESCO HUL Recommendation		Preliminary recommendations and guidelines on the urban morphology of the historic centre of Chernihiv to be preserved, with a view to the development/drafting of the Rehabilitation Plan to be included as an annex to the Master Plan of the City of Chernihiv.	
ENA	The pilot-project 'Management of World Heritage properties of Religious Interest in Armenia', funded by the German World Heritage Foundation, and the International Assistance 'Management of World Heritage Sites in Armenia', has assisted Armenia in developing conservation strategies and management plans for the three World Heritage properties of religious interest.	42 COM 5A	The management mechanisms and capacities required for the protection of the three Armenian World Heritage properties ('Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots', 'Monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin' and 'Monastery of Geghard and the Upper Azat Valley') have been strengthened, harnessing synergies between the 1954 Hague Convention and its two Protocols (1954 and 1999) and the 1972 World Heritage Convention. The outputs of the project, which ended on 31 December 2023, include three management plans, a comprehensive conservation strategy and conservation guidelines for the three World Heritage properties.	
ENA	The International Assistance project 'Development of an Integrated Management Plan for Berat and Gjirokastra' (Albania), aimed to support the development of an Integrated Management Plan for the World Heritage property through a participatory approach.	42 COM 13	Despite a momentum of close cooperation between local, regional and national authorities, the Advisory Bodies and WHC, this project had to be suspended after being extended twice without achieving the expected results, mainly due to the multiple changes in personnel in the implementing institution in the State Party.	
ENA	Joint WHC/ICOMOS advisory assistance were provided for the World Heritage property 'Upper Middle Rhine Valley' to support the updating of its Management Plan		The advisory assistance provided support to the State Party in revising and completing the identification of attributes that convey the OUV of the property, which was undertaken as part of the Management Plan Update process.	

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ENA	Support to North Macedonia for the preparation of a 'Feasibility Study for an Urban Plan for Areas and Structures of State Significance for the Protected Coastal Zone in the Ohrid Region' as an independent technical document aimed at informing national and local authorities		Through the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, thanks to a voluntary contribution from Italy, UNESCO has contracted the lead international expert to coordinate the work of a team including national experts recruited by other UN agencies (UNPD and UNEP, in partnership with RCO North Macedonia).	
	on key aspects for the development of an urban plan for the area.		The study, to be completed in spring 2024, is expected to provide a reference framework for improved decision-making on the natural and built environment and its sustainable use in the face of competing social and economic pressures and their compatibility with the protection of local natural and cultural values. In particular, the study will serve to improve the understanding of the integrity and authenticity of the World Heritage property and to identify and analyse the attributes that convey or express its OUV, thanks to a heritage value-based reference framework that respects impact assessment methodologies.	
LAC	Technical advice and assistance to the Culture Commission of the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala from March to May 2024, in the review and updating of the Law for the Protection of the World Heritage property Antigua Guatemala.	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	Reform and update of the Protective Law of Antigua Guatemala of 1969, urged by important social and urban transformations.	
LAC	The implementation of the project 'Post COVID-19 World Heritage Site Management', funded by Japanese cooperation, continued, with activities for the World Heritage Site of Copán, Honduras.	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	Plans for risk management (prevention, response and mitigation of damage in emergency situations) and for public use (regulation of tourist routes, structures open to the public, and regulations for tourist guides) were developed for the property of Copán, Honduras. The project aims to benefit local communities, Honduran society, and the international community through capacity-building.	
LAC	Archaeological Excavations of the 17th century remnants of House de La Parra and the Chief Rabbi's House (2023- 2025) in Jodensavanne Settlement in Suriname, education and awareness activities started since June 2023 until December.	45 COM 8B.50	The excavation of the site will provide better conservation of the remnants, enrich local community and provides historical information of Jodensavanne based on archeological investigations.	
LAC	Technical aid for the design and implementation for the Jesuit Mission of Santísima Trinidad and Jesus de Tavarangue's risk management plan (Paraguay), financed by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust, and supported by	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029) Updated Policy Document on	The State Party of Paraguay is developing a carrying capacity study and impact of climate change study for the property, prior to the preparation of the risk management plan (expected for August 2024). Technical capacities of site managers and SENATUR officials are being reinforced through identification of risks for the site.	

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	UNESCO Montevideo, and WHC (initiated in September 2023)	Climate Action for World Heritage		
LAC	Support for disaster relief granted for the property Coro and its Ports Venezuela, through the Heritage Emergency Fund (HEF).	45 COM 7A.21	Following heavy rains and in the context of structural problems related to drainage in a hearth architecture property, this activity aims at preventing, mitigate and recover the loss of traditional earth architecture; almost 30 buildings were restored on the site during 2024	
LAC	Joint WHC/ICOMOS Advisory mission to Suriname concerning the Historic Inner City of Paramaribo (January 2024)	45 COM 7B.119	The State Party is developing the New Assembly and the mission responded to the request to assess the location and design of the proposed building.	
LAC	Technical advice to develop a sustainable tourism management plan for Islas Marias one of the Islands and Protected Areas of the Gulf of California, started on February 2024.	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The State Party is developing a sustainable tourism model and management plan to conserve the natural heritage and historic memory of the site, in the framework of its effort to remove the property from the List of World heritage	
		45 COM 7A.2	in Danger.	
LAC	Support in view of the development of a specific fire prevention and management plan for Valparaíso, Chile, with financial support from the UNESCO Heritage Emergency Fund (HEF) (second trimester 2024)	45 COM 7B.111	The UNESCO Office in Santiago, WHC and the UNESCO HEF have planned with the local and national authorities a fire prevention and management plan for the World Heritage site of Valparaíso, as part of the risk preparedness plan.	
LAC	Conference on Cultural Heritage Risk Management, in October 2023 given by ICCROM Disaster Risk and Climate Action Focal Point. In collaboration with the Casa K'jom Cultural Heritage Rescue Center, the National Council for the Protection of Antigua Guatemala and the National Committee of the Blue Shield in Guatemala.	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	50 Government officials sensitized on the importance of integrating risk management in heritage sites. Joint implementation of the Risk Management project for the world heritage site of La Antigua Guatemala.	

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GLO	GLOBuilding resilience and adaptation to climate change in four World Heritage-listed coral reef ecosystems (Belize, Palau, France and Australia).40 COM 7Implementation of the Resilient Reefs Initiative, a pioneering public-private consortium to build and embed comprehensive resilience strategies into the management of four pilot marine protected areas inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.2017 UNESCO Updated Strategy for Action on Climate Change		Management teams of World Heritage marine sites have strengthened their capacities in how to embed resilience-based management in site management.	
		All four pilot sites launched resilience strategies, including the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon (Palau), Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System (Belize), Lagoons of New Caledonia: Reef Diversity and Associated Ecosystems (France) and Ningaloo Coast (Australia). More than 30 projects to build the resilience of the coral reef ecosystems and the communities that depend on them are now being implemented across the sites, with seed funding provided through the Resilient Reefs Initiative.		
			More information is available at: <u>https://whc.unesco.org/en/reefresilience/</u>	
GLO	Operational activities of the UNESCO World Heritage marine site managers' network, including 50 marine sites	29 COM 5B 37 COM 5E	Two webinars have been organised with key partners to support managers of the marine World Heritage sites:	
	in 37 countries. Supported by the French Biodiversity Agency (Office français de la biodiversité), the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and the Principality of Monaco.		A first webinar in partnership with the Global Fund for Coral Reefs, held on 8 February 2024, focussed on stepping up Investment in UNESCO World Heritage-listed Reefs through UNESCO's partnership with the Global Fund for Coral Reefs, including a case study from the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System World Heritage site (Belize).	
			A second webinar in partnership with the International Coral Reef Initiative, held on 4 April 2024, showcased best practices in managing the impacts of land-based sources of pollution and water quality in marine protected areas, with a focus on insights from the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage site (Australia).	
			More information is available at: <u>https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-</u> <u>managers/</u>	
GLO	Preparation of capacity-building workshops for UNESCO World Heritage marine sites concerning the practical		Increased awareness of how carbon credits could potentially fund conservation or restoration activities in World Heritage marine sites.	
	application of carbon credits as a financing tool. Supported by the Principality of Monaco.		A first capacity workshop was held in late September 2023. The workshop, organised in partnership with the IOC (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission), brought together marine protected area practitioners from around the world and leading players in the carbon credit markets, who shared first-hand insights into how blue carbon credits work to bring finance to marine protected areas around the world and their communities, what	

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			incentivises companies to invest, what a high-quality blue carbon project looks like and how to assess viability as a sustainable funding stream in support of marine conservation.	
			More information is available at: <u>https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2614/</u>	
			A second capacity building workshop is planned for April 2024. Its aim will be to bring together leading experts and organisations in the field of biodiversity credits and blue carbon to help a specific UNESCO World Heritage marine site located in Africa hosting a high proportion of blue carbon assets set up a biodiversity credit project to contribute to the sustainable financing of the site management.	
GLO	Development of a toolkit on climate action for World Heritage by WHC, ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN, with financial support of the Government of Australia.	44 COM 7C	Coordinated by the World Heritage Leadership programme, a scoping study and a series of online workshops were carried out in February and April 2024 to learn from existing guidance and efforts to address climate change in management of World Heritage properties, leading towards drafting of the climate action toolkit. In phase two, subject to availability of resources, the draft toolkit will be tested with sites.	
GLO	Series of three webinars in April and May 2024 on the avian influenza causing wildlife mortality in internationally designated UNESCO World Heritage, Biosphere Reserves and Ramsar sites.		With the financial support of the Swiss Federal Office for Environment (FOEN), and organised in collaboration between UNESCO WHC, UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme, the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the CMS-FAO Co-convened Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds, the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, and IUCN, the webinars provide concrete guidance to site managers on how to prepare for the threat of avian flu. <u>https://whc.unesco.org/en/events/1779</u>	
GLO	UNESCO is a partner to the Nature Facility, a Multi-Partner Trust Fund, in collaboration with UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to deploy blended finance solutions and investments for nature-positive economic transitions in the planet's most biodiverse areas, including natural World Heritage sites and their broader landscapes. Supported by Cartier for Nature		An investment plan has been developed to identify priority sites and ecosystems. The Facility has initiated two pilots in 2023 and 2024: the Kibira and Kahuzi-Biega Forest Sanctuaries Programme in Burundi and DRC, and the Tiger Ecosystem Bond Programme in Thailand and Malaysia.	
GLO	A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between UNESCO, IUCN and the Kingdom of the		NCEA provided coaching on an SEA developed in Dong Phayayen-Khao Yai Forest Complex (Thailand) in March 2024, followed by an online training on	

