

**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF
THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION
OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE**

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Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda:

**Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on
the World Heritage-related category 2 centres**

**6B. Progress report on the activities concerning the implementation of the World
Heritage Convention by the World Heritage-related category 2 centres**

SUMMARY

In Decision **45 COM 6**, the World Heritage Committee requested that the World Heritage-related category 2 centres and institutes under the auspices of UNESCO submit a progress report on all their activities concerning the implementation of the Convention, to be presented under a specific agenda item during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee. The present document includes a short overview of the World Heritage-related category 2 centres and progress reports, as submitted by these centres covering a period