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	Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) in December 2023, aimed at reinforcing capacity of States Parties and providing quality assurance for Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and Environmental and Social Impact Assessments for World Heritage properties (https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2647/).		the conduct of baseline assessments, jointly organized by ICCROM, IUCN and WHC in March 2024.
GLO	In the framework of the World Heritage and Renewable Energy Transition Programme, supported by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, an expert meeting on solar energy projects and their relationship with the World Heritage context was held in Namur, Belgium, 5-6 March 2024, hosted by the Agence wallonne du Patrimoine.	Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage	The expert meeting identified the specificities of solar energy projects in relation to World Heritage properties and defined the general framework needed to complement existing heritage impact assessment tools for renewable energy projects in a World Heritage context with new guidance focused on solar energy projects. The next phase of the project will further develop the framework articulated in the first kick-off meeting into a user-friendly guide to assist States Parties in their efforts to transition to renewable energy, while remaining mindful of the protection and conservation of World Heritage properties for future generations.
AFR	As part of the French funded project at Great Zimbabwe National Monument World Heritage site (Zimbabwe), support is provided in early 2024 for capacity building in Disaster Risk management.		A workshop on "Disaster Risk Management and Building Resilience" is programmed to be held at the property in May 2024.
AFR	The WHC supported the establishment of the "Pan African Site Managers Network" for experience-sharing and peer- learning		The Permanent Committee, elected for a 2-year term (2022-2024), holds regular meetings, contributed to the celebration of African World Heritage Day (5 May 2023) and is collaborating with the Réseau des Grands Sites de France to prepare a training programme on the management and sustainable conservation of African sites, with the financial support provided by the government of France. The first online meeting inviting all African Site Managers was held on 5 April 2024.
AFR	A capacity-building workshop in Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) was jointly organised by UNESCO, ICOMOS and the ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership programme in Mauritius in October through December 2023.		The workshop benefitted 30 participants from Mauritius from both public and private sectors, as well as sites managers from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda.
AFR	As part of UNESCO's strategy to support the process of developing or finalising the Desired state of conservation for the removal of properties from the List of World		The workshops allowed to develop roadmaps for the development of the DSOCR and/or the implementation of correctives measures, and to put a particular focus on the need to develop costed action plans.

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	Heritage in Danger (DSOCR) and the implementation of corrective measures for the endangered properties, a workshop was held in Nairobi (Kenya) for three endangered properties in the East African sub-region in April 2024, following previous such workshops in DRC (2022) and Senegal (2023). These received precious support from Norway and China, and were held in cooperation with the African World Heritage Fund			
AFR	A technical workshop in Conakry in December 2023 brought together representatives of the States Parties of Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea, following the adoption by the Committee in 2023 of the Desired state of conservation for the removal of the Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve from the List of World Heritage in Danger.	45 COM 7A.4	The meeting allowed to assess the achievements of the DSOCR indicators so far, to establish a multidisciplinary working group, and to draw up a costed 2024-2025 Action Plan that summarizes the key actions to be undertaken in the short term. UNESCO is now working with the States Parties, and its partners to mobilize financial resources for the implementation of that costed action plan.	
AFR	Funds were mobilized under the Netherlands Funds-in- Trust to conduct, in partnership with the Ecole du Patrimoine Africain (EPA), ICCROM, and the African World Heritage Fund, a Capacity building project in Disaster Risk management and protection systems in Africa benefitting six (6) African World Heritage Properties;		The project will be implemented in May (online session) and June (physical workshop) 2024 and will gather site managers and professionals from Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Togo, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania during an <i>in situ</i> workshop at the Royal Palaces of Abomey.	
AFR	Supported by the government of Norway, a capacity building activity supports 11 properties in Africa to elaborate their programmes of corrective measures and the Desired state of conservation in view of their removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR).		In addition to the training organised in 2022 and 2023 for site managers in Central and Western Africa, a training workshop is organised in Kenya for the Eastern Africa subregion in April 2024.	
ARB	Regional meeting for World Heritage Focal Points in the Arab States on 5-6 December 2023, in Manama, Bahrain, organized by the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC- WH).	44 COM 10 A 45 COM 10C.2	Focal points in the Arab States discussed progress in the implementation of the regional Action Plan for the Arab States (2021-2027) and reflected on relevant areas to be addressed in the coming years, highlighting the main priorities.	
ARB	Training Workshop "Strengthening World Heritage Site Management Planning in Egypt and for the 'Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis' in particular" on 10- 14 December 2023 in Luxor, Egypt. The workshop was		Participants gained an enhanced understanding of site management planning, contributing to adequate preparation of site management plans for World Heritage properties in Egypt.	

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	organized in collaboration with ICOMOS, and with the support of the government of France.			
ARB	<ul> <li>In the framework of the project "Heritage and Creativity for AlUla's Sustainable Development", implemented through the partnership between UNESCO and the Royal Commission for AlUla (RCU):</li> <li>International seminar on "World Heritage Visitor Centres – Best Practice Explorations", held in AlUla, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 February 2024</li> <li>Workshop on Heritage interpretation planning, 27-29 May 2024, at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.</li> </ul>		Participants explored best practices and innovative approaches in visitor management, and gained a comprehensive understanding of heritage interpretation, thus contributing to interpretive planning, storytelling and visitor management at the property Hegra Archaeological Site (al-Hijr / Madāʾ in Ṣāliḥ).	
ARB	Online technical assistance workshop for the elaboration of the Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR), was held on 22 April 2024 for the Ancient City of Bosra, Syria, with technical support provided by ICOMOS.	44 COM 7A.19 45 COM 7A.41	Following the meeting, the State Party has proceeded with elaborating the DSOCR and corrective measures for the removal of the Ancient City of Bosra from the List of World Heritage in Danger.	
ARB	Online technical assistance workshop for the elaboration of the Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR), was held on 21 May 2024, for Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat), Iraq, with technical support provided by ICOMOS.	44 COM 7A.6 45 COM 7A.27	Following the meeting, the State Party has proceeded with elaborating the DSOCR and corrective measures for the removal of Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat) from the List of World Heritage in Danger.	
	This activity is carried out under the framework of the project for strengthening state of conservation reporting on properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger, in Iraq, funded through the kingdom of the Netherlands FiT			
ARB	Implementation of the project to strengthen capacities for the documentation and conservation of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger in Iraq, funded through the kingdom of the Netherlands FiT, in collaboration with the UNESCO Office in Iraq.		The project contributes to the long-term conservation of the properties and to support actions towards their removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger.	

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ARB	Implementation of the project on strengthening national capacities for the elaboration of corrective measures for Libyan World Heritage properties, funded through the kingdom of the Netherlands FiT.		This project helps facilitate the DSOCR process of Libyan World Heritage properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger.	
ARB	Implementation of the project "Capacity building for the integration of the UNESCO HUL Recommendation and sustainable development policies in the management of medinas in Tunisia" funded by the Government of France and launched by the UNESCO Office for the Maghreb in collaboration with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Tunisia, in Tunis, on 4 December 2023. Individual workshops are planned in Sousse, Sfax, Mahdia, Kairouan, and Tunis.		This project contributes to shaping the view and approach of local development stakeholders in safeguarding heritage in urban clusters such as medinas.	
ARB	In the framework of International Assistance, support is provided for training for the preparation of a site conservation plan for Abu Mena, Egypt (IA n°3313). It is implemented in collaboration with the UNESCO Regional Office for Egypt and Sudan.	45 COM 14	A conservation plan will be prepared, which is a key corrective measure for achieving the Desired state of conservation for the removal of the property from the List of World Heritage in Danger (DSOCR).	
APA	Online preparatory expert workshop of the UNESCO/Republic of Korea Funds-in-Trust project 'Enhancing Transnational Cooperation and Fostering Peace: Natural and Mixed World Heritage in Asia' (6 July 2023)		The workshop addressed some of the critical conservation and management challenges/opportunities for transnational properties in the Asia region while identifying potential sites and activities to be covered by the project.	
APA	Online and field mission meeting and workshop to enhance the participatory approach in community involvement in Luang Prabang (Lao PDR), funded through a partnership with Felissimo		Elaboration of the 'Photovoice Luang Prabang', a community-based exhibition on the life of the World Heritage site and the development of 'Luang Prabang World Heritage signature products'.	
APA	Heritage Sites Management Workshop in Kathmandu (Nepal) (22-23 March 2024)	45 COM 7B.45 45 COM 10A	The participants worked and shared experiences in the preparation and the implementation of the Integrated Management Framework (IMF) for Kathmandu Valley and Sectors strategy guidance on Conservation Management Plan; Disaster Risk Management; Visitor Management; Urban planning; Subsurface Archaeology; and Community and Sustainable Development.	
ENA	Within the framework of the international assistance to the World Heritage property 'Natural and Cultural Heritage of	44 COM 13	The project timeframe has been extended to allow for delays in implementation, to improve cooperation between the institutions of both	

3C Activities to promote the development of effective Capacity-Building measures (Capacity-Building)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES		
	the Ohrid region' granted to North Macedonia, support is being provided to strengthen the Geographic Information System (GIS) skills of the staff of the Institute and the Ohrid Museum in order to improve the management of the cultural heritage spread over the territory of the Lake Ohrid region.		States Parties of Albania and North Macedonia and to find the most appropriate technical solutions for the creation of a GIS platform.		
ENA	As part of the UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust 'Support for Ukraine in Culture and Education through UNESCO: Emergency Response for World Heritage and Cultural Property: Damage Assessment and Protection', a five-day workshop in Kyiv on disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness as well as advanced documentation on the state of conservation of cultural heritage sites gathered World Heritage and Tentative List site managers.	45 COM 7B.59 45 COM 7B60	Establishment of a core group of 20 cultural heritage professionals from eight regions of Ukraine, including World Heritage and Tentative List site managers, to assist in the protection of cultural heritage in Ukraine and to engage in recovery efforts by developing emergency preparedness and mitigation plans.		
ENA	A Consultation and Capacity Building Workshop with National Focal Points from 14 States Parties in Southeast Europe was organised thanks to the support of the government of Ireland (Kotor, Montenegro, 24-25 October 2023). While the workshop served as a platform to provide States Parties with an overview of the tools available to strengthen the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, its main objective was to structure and consolidate the subregion's contribution to the Regional Action Plan for Europe and North America in the framework of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting of the World Heritage Convention in Europe and North America.	45 COM 10D.3	The workshop was a crucial step in ensuring that the priorities of Southeast Europe will be reflected in the Regional Action Plan to be submitted to the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2024. The results underlined the need for concerted action in key areas, in addition to the identification of priority areas for capacity building in the subregion.		
ENA	Thanks to the support of the governments of Germany and Ireland, a three-day consultation workshop was organised with States Parties from across the Europe and North America region (UNESCO Headquarters, 19-21 December 2002) to discuss the results of the questionnaires for the third cycle of periodic reporting and to develop the draft regional action plan.	45 COM 10D.3	44 of the 51 States Parties were represented at the Regional Consultation and actively participated in the preparation of the Regional Action Plan. This strengthened cooperation among States Parties at the regional level and ownership of the future Action Plan.		
LAC	Workshop on First Aid for cultural heritage, set for April 2024, first capacity-building workshop of the Risk		The State Party has effectively strengthened the management of the property with the training of 30 local officials and relief bodies.		

3C Activ	3C Activities to promote the development of effective Capacity-Building measures (Capacity-Building)						
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES				
	Management project for the World Cultural Heritage of Antigua Guatemala.	Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)					
LAC	Capacity building and operational support for the Institute for the Safeguarding of National Heritage (ISPAN), the organization responsible for managing World Heritage in Haiti	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029) <b>45 COM 7B.33</b>	To strengthen the professional capacities of Haiti, a SIDS country in the heritage management to ensure training conservation programs and the finalization of the Management Plan				
LAC	Regional online workshop for the implementation of the Regional Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC, organized by the UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Tourism (UNTREF) in Argentina, with the support of the UNESCO Office in Montevideo and WHC/LAC Unit (19 and 21 March 2024).	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029) <b>45 COM 6</b>	National focal points to the 1972 Convention and site managers from more than 20 countries shared perspectives and best practices for an effective implementation of the current Regional Action Plan through its five Strategic Objectives.				
LAC	Capacity-Building activity applying the Enhancing the Heritage toolkit 2.0 from September to December 2023 organized by ICCROM for WHS in Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic. In April 2024 online international course on Managing World Heritage for the Caribbean SIDS.	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The aim of the project is to strengthen World Heritage conservation and management by utilizing newly revised toolkit for assessing the effectiveness of management systems of World Heritage properties.				
LAC	Online workshop for the digital photogrammetry applied to Cultural Heritage in LAC, with the support of the Category Centre Zacatecas, the WHC/LAC Unit and ICCROM (October - November 2023).	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The workshop strengthened the professional capacities regarding the usage of digital tools for the conservation of World Heritage Sites.				
LAC	Workshop for creating a comprehensive Management Plan for a World Heritage Site of Rapa Nui (Chile) (13-17 November 2023)	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	This activity included a capacity building workshop for assessing fire damage and planning for Rapa Nui National Park under the Heritage Emergency Fund Project.The workshop has effectively strengthened the capacities of the indigenous community Mau Henua, which manages the World Heritage property, for better conservation and management of the property with the training conducted by Nelly Robles.				
LAC	The Category 2 renewal agreement was finalized with the Centre in Zacatecas (Mexico) in view of its possible signature by end 2024.	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The review and renewal of agreements for World Heritage Category 2 Centres, as institutions specialized in training and awareness raising, shall enhance capacity-building capacity and volume in the region.				

3C Activit	3C Activities to promote the development of effective Capacity-Building measures (Capacity-Building)					
REGION	ON ACTIVITIES DECISION RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLEN					
LAC	The six-year evaluation of the Category 2 centre Lucio Costa in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) was achieved in view of the possible finalization of the renewal agreement by end 2024.	Heritage in LAC	The review and renewal of agreements for World Heritage Category 2 Centres as institutions specialized in training and awareness raising shall enhance capacity-building capacity and volume in the region.			

4C Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication (Communication)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES		
GLO	World Heritage Volunteers Initiative 2023 coordinated by the World Heritage Education Programme in close cooperation with the Koreen NGO Better World.World Heritage Volunteers Initiative 2024: Ongoing		Young people and local communities involved in concrete awareness raising preservation activities at 70 action camp projects at 62 World Heritage properties and sites on the Tentative Lists implemented by 54 organizations in 31 countries around the globe.		
GLO	The episode 15 of the Patrimonito's World Heritage Adventures cartoon series on the theme of World Heritage and Climate Change and featuring the World Heritage sites of Nemrut Dağ, Ephesus, Göreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia, in Türkiye, was produced and released ( <u>https://whc.unesco.org/en/patrimonito/</u> )		This episode of the Patrimonito cartoon series is based on the winning storyboard of the Partimonito Storyboard Competition in 2022. It was selected by a jury among 710 submissions from 47 States Parties from around the world. it was diffused globally and is available on the WHC website and in USB format.		
GLO	2023-2024 <i>World Heritage Map</i> produced in collaboration with Geo4Maps in English, French, Spanish and Hindi.	Operational Guidelines, Chapter IX.C	Enhanced knowledge of World Heritage properties and the World Heritage Convention.		
GLO	<ul> <li>World Heritage Resource Manuals Series:</li> <li>Enhancing our Heritage Toolkit 2.0 - Assessing management effectiveness of World Heritage properties and other heritage places – in English and French</li> <li>Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage context – in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Korean, Macedonian, Polish</li> <li>Managing World Heritage – in English</li> <li>Publications supported by the World Heritage Leadership Programme</li> </ul>	37 COM 6	The manuals are all available online at the following link: http://whc.unesco.org/en/resourcemanuals/		
	<ul> <li>Several translations are under preparation co- published with various institutions like Category 2 Centres or national authorities</li> </ul>				
GLO	WHC and IUCN published a study " <u>World Heritage: A</u> <u>unique contribution to biodiversity conservation</u> " in August 2023.	45 COM 5A 45 COM 7	The study highlights that World Heritage sites harbour over 20% of mapped global species richness within just 1% of the Earth's surface. Safeguarding these sites is crucial to achieving global conservation targets, and the study		

4C Activ	4C Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication (Communication)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES			
			includes guidance on how to integrate World Heritage into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).			
GLO	The 2023 edition of the UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes was awarded on the sidelines of the 42nd session of the UNESCO General Conference (16 November 2023) to the Gunditjmara community for its actions to protect the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape in south-eastern Australia.	UNESCO Executive Board 202 EX/Decision 16.II	Increased public awareness of the importance of safeguarding and preserving cultural landscapes and their vital role in local communities. In November 2023, the prize was awarded to the Gunditjmara community for their work to protect the Budj Bim Cultural Landscape in Southeast Australia. The winner's representative, who attended the award ceremony at UNESCO Headquarters to receive the USD30,000 prize, also had the opportunity to take part in a panel discussion on digital empowerment for Indigenous languages. Overall, the event helped to raise awareness of the links between heritage conservation, indigenous knowledge and sustainable development, while highlighting UNESCO's role as the lead agency for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032). The last three editions of this biennial prize are currently undergoing an external evaluation, the results of which will be reported to the next session of the Executive Board in October 2024.			
GLO	A guidebook entitled "Implementing New vision – A Guidebook for Action on the List of World Heritage in Danger" was published online by WHC in June 2024 to be utilized by all stakeholders of the World Heritage Convention such as States Parties, World Heritage Committee members, World Heritage Site Managers, UNESCO Secretariat, Advisory Bodies, youth, civil society, indigenous peoples, local communities, general public, and media.	41 COM 7 45 COM 7.1	Improved understanding of the List of World Heritage in Danger by all actors involved in World Heritage processes and the public in general, as well as enhanced communication between the parties involved in World Heritage, with the aim to reverse the negative perception and misconception of this List, as requested by the World Heritage Committee. This follows the publication of an independent Study (financed through an activity with Norway) in 2023 entitled " <i>New vision for the List of World Heritage in Danger</i> ", which was presented to the Committee at its extended 45th session in Riyadh, who appreciated the clear recommendations outlined within (see <a href="https://whc.unesco.org/en/danger">https://whc.unesco.org/en/danger</a> ).			
AFR	The WHC has been coordinating the re-edition of the publication "African World Heritage: A Remarkable Diversity" including properties inscribed since 2012 and properties located in Northern African countries, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention.		The manuscript and design are under finalization.			
AFR	Development of several communication activities to highlight World Heritage in Africa including through the UNESCO social media platforms (11 177 995 total followers) in English, French, Russian and Spanish.		Public engagement and extensive visibility concerning the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Africa region and beyond			

4C Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication (Communication)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES		
	Main communication initiatives also include:				
	Media coverage (including CNN following 45COM)				
	African World Heritage Day (wide promotion throughout UNESCO's communication platforms)				
	Promotion of web stories on the UNESCO World     Heritage website				
ARB	In the framework of Sharjah Heritage Days, participation in an online workshop on 29 February 2024, in collaboration with the UNESCO Regional Office for the Gulf States and Yemen and organized by the Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority, to provide an informative platform focusing on the key concepts, mechanisms and programmes of the 1972 World Heritage Convention and 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Heritage.		Participants introduced to the concepts and modalities of the Convention, as well as World Heritage Programmes.		
APA	Infographic on World Heritage in Nepal (March 2024)	45 COM 10A	The State Party of Nepal, the site managers and stakeholders of Nepali World Heritage sites produced a 16-page infographic to increase public awareness of World Heritage in Nepal and the challenges of preserving cultural and natural heritage sites.		
ENA	Workshop on Developing local synergies among UNESCO World Heritage Sites (Florence, Italy, 18-19 April 2024), organised in collaboration with the City of Florence, to stimulate regional reflection on the potential benefits of cooperation among UNESCO World Heritage Sites at territorial level, by raising awareness, deepening knowledge and possibly inspiring future action.		Funded by Italy's annual contribution to the UNESCO Regional Office for Science and Culture in Europe, an intersectoral activity will target a variety of UNESCO-designated sites, including World Heritage sites, Biosphere Reserves, UNESCO Global Geoparks and UNESCO Creative Cities. Special attention will be given to areas with multiple designations, looking at how complementarities between these designations can be exploited and synergies developed that can contribute to the achievement of both specific site objectives and broader local sustainable development goals.		
LAC	Presentation of the Risk Management project for the World Cultural Heritage of Antigua Guatemala to donors, Embassies, and diplomatic corps. Aiming for visibility and awareness rising the importance of risk management, held on 16 November 2023.	Updated Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-29)	Raising awareness among government officials and donors about the importance of risk management of world cultural heritage. Strategic alliances were created, and funds were raised for various programmatic sectors of UNESCO Guatemala.		

4C Activi	4C Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication (Communication)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES			
LAC	Exhibition «Nhē Porã, Memory and transformation» for the Decade of Indigenous Languages (March 2024, UNESCO Headquarters).	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-29)	This exhibition became a benchmark for accessing the memory and the appreciation of the cultural heritage of indigenous peoples in Brazil, as an act of recognition and respect for their rights and reverence for their ancestral knowledge.			
LAC	Little Amal, a 12-foot puppet symbolizing a 10-year-old Syrian refugee, advocates for global human rights, refugees, migrants, and children's. She toured 16 countries, including Mexico, visiting WHS like The Historic Centre and Xochimilco, in Mexico City, and the archaeological site of Monte Alban, in Oaxaca.	Global Strategy	Little Amal, supported by UNESCO, conveyed messages of compassion and solidarity to displaced people, visiting World Heritage sites in Mexico City and Monte Albán in November 2023, raising awareness for refugees and human rights.			
LAC	An educational toolkit for improving community involvement in sustainable management of World Heritage properties was developed approaching and addressing schools in Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela.	Updated Policy Document on Climate Action for World Heritage	The toolkit is being implemented, so children from schools in the four countries have been engaged and are being sensitized about the importance of protecting World Heritage sites to respect cultural diversity. At the same time, the product promotes awareness on climate change and its impact on culture.			
LAC	Technical advice to the Association of Mexican World Heritage Cities and the City of Queretaro to develop an editorial project centered in the OUV of 14 Mexican cities inscribed in the List.	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The State Party has strengthened the OUV of Mexican cities to sensitize the authorities in charge of the management within the World Heritage site by creating an editorial book project.			

5C Activi	5C Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities (Communities)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES			
GLO	Continued implementation of the global initiatives, such as the project "Post COVID-19 World Heritage Site Management: Integration of Conservation, Tourism and Local Livelihood Strategies at World Heritage Sites", on the World Heritage communities' livelihoods under the Japan Funds-in-Trust, in four specific sites: Maya de Copans (Honduras), Trang An Landscape Complex (Viet Nam), Cidade Velha (Cabo Verde) and Medina de Sousse (Tunisia) - developing pilot model of locally-based and resourced businesses promoting women entrepreneurs and local producers of World Heritage signature products and other typical products reflecting the values of the World Heritage sites concerned.		Two online exchange meetings among four World Heritage sites, under the moderation of the WHC project team, and two practical lectures on the themes of community engagement, creative products design, participatory approach and sustainable project development. The project aims to create an inspirational practice in World Heritage site management, integrating innovative approaches to livelihood as well as the empowerment of communities.			
GLO	Environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling in 21 UNESCO World Heritage marine sites across 17 States Parties. Implementation of the global eDNA project to study vulnerability of species to climate change at World Heritage marine sites. Supported by the Government of Flanders (Kingdom of Belgium) and implemented jointly with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC- UNESCO).		Increased awareness of the importance of science for the protection of marine World Heritage sites, and the potential of the eDNA technique and citizen science to revolutionize biodiversity monitoring. Over 250 young persons from local communities in 21 World Heritage marine sites have been engaged as citizen scientists to sample biodiversity of the marine environment using innovative eDNA sampling. A report showcasing the key learnings of the project is being planned for mid-2024. A media campaign is expected to be rolled out in Spring 2024 in the context of the launch of the flagship report. More information is available at: <u>https://www.unesco.org/en/edna-expeditions</u>			
GLO	Participation in the International expert workshop on recognizing and respecting Indigenous Peoples' heritage values in World Heritage properties organised by the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on World Heritage in January 2024.	45 COM 5D	The workshop brought together a majority of indigenous experts, the three United Nations mechanisms on indigenous issues (Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) and Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)), the UN Special Rapporteur on cultural rights, a few representatives of Member States, the three Advisory Bodies and WHC. Indigenous Peoples' concerns about the lack of recognition, respect and protection of Indigenous Peoples' heritage and values in many World Heritage properties were discussed. Indigenous Peoples experts are expected to recommend measures to facilitate the recognition of culture-nature linkages on the World Heritage List, and to enable and support more consistent and appropriate recognition of Indigenous Peoples' values and relationship with the land in the OUV and management of sites.			

5C Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities (Communities)						
REGION	ACTIVITIES				DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES
GLO	https://whc.unesco.org represented 32% of the page views		https://whc.unesco.org represented 32% of the page and 28% of the visits of all https://unesco.org we	Operational Guidelines - Chapter IX.C	Visibility of UNESCO and WHC's actions enhanced.	
	Year	Page views	Visits			
	2023*	20,399,596	16,419,775			
	/month	3,026,723	2,193,994			
	/day	87,929	70,774			
		bbal change in Googlea m 14 June to 31 Decem		e only		
AFR	Supported by the World Heritage Fund and the Government of China, and in partnership with ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM, UNESCO is implementing a mentorship programme to progressively increase the number and possibly the role of African heritage practitioners by becoming skilled experts and more involved in implementing World Heritage Convention activities, including Reactive Monitoring and Advisory processes.			40 African heritage practitioners have been enrolled in a one-year mentoring programme since 2021, a further 20 mentees (10 men and 10 women) will be trained by 10 mentors starting mid-2024.		
AFR	In the framework of the Capacity-building programme for the nomination of World Heritage sites in the Africa Region (Japanese Funds-in-Trust), workshops were organised to inform and engage local communities on the processes of preparing nomination dossiers in Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau.			egion ed to ses of		Consultations have been ongoing with local communities, focusing on their engagement from the inception of the process to the submission of the dossiers. In Guinea-Bissau, a consultation on stakeholder and local community engagement mechanisms, along with establishing necessary synergies for their continued effective role in the post-inscription phase, has been conducted. Additionally, local communities participated in the dossier validation workshop and unanimously endorsed it.
						Similarly, in Sierra Leone, communities in both components of the site, Gola and Tiwai, have been consulted throughout the nomination process. On-site, efforts to sensitize local communities continue to be implemented under the project.

5C Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities (Communities)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES		
AFR	In the framework of the Norwegian-funded project in Djoudj National Bird Sanctuary (Senegal), the World Heritage Centre engaged 15 women from women's associations from villages surrounding the by providing them with a set of equipment consisting of 66 pairs of gloves, 30 waterproof overall protective suits with boots, and 53 cutting sickles and machetes, to facilitate their working conditions within the World Heritage site.		The equipment particularly support women in the collection, storage and processing to transform typha into materials for the manufacturing of mats. The process creates additional economic resources for the women but also indirectly reduces the abundance of the typha (invasive species) in the World Heritage property.		
LAC	Workshop on Cultural Heritage Risk Management involving diverse groups like the Catholic Church, Local councils, cultural managers, and others. Supported by CONRED and UNESCO Guatemala for capacity-building.	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	Local authorities have actively engaged in identifying experts and community members for strengthening actions regarding the Risk management of world heritage sites.		
LAC	WHC and the UNESCO office in Brasilia, are developing a trilingual podcast series on World Heritage preservation, funded by Brazil.	Global Strategy, Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The project started in May 2024 with the first three episodes, focusing on the items on Climate Change, Transatlantic Slave Trade, and Transboundary Cooperation.		
LAC	Development of the Joint Programme "Our Voice in Action" in La Chiquitania region (Bolivia), funded by the UN Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), and implemented by ONU- Habitat, ILO and UNESCO. The project will conclude in May 2024.	44 COM 5D 44 COM 7.2	Several communities in the Chiquitania region contributed to the development of a participatory action plan for the preservation of the World Heritage site "Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos" and related ICH safeguarding, through cultural entrepreneurship promotion, intergenerational dialogue and awareness raising activities.		
LAC	Development of the project "Latin America and the Caribbean: Strengthening Capacities for Resilient Communities through Sustainable Tourism and Heritage Safeguarding" project supported by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Workshop for World Heritage site managers in Oaxaca in May 2024.	Global Strategy Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The project, of regional scope, aims to enhance sustainable tourism and by integrating intangible cultural heritage safeguarding into urban plans, as well as improve visitor management in World Heritage Sites.		
LAC	Documentary video created under the Heritage Emergency Fund (HEF) Project, highlighting fire impact in Rapa Nui National Park, raising awareness of community roles in heritage protection, and aiding in comprehensive site management planning.	Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	The local communities and natives from Rapa Nui have become more aware of the importance of preventing fire to protect their Cultural Heritage.		

5C Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities (Communities)					
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS OBTAINED AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHALLENGES		
LAC	A project "Basis for the decentralization and shared management of the Cultural Heritage Growth Acceleration Programme (PAC)", in partnership with the Brazilian government, was started in the second trimester 2024.	Global Strategy Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	Expected results are supporting the design and implementation of Brazilian guidelines and policies for the restoration and conservation of cultural heritage, including World Heritage sites in historical cities.		
LAC	Launch event of the project "Signposting and recognition of Places of Memory of Enslaved Africans in Brazil" (Rio de Janeiro, 30 November 2023), in the context of the UNESCO Global Forum against Racism and Discrimination.	Global Strategy Action Plan for World Heritage in LAC region (2023-2029)	Expected results are renewing signposting on 100 cultural sites (listed in the Inventory of Sites of Memory of the Atlantic Slave Trade produced under the Project Routes of Enslaved Peoples) and raising awareness among local communities and the general public via teaching materials, cultural and educational activities and digital platforms.		

# ANNEX 2 Actions required by the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee (Riyadh, 2023)

Decision & Subject	Action needed	By whom	By when	Progress as of 18 April 2024
<b>45 COM 5A</b> (WHC's report)	5. <u>Welcomes</u> the continued efforts of the World Heritage Centre to collaborate and enhance synergies among UNESCO's Culture conventions and the Biodiversity-related conventions and programmes;	WHC		On-going Document WHC/24/46.COM/5A
	and <u>reiterates its requests</u> to further strengthen this collaboration, such as done with the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), including on the most critical issues of our times such as climate change and the loss of natural and cultural diversity;			
	8. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre to present a report on its activities based on the five Strategic Objectives set by the World Heritage Committee ('5Cs') under Item 5A, for examination at its 46th session, and a result-based report on the Thematic Programmes under Item 5A, for examination at its 47th session;	WHC	46 COM 47 COM	Documents WHC/24/46.COM/5A and WHC/25/47.COM/5A
<b>45 COM 5C</b> (Priority AFR)	7and <u>requests</u> the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, with the support of all partners to support States Parties in its implementation;	WHC ABs		On-going
	9. <u>Recognizes</u> that the Strategy for World Heritage in Africa needs to be fully funded and <u>requests</u> the Secretariat to fundraise resources required for the implementation of the Strategy;	WHC		On-going
	11. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM, the UNESCO Chairs and UNESCO category 2 centres related to World Heritage and other capacity building partners, to implement the Strategy for World Heritage in Africa and the implementation of Main Objective 1 of Flagship Programme 3, and prepare a progress report towards this end in line with the Medium-Term Strategy 2022-2029 and Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 for examination by the Committee at its 46th session.	WHC ABs	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/5C
<b>45 COM 5D</b> (WH & SD)	8. <u>Notes with appreciation</u> the collaboration of UNESCO and the Advisory Bodies with the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on World Heritage (IIPFWH), <u>welcomes</u> their intent to co-organise with UNESCO, working with	WHC ABs		Meeting organized on 17-19 January 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland

Decision & Subject	Action needed	By whom	By when	Progress as of 18 April 2024
	the Advisory Bodies and other partners, in early 2024, an international expert workshop on the recognition and respect for the heritage values of indigenous peoples within the framework of the World Heritage Convention and <u>invites</u> States Parties to contribute financially towards this event and <u>requests</u> the Secretariat to include a report on it at its 46th session;		46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/5A
	12. <u>Requests furthermore</u> the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Advisory Bodies, to present a progress report in this regard at its 47th session.		47 COM	Document WHC/25/47.COM/tbc
<b>45 COM 6</b> (Cap.building, C2C)	14. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with ICCROM, IUCN and ICOMOS, to develop a new World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy for the decade 2025-2035, including clear priorities, strategic objectives, expected outputs and outcomes, relying on the outcomes of the independent evaluation of the WHCBS and the guidelines developed by the Evaluators for this purpose, and taking into account the results of the Periodic Reporting process, to be presented for review at its 47th session, if funding allows;	WHC ABs	47 COM	Document WHC/25/47.COM/tbc
	15. <u>Further requests</u> the World Heritage Centre and ICCROM to submit a progress report on the World Heritage-related capacity building activities and the revision of the WHCBS, for examination at its 46th session;	WHC ABs	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/6A
	16. <u>Mindful</u> that contributions by category 2 centres to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention are not confined to capacity building, <u>finally</u> <u>requests</u> the category 2 centres to submit a progress report on all the activities concerning the implementation of the World Heritage Convention by the World Heritage-related category 2 centres, presented as a specific agenda item during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee.	C2C	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/6B
<b>45 COM 7.1</b> (SOC) (Enhanced dialogue)	12. <u>Recommends</u> that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies ensure the following steps regarding the monitoring of state of conservation of the inscribed properties:	WHC ABs		On-going
(Emanced dialogue)	a) Whenever an expert mission takes place within the framework of the reactive monitoring process, the draft mission report will be shared, prior to its publication, with the concerned State Party to allow them to review the report and to propose corrections on any factual inaccuracies and comment on other critical issues and/or misunderstandings, and consultations will be held, if necessary, between the concerned State Party and relevant Advisory Body/ies;			

Decision & Subject	Action needed	By whom	By when	Progress as of 18 April 2024
	<ul> <li>b) Whenever an expert mission takes place within the framework of the reactive monitoring process and the inscription of the concerned property on the List of World Heritage in Danger is recommended in the mission report, consultations will be held between the concerned State Party and relevant Advisory Body/ies, and the State Party's view will be referred to in the mission report or in its annex in the event that the views of both parties do not converge in the consultations;</li> </ul>			
	c) Whenever the inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger is proposed in a working document on state of conservation produced by the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to be examined by the Committee, consultations will be held, within the available deadlines, prior to the distribution of the document, between the concerned State Party, relevant Advisory Body/ies and the World Heritage Centre, and the State Party's view will be referred to in the working document such as in its annex in the event that the views of the concerned parties do not converge;			
	13. <u>Recommends</u> that States Parties enhance dialogue among themselves regarding properties that are or may be proposed for inscription on the List of World Heritage in Danger, in particular cases in which causes of the danger are transboundary;			
	14. <u>Recommends</u> that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies continue to work on knowledge sharing of best practice cases in which the property was removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger, and <u>also encourage</u> them to enhance providing capacity building for the States Parties who have properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger;			
	15. <u>Recommends</u> that the budget of the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies be adjusted in proportion with the additional workload generated by the additional dialogue and consultations as well as for capacity building for States Parties with properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger.			
<b>45 COM 7.2</b> (SOC) (Post-2020GBF)	19. <u>Also requests</u> the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to identify and develop coordinated actions on World Heritage and the GBF, including specific guidance on how the World Heritage Convention might contribute to the aims of the Joint Programme of Work on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity, subject to the availability of resources, and to	WHC ABs	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/7 (+ follow up to <b>44 COM</b> <b>7.2</b> )

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	integrate reporting on progress regarding contributions of World Heritage to the GBF under the Committee's item on Sustainable Development and <u>invites</u> States Parties to contribute financially for this purpose;			
(Corporate Sector)	31. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to continue its collaboration with the corporate sector in view of supporting the adoption and implementation of World Heritage safeguard policies, and <u>invites</u> companies and relevant organisations to develop and update their corporate sustainability policies in line with the UNESCO guidance, and lodge them with UNESCO;	WHC ABs		On-going Also see <u>https://whc.unesco.org/e</u> <u>n/no-go-commitment/</u>
(Rights-based Issues)	41. <u>Requests</u> the Secretariat, with the Advisory Bodies, to enhance activities in the framework of the Initiative on Heritage of Religious Interest and to resume elaboration of the thematic paper proposing to the States Parties general guidance regarding the management of their cultural and natural heritage of religious interest, and in compliance with the national specificities, and <u>invites</u> the States Parties to provide voluntary contributions to this end;	WHC ABs		On-going No contribution received
(Earth Observation)	45. <u>Reiterates its request</u> to States Parties, the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, to strengthen collaborative partnerships with UNESCO Category 2 Centres and other relevant institutions with a view to furthering the necessary institutional and individual capacity needed to make full use of spatial data, Earth observation satellite technologies and analysis tools for the monitoring of the state of conservation of World Heritage properties.	WHC ABs		On-going Also see <u>https://whc.unesco.org/e</u> <u>n/canopy/atlas-wh-</u> <u>bordeaux/</u> and <u>https://whc.unesco.org/e</u> <u>n/wh-gis</u>
<b>45 COM 8D</b> (clarification of boundaries)	4. <u>Recalls</u> that the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies are not able to examine proposals for minor or significant modifications to boundaries of World Heritage properties whenever the delimitations of such properties as inscribed remain unclear;	WHC ABs		On-going
	6. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre to continue the identification and collection of geographic and cartographic information of World Heritage properties in nominations where the required information is not available or not adequate;	WHC		On-going See Document WHC/24/46.COM/8D

Decision & Subject	Action needed	By whom	By when	Progress as of 18 April 2024
<b>45 COM 8E</b> (RSOUV)	5. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre to upload the two language versions of the above-mentioned retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value on its website.	WHC		Systematically done
<b>45 COM 9A</b> (Upstream Process)	11. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to present a progress report on the support offered to Upstream Process requests received, for consideration at its 46th session.	WHC ABs	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/9A
<b>45 COM 10A</b> (PR3 APA)	9. <u>Encourages</u> States Parties to appropriate the Regional Framework Action Plan into their national and sub-regional heritage strategies and policies, and <u>requests</u> UNESCO, in collaboration with the Category 2 Centres, the Advisory Bodies and other partners, to support States Parties in its implementation;			On-going
	13. <u>Requests</u> the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to monitor the implementation of the Framework Action Plan for Asia and the Pacific in view of preparing a mid-cycle assessment report after 3 years.	WHC ABs	48 COM	Document WHC/26/48.COM/tbc
<b>45 COM 10B</b> (PR3 LAC)	9. <u>Encourages</u> States Parties to appropriate the Third Cycle Regional Framework Action Plan into their national and sub-regional heritage strategies and policies, and <u>requests</u> the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, the Category 2 Centres, and other partners, to support States Parties in its implementation;			On-going
	10. <u>Also requests</u> the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to monitor the implementation of the Framework Regional Action Plan in view of preparing a mid-cycle assessment report to be presented to World Heritage Committee after three years.	WHC ABs	48 COM	Document WHC/26/48.COM/tbc
<b>45 COM 10C.1</b> (PR2 AFR)	8. <u>Requests</u> the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, the African World Heritage Fund and with the support of States Parties, to continue its efforts to coordinate and implement the Regional Capacity Building Programme according to the Action Plan 2021-2027;	WHC ABs AWHF		On-going
	12. <u>Reiterates its request</u> to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to monitor the implementation of the Regional Action Plan, in collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund, in view of preparing a mid-cycle assessment report to be presented to the World Heritage Committee at its 46th session.		46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/10B

Decision & Subject	Action needed	By whom	By when	Progress as of 18 April 2024
<b>45 COM 10C.2</b> (PR2 ARB)	9. <u>Reiterates its request</u> to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to monitor the implementation of the Regional Action Plan in view of preparing a mid-cycle assessment report to be presented to the World Heritage Committee at its 46th session.	WHC ABs	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/10B
<b>44 COM 10E</b> (PR Reflection)	6. <u>Takes note</u> of the outcomes of the MONDIACULT 2022 Declaration and the opportunity provided by the UNESCO Global Report on Cultural Policies to analyse the relevant input from States Parties to UNESCO's cultural policy monitoring efforts, <u>requests</u> the Secretariat to use the Reflection Period to proceed with a feasibility study to consider the practical modalities of enhancing the Periodic Reporting of the Convention in this framework, including, inter alia, the possibility of moving from a regional approach to Periodic Reporting to a global approach, examining the implementation of the Convention at global level through a succinct analytical report prepared by the Secretariat, and reviewing the analytical framework for Periodic Reporting and its monitoring indicators;	WHC		On-going
	8. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre to submit a report on the overall implementation of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting at its 46th session.	WHC	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/10C
<b>45 COM 11</b> (ex-Ad-hoc WG)	<ul> <li>6. <u>Decides</u> to create an Open-ended Working Group of States Parties to the Convention, transfer the mandate of the Ad-hoc Working Group to it and allow all States Parties to the Convention to continue contributing to the discussions in order to:</li> <li>a) Consider the necessary improvement aiming at reducing the gap of the representation of States Parties on the World Heritage List and enhancing the balance of the List,</li> <li>b) Propose solutions to the technical evaluation requirements, including improving capacity building activities,</li> <li>c) Explore the possibility of using additional service providers,</li> <li>d) Propose sustainable solutions to the financial requirements of the nomination process to implement the above including the Preliminary Assessment,</li> </ul>			1st meeting (Inception) held on 9 February 2024 2nd meeting held on 25- 26 April 2024 3rd meeting planned on 22-23 May 2024

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	<ul> <li>e) Consider the mandate and working methods for an extension of this Open-ended Working Group, with a view to starting a fundamental reflection on the operation of the World Heritage Convention;</li> </ul>			
	7. <u>Also decides</u> that the Open-ended Working Group shall work in consultation with the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies and, as appropriate, relevant stakeholders, and submit its report and recommendations to the 46th session of the Committee;		46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/11
<b>45 COM 13</b> (50th Anniversary)	6. <u>Thanks furthermore</u> the Government of Greece for the Delphi Conference and <u>requests</u> the Secretariat to follow up on its conclusions and outcomes;	WHC	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/5A
<b>45 COM 14</b> (Budget)	9. <u>Recalling</u> paragraph 168bis of the Operational Guidelines, <u>further calls on</u> States Parties to pay voluntary contributions to the sub-account dedicated to the Evaluations of nominations to support the submission of Preliminary Assessment requests and nomination dossiers, and <u>requests</u> the World Heritage Centre to report on the use of sub-account dedicated to the Evaluations of nominations and on the use of the operating reserve at its 46th session;	WHC	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/13
	16. <u>Requests</u> the World Heritage Centre to report on the implementation of the Resource Mobilization and Communication Plan for 2022-2023 at its 46th session.	WHC	46 COM	Document WHC/24/46.COM/13

# **ANNEX 3**

### World Heritage expert and other World Heritage-related meetings (August 2023 – December 2024)

Note: At its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011), the World Heritage Committee, by Decision **35 COM 12B**, requested the World Heritage Centre to present an annual list of planned meetings. The Committee requested the Centre to document, more particularly all meetings in which the participation of the Secretariat is foreseen. Such a list should contain all relevant information for the Committee to decide on priorities and allocation of human and financial available resources. This annex therefore presents the consolidated list of planned meetings.

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
5th World Heritage Marine Managers Conference	Wadden Sea (Denmark, Netherlands, Germany)	5-9 October 2023 (TBC)	WHC/NHU
Subregional consultation with National Focal Points for the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting in South- East Europe to identify the priorities of the subregion within the development of the Regional Action Plan	Kotor, Montenegro	24-25 October 2023	WHC/ENA
19th extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee	UNESCO HQs, Paris	23 November 2023	WHC/PSM
Arab regional course on Impact Assessments	Bahrain	27-29 November 2023	ARC-WH; ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
Regional meeting for World Heritage focal points in the Arab States to review progress in the implementation of the regional Action Plan (2021- 2027)	Bahrain	5-6 December 2023	WHC/ARB; ARC-WH
Training Workshop on Strengthening World Heritage Site Management Planning in Egypt and for the 'Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis' in particular.	Luxor, Egypt	10-14 December 2023	WHC/ARB; UNESCO Office in Cairo; in collaboration with ICOMOS
Regional meeting of national focal points of Europe and North America for developing the regional Action Plan as an outcome of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting	UNESCO HQ, Paris	19-21 December 2023	WHC/ENA

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
International expert workshop on recognizing and respecting Indigenous Peoples' heritage values in World Heritage sites with International Indigenous Peoples Forum on World Heritage (IIPFWH)	Geneva, Switzerland	17-19 January 2024	WHC; IUCN; ICCROM; ICOMOS
Capacity-building workshop on natural and mixed World Heritage sites in the Arab States: Listing implications and synergies with the IUCN's Green List	Aqaba, Jordan	22-24 January 2024	ARC-WH; IUCN ROWA (with IUCN-World Heritage)
Bern III Conference on Cooperation among the Biodiversity-related Conventions for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF	Bern, Switzerland	23-25 January 2024	WHC; IUCN
Climate Action Toolkit workshops (2/4)	Online	26-29 February 2024	WHC; ABs; ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
"We are Site Managers" International Symposium	Malaysia	1-5 March 2024	George Town World Heritage Incorporate, WHC/APA
Expert workshop for developing the framework of a guidance for solar energy projects in a World Heritage context	Namur, Belgium	5-6 March 2024	WHC/ENA
Conference on Participatory Approaches to World Heritage	Seoul, Republic of Korea	19-21 March 2024	WHC; ABs; ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
IUCN World Heritage Panel	Online	15 March 2024	IUCN
World Heritage Management People Nature Culture course (French)	Online	18-22 March 2024	ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
World Heritage Management People Nature Culture course	Online	15-24 April 2024	ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme

Meeting	Venue	Dates	Contact / Responsible entity
Three Webinars "How to protect wildlife from avian flu in UNESCO World Heritage sites, Biosphere Reserves and Ramsar sites"	Online		WHC/NHU; UNESCO MAB Programme; Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and its Scientific Working Group
- North America, Latin America and the Caribbean		19 April 2024	on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds, Ramsar Secretariat, FAO and IUCN
- Europe and Africa		26 April 2024	
- Asia and the Pacific		14 May 2024	
World Heritage Impact Assessment Training of Trainers Course	ICCROM	6-9 May 2024	ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
Climate Action Toolkit workshops (4/4)	IUCN Bonn	14-15 May 2024	WHC; ABs; ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
Joint ICOMOS/IUCN Preliminary Assessment Panel	Paris, France	June 2024	ICOMOS/IUCN
World Heritage Young Professionals' Forum	New Delhi, India	14-23 July 2024	Host Country; WHC/PSM
World Heritage Site Managers' Forum	New Delhi, India	18-25 July 2024	Host Country; WHC/PSM; ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
46th session of the World Heritage Committee	New Delhi, India	21-31 July 2024	WHC/PSM
Second Workshop on Digital Documentation for World Heritage in the Arab States – Dive into Heritage	Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	September/October 2024 (tbc)	DIR/WH
World Heritage Management People Nature Culture course	Online	14-24 October 2024	ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme
ICCROM Council Meeting	ICCROM	7-8 November 2024	ICCROM

# **ANNEX 4**

## Report on the authorization of use of the World Heritage emblem (October 2023 – May 2024)

The requests for using the World Heritage emblem are managed by the Communication and Global Monitoring Unit (CLT/EO/CGM) in respect of Chapter VIII of the *Operational Guidelines*, completed by the Table of uses of the World Heritage Emblem, (Annex 14) adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 39th session.

Between 1 May 2023 and 31 March 2024, CLT/EO/CGM received and processed 185 requests related to the World Heritage logos as follows:

- 10 requests from national authorities for <u>creation</u> of a national version of the stand-alone World Heritage Emblem (replacement of "Patrimonio Mundial" on top of the Emblem by the translation in national languages) or of the site-generic logo in a national/local language;
- 7 requests from national authorities for creation of their World Heritage logo (World Heritage in [country]) in various languages;
- 10 requests from site managers for sending the new site-generic logo;
- 112 requests from World Heritage sites managing authorities or local or national authorities for <u>advice</u> or <u>validation</u> of material containing one of the combined UNESCO/World Heritage logos;
- 5 requests from UNESCO Field Offices or other UNESCO Programme Sectors for activities related to the World Heritage;
- 27 requests from national commissions, institutions, programmes or others for logo use for an activity or elements of documentation or information (see <u>table below</u>);
- 14 requests refused for non-compliance with the Operational Guidelines.

In addition, in line with the *Operational Guidelines*, CLT/CGM also dealt with 5 cases of misuse of the World Heritage emblem or combined logo which were:

- Copied and used without previous formal request nor authorization;
- Modified to create a different logo;
- Associated to local logos;

used for events or activities not supported by the World Heritage Centre, etc. In such cases, the national authorities were informed, and the responsible entities were contacted and requested to remove these unauthorized logos and/or replace them with correct logos when appropriate. UNESCO Legal Affairs was consulted when necessary.

It is recalled that the World Heritage Emblem has been notified and accepted by the Paris Union Member States under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and that States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, pursuant to the Operational Guidelines of the World Heritage Convention, should take all measures to prevent the use of the World Heritage Emblem for any purpose not recognized by the World Heritage Committee.

In addition, the UNESCO name, acronym and logo name have also been notified and accepted by the Paris Union Member States under Article 6ter of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and Member States should, in conformity with the 2007 Directives concerning the use of the name, acronym, logo and Internet domain names of UNESCO, also prevent any unauthorized use of UNESCO's name acronym, logo and Internet domain names. The following cases are not reported in this document:

- Requests for use of UNESCO logo and World Heritage emblem as part of contractual agreements or partnerships;
- Uses made by the UNESCO Category 2 Centres of their own specific logos, except for requests for other World Heritage logos;
- Requests for use of the World Heritage emblem granted directly by the national commissions or national focal points for the World Heritage emblem.

# All applications accepted and listed below (by alphabetical order of the countries) have required and obtained the prior consent of the countries concerned.

Country	Requestor	Date of receipt	Description	Logo granted	Comments
Belgium	City of Tournai	12/07/2023	Pedestrian signage for the Belfries of Belgium and France and Notre-Dame Cathedral in Tournai	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
Czech Republic	Director General of the National Heritage Institute	20/12/2023	Articles "Director´s Choice" to be published by Scala Arts and Heritage Publishers	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Musée savoisien	23/01/23	Web page dedicated to the Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Conseil départemental de la Manche	13/03/2023	Map of the region	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Conseil départemental de la Manche	02/05/2023	Touristic map	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Agence néo- Calédonienne de la Biodiversité	17/05/2023	Commemorative stamp	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	The Climats, terroirs of Burgundy	08/06/2023	Exhibition panels at the Cité des Climats et vins de Bourgogne	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Editions French Flowers	06/07/2023	Book for Children dedicated to Orléans	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	

Country	Requestor	Date of receipt	Description	Logo granted	Comments
France	Vichy	09/08/2023	Pedestrian orientation signs	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem +	
				Site-generic logo	
France	Destination Sud- Ardennes	10/10/2023	Touristic guide and brochures	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Fondation Le Corbusier	12/12/2023	Touristic map for Saint-Dié-des- Vosges	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Tourisme- Thiérache	04/01/2024	Touristic map	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Meuse Attractivité	01/02/2024	Touristic map	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Communauté d'Agglomération de La Rochelle	16/02/2024	Orientation table	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Reims Tourisme	28/02/2024	Touristic map	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
France	Vocable allemand	04/03/2024	Illustration of an article in the magazine	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
The Islamic Republic of Iran	The Hyrcanian Forests	16/12/2023	Informative panels, road signs and commemorative bags	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
Ireland	Brú na Bóinne	17/01/2024	Leaflet	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
Italy	UNESCO Chair in Politecnico di Milano in Mantova	20/09/2023	Agenda of a meeting organized by the UNESCO Chair in Politecnico di Milano in Mantova on urban heritage	World Heritage site	

Country	Requestor	Date of receipt	Description	Logo granted	Comments
Italy	Associazione Beni Italiani Patrimonio Mondiale	27/09/2023	Publication celebrating the 25th anniversary of the association	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	•		Private Sector Forum	World Heritage Convention	Coordinated by Doha Field Office and BSP
Latvia	National Commission	02/02/2024	Anniversary of inscription of Kernavé	Stand-alone	
Mauritius		06/10/2023	Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) Training	World Heritage Convention	Coordinated by WHC
UK	Welsh Government	24/05/2023	Guidebook for Caernarfon Castle for sale	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	

### Other entities:

EngAging Senior	10/10/202 3	introduction with regards to UNESCO World Hertiage	Stand-alone World Heritage Emblem	
World Rally Championship	04/09/202 3	Press release and newsletter	"in cooperation with the World Heritage Convention"	
TBS	15/03/202 4	TV programme	In cooperation with "World Heritage Convention"	

## ANNEX 5 Inventory of World Heritage partnerships

Decision **37 COM 5D** requested the Secretariat to continue to report, in an analytical manner, on the implementation of the Partnerships for Conservation (PACT) strategy by submitting at each regular session of the World Heritage Committee a detailed inventory of on-going and envisaged partnerships as an Annex to the Report of the World Heritage Centre, using the current template.

**Table 1** provides a list of ongoing World Heritage Centre partnerships as of May 2024 with the private sector and foundations developed in accordance with the PACT strategy adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in 2013 and with the PACT Regulatory Framework.

For each partnership, the table provides, in alphabetical order by name of partner, a description, the funds received from 1 June 2023 to 1 May 2024 (if any), expected results, major outputs/deliverables, emblem use and an indicative evaluation of the benefits for World Heritage. It also links each partnership to the relevant Strategic Objectives (the 5 Cs) and areas of cooperation benefitting from the partnership.

The Table also includes dates of signature and expiration for each partnership and, if applicable, the indication if a partnership is new, or if renewal has been signed since the last session of the Committee, if renewal is envisaged in the period between the current and the next reporting to the Committee, or if the partnership has been terminated since the last report to the Committee.

**Table 2** presents the partnerships envisaged which are currently being discussed or are undergoing internal evaluation and/or external validation.

#### Table 1 - Inventory of ongoing World Heritage Partnerships as of May 2024 (in alphabetical order)

Nr	Partnership description and financial contribution agreed (if any)	Status and Amounts received from 01/06/23 to 01/05/24 (in USD or converted)	Expected results	Major outputs/deliverables	Emblem use <sup>1</sup>	Agreements signed <sup>2</sup>	Evaluation of benefits	Benefitting Strategic objectives and Areas of cooperation
1	China Youth Development Foundation - Mercedes-Benz-Star Fund, China Conservation and Management of World Heritage Sites in China. USD 1,760,000 (2021- 2024) Coordinated and implemented by Beijing office with backstopping at HQ.	ONGOING	World Heritage sustainable livelihood opportunities improved with emphasis on gender equality: Youth participation enhanced through heritage education and Heritage So Young communication activity; multi-stakeholder partnership strengthened through cultural exchange and sharing of good practices	<ul> <li>9,983 people (56% women) directly benefitted and over 50k people sensitized from 60+ activities and events; 5 World Heritage sites enhanced capacities in culture and sustainable development; Youth from 12 universities in China participated in project activities; Webinar series organized in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the 1972 World Heritage Convention;</li> <li>55,349 views on project videos posted on social media</li> </ul>	On all of the project's communication materials.	Funds-in-Trust (FIT) 5th amendment to the Project Agreement signed in May 2021. Start: July 2021 End: June 2024	The external evaluation is planned from March-May 2024 with the reports to be shared with HQs and key stakeholders.	Conservation Communities Capacity Building Communication
2	Felissimo Cooperation, Japan World Heritage, Communities and Creativity (Neo Tribute 21) USD 222,700 (in 2022) and the contribution of the parts of sale of artistic plates	ONGOING and NEW agreement under discussion	Local communities of World Heritage sites involved and empowered through innovative projects to increase livelihood in Asia and Africa as well as support advocacy work on the occasion of the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Heritage Convention	In 2022, Felissimo provided \$ 222,700 for covering the partnership actitivies in Asia, Africa and for the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention	On respective websites and documentation about the partnership	Contribution letter signed in September 2022 and the new agreement for receiving parts of the sales products in future is under preparation	The funding and expertise provided by Felissimo contribute to increasing opportunities for the concerned World Heritage communities to gain skills in conceptualizing and operationalizing the innovative livelihood and participatory projects in linking World Heritage sites and local communities	Youth/Education Conservation Capacity Building Cultural World Heritage Sustainable development Communities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Strictly regulated according to the terms of the signed agreement (in particular, every resource using the name, logo of UNESCO and World Heritage emblem is subject to approval by the World Heritage Centre and if necessary by PAX)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All agreements are available on the World Heritage Centre's website <u>https://whc.unesco.org/en/agreements</u> (password protected pages, for States Parties only)

Nr	Partnership description and financial contribution agreed (if any)	Status and Amounts received from 01/06/23 to 01/05/24 (in USD or converted)	Expected results	Major outputs/deliverables	Emblem use <sup>1</sup>	Agreements signed <sup>2</sup>	Evaluation of benefits	Benefitting Strategic objectives and Areas of cooperation
3	Fondation Franz Weber, Switzerland The 'Fondation Franz Weber' supports the Rapid Response Facility and natural heritage conservation projects. USD 750,000 (from 2013 to 2018) USD 110,000 (planned for 2024)	NEW agreement under discussion	Rapid Response Facility improved thanks to additional funding (the Fund was created in 2005 with Fauna and Flora International in order to mobilize funds to respond to emergency situations at natural heritage sites)	From June 2023 to May 2024, RRF provided \$80,000 to address emergency situations in 2 sites in Latin America (Galapagos Islands and Pantanal Conservation Area)	On respective websites and documentation about the project.	Contribution letter under preparation	The funding provided by Fondation Franz Weber contributed to increasing RRF's portfolio for grants to alleviate disaster and emergency situations in natural World Heritage sites.	Conservation Capacity Building Communities Natural World Heritage
4	Fondation Iris, France The 'Fondation Iris' supports the Rapid Response Facility and natural heritage conservation projects. USD 149,800 (from 2019 to 2020) USD 59 709 (for 2022- 2023) USD 59 709 (planned for 2024)	NEW agreement under discussion	Rapid Response Facility improved thanks to additional funding (the Fund was created in 2005 with Fauna and Flora International in order to mobilize funds to respond to emergency situations at natural heritage sites),	From June 2023 to May 2024, RRF provided \$80,000 to address emergency situations in 2 sites in Latin America (Galapagos Islands and Pantanal Conservation Area)	On respective websites and documentation about the project.	Contribution letter under preparation	The funding provided by Fondation Iris will contribute to increasing RRF's portfolio for grants to alleviate disaster and emergency situations in natural World Heritage sites.	Conservation Capacity Building Communities Natural World Heritage

Nr	Partnership description and financial contribution agreed (if any)	Status and Amounts received from 01/06/23 to 01/05/24 (in USD or converted)	Expected results	Major outputs/deliverables	Emblem use <sup>1</sup>	Agreements signed <sup>2</sup>	Evaluation of benefits	Benefitting Strategic objectives and Areas of cooperation
5	Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Australia Building climate change resilience for coral reefs in UNESCO World Heritage marine sites USD 668,573 (AUD 901,525) (6 years)	<b>ONGOING</b> \$ 87,200	Increased knowledge and understanding among the Marine World Heritage network for building climate resilience in World Heritage marine sites.	Knowledge from the climate resilience initiative in the four pilot World Heritage marine sites is shared with the Marine World Heritage network and broader Marine Protected Area Community. Chief Resilience Officers recruited in New Caledonia, Ningaloo Coast, Belize and Palau.	Materials about the project.	Funds-in-Trust (FIT) Start: September 2019 End: June 2024	The 10,5 million USD (14 million AUD) pioneering climate adaptation project was launched during the 2018 "Our Ocean" Conference in Bali, Indonesia. Discussions are ongoing to attract additional resources from other partners to add more marine sites to the project. The on-the-ground support to local management teams is much appreciated by the site managers.	Conservation Capacity Building Communities Natural World Heritage Communication
6	Kobi Graphis, Japan Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage calendar and a World Heritage Youth calendar. Annual contribution of USD 60 000 till 2021 and USD 100,000 in 2022 and 2023 + royalties.	ENDED	Enhanced awareness about World Heritage.	Production of Panasonic's corporate World Heritage and World Heritage Youth calendar. The calendar is sold through Panasonic channels.	Calendar.	World Heritage Fund Special Account Partnership agreements signed in 1996, 2001, 2007 and extended with amendments. Start: 1996 End: May 2023	The calendar has contributed to raising awareness about World Heritage sites.	Communication

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7	National Tokens Development of a World Heritage Souvenir Coins Programme 18 902 EUR in 2023	ENDED	Raise awareness on the World Heritage Convention Reinforce a common visual identity at World Heritage sites involved in the programme Raise funds through a collection of coins	Collection of coins to be sold at World Heritage sites.	On communication materials, website and coins	Partnership Agreement signed in April 2019 End: December 2023	Revenues are shared between the World Heritage Fund (30%), World Heritage sites (30%) and the implementing partner (40%) (National Tokens).	Communication
8	Phoenix TV Live broadcast from a World Heritage Site in China Knowledge exchange building on the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1972 Convention USD 500,000 for 2021- 2023 Coordinated and implemented by HQ and the UNESCO Office in Beijing	ONGOING	Raise awareness among the national and international audiences, local communities, heritage experts and concerned authorities of the need to protect and promote World Heritage Sites against rising threats Involve community members in high-level discussions on World Heritage preservation Encourage the public to recognize the inclusive heritage proservation Contribute to the fostering of national and regional knowledge exchange on- and off-stage through dialogues Increase the interest and commitment among the national and regional and	A long-format, multimedia live television programme from a World Heritage Site in People's Republic of China, live-streamed on 15 June 2023 Awareness-raising campaigns on major social media and online platforms A post-event article containing the main takeaways, published on the UNESCO website	During the live broadcast Pre-recorded videos Online and offline materials about the project Social media assets	Partnership agreement signed in October 2021	The live broadcast achieved over a million engagements and views among audiences via various platforms, including Weibo, X and Youtube. The broadcast contributed to awareness-raising about cultural and heritage preservation among general public	Communication Knowledge building and exchange Awareness raising Communities involvment
9	Seabourn, USA Phase 2: Strategic partnership with luxury cruise line with the overall	ONGOING	Increased awareness of and support for the protection and safeguarding of Heritage and World Heritage properties and the sustainable development of tourism	Identification and promotion of authentic, sustainable and responsible tourism products and services that provide high quality	Website and video clips. Brochures and other printed	Revised Framework agreement for	The Seabourn partnership has demonstrated the potential that exists to raise awareness and support from	Sustainable Tourism

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	goal of raising awareness on heritage conservation and sustainable tourism mobilizing sustainable resources for the long term conservation of World Heritage. USD 459,587		from an influential stakeholder group; Demonstrated efficacy of preservation of cultural and natural values at World Heritage sites through capacity building activities for site managers and other stakeholders; Increased engagement of key stakeholder groups through the development of an incentive programme to engage local communities and the tourism private sector operating in and around World Heritage properties.	and low impact visitor experiences at World Heritage sites. Awareness is enhanced with key stakeholders through a series of high-profile communication activities. Site managers' capacities reinforced through transnational networks capacity building activities.	material which explain the World Heritage Convention	Phase 2 signed in July 2019 Came into force January 2020 Termination December 2024	the traveling public working with a private sector partner. The support has enabled the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism programme to implement its action plan and has leveraged additional support of 3 million euros from the European Commission.	Awareness Raising Capacity Building Conservation
10	TOKYO BROADCASTING SYSTEM (TBS), Japan Production of a series of 30-minute films on World Heritage entitled "The World Heritage" broadcast weekly by TBS. Since 2006, USD 40,000 (per year)	<b>ONGOING</b> (Tacit yearly renewal) USD 40 000	Enhanced awareness on World Heritage sites.	1,000 films have been produced about 688 World Heritage sites in 134 countries.	On documentaries and brochures about the project.	World Heritage Fund Special Account Agreement with NFUAJ in 1996. Agreement with World Heritage Centre since 2006.	Global outreach. Total number of audiences of the programme per month: 40 million.	Communication
11	<b>ZDF, Germany</b> Production of a TV series about World Heritage sites and conservation challenges. 200,000 EUR (2 years) – First series 150,000 EUR (3 years, 2021-2023) – Second series	ENDED	Enhanced awareness on World Heritage sites.	50 World Heritage sites have been filmed in more than 20 countries worldwide.	On documentaries.	Partnership agreement signed in April 2018. 3-year Extension signed in December 2020 End: 31 December 2023	Global outreach. Estimated audience per documentary: 10 million.	Communication

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	EUR 37,500 received in 2023							
12	Better World Better World is the global coordinator for the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative Non-financial	ONGOING	Raise awareness among young people, volunteers, local communities, and concerned authorities of the need to protect and promote World Heritage; Involve young people in World Heritage preservation through concrete projects at sites; Empower young people allowing them to learn skills in basic preservation and conservation techniques and raise their capacity as future decision- makers and global active citizens.	Concrete preservation activities and awareness-raising campaigns at World Heritage sites involving local and international youth volunteers. In 2023, 70 action camp projects were implemented from April to December at 62 World Heritage properties and sites on the Tentative Lists, by 54 organizations in 31 countries around the globe.	Materials about the project.	Partnership agreement signed in January 2023. End: 31 December 2025	Due to the growth of UNESCO's WHV Initiative over the past decade and its development into a youth- based scheme, Better World is jointly responsible for implementing and promoting the Initiative, as well as assisting the participating organizations and evaluating their action camps as the global coordinator of the Initiative. In 2023, Better World has established a partnership with Shinan County - host of the Natural World Heritage site <i>Getbol, Korean Tidal Flats.</i> Thanks to this partnership, Better World was able to support financially some activities and develop related communication and advocacy materials.	Youth/Education Conservation Capacity Building Cultural and natural World Heritage Sustainable development Communities
13	Google Inc., USA The project allows internet users to virtually visit a selection of World Heritage properties. Non-financial	ONGOING (Tacit yearly renewal)	Help spread the message about preserving World Heritage and allow it to reach the broad public. Increase awareness worldwide.	The partnership offers virtual visits of World Heritage sites.	On Google Arts & Culture platform	License agreement Start: 29 May 2012	Discussions are ongoing to extend scope of partnership for enhanced benefits to World Heritage.	Communication

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14	GSP – OurPlace World Heritage Ltd and Our Place Publishing Ltd, New Zealand Creation of image bank for World Heritage. Our Place supplies photographs for the World Heritage Centre website galleries and has supplied numerous images for UNESCO and related third- party publications. Non-financial	ONGOING	Enriched photo bank of images and enhanced awareness of World Heritage sites.	Our Place and its international network of professional photographers contribute to a large image databank used to help promote conservation efforts and publicize the World Heritage message. Our Place provides high- resolution photos of World Heritage sites to World Heritage Centre for promotion and communication use.	On website and at exhibitions organized by Our Place with World Heritage images.	Agreement signed in February 2022 for 5 years.	Our Place has photographed over 400 World Heritage sites in 100 countries and has an archive of more than 45,000 exclusively owned World Heritage images. Image data bank is accessible for use by UNESCO and by World Heritage sites.	Communication
15	The Explorers Access to high-quality videos and images of World Heritage Sites Non-financial	ONGOING	Enriched photo and video bank for UNESCO's use and enhanced awareness of World Heritage sites.	The Explorers and its crew contribute to the documentation, preservation and transmission of the cultural and natural heritage sites The Explorers provides 4K/8K quality videos of World Heritage sites to World Heritage Centre for promotion and communication use.	On website	Letter of Intent May 2021 – May 2024	Image data bank is accessible for use by UNESCO.	Communication

### Table 2 - Inventory of envisaged World Heritage Partnerships as of May 2024 (in alphabetical order)

Nr	Partner	Description
1	Nature Facility Initiative	Main goal: to halt and reverse the degradation of selected natural World Heritage sites.
	UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO) with funding from Cartier for Nature	The Nature Facility is designed to focus on funding nature-positive solutions that support ecosystem restoration and protection at natural World Heritage sites and, emphasizing the value of ecosystems in LDCs and SIDS. Financial assistance will be provided by the Facility to enable blended financing for these World Heritage sites, combining public, philanthropic, and private sector funds with the aim to mobilize additional capital and enhance the attractiveness of projects to private investors. In addition, the Nature Facility will promote innovative funding mechanisms, such as biodiversity credits, green bonds, debt-fornature swaps, carbon finance, fiscal tools, and payments for ecosystem services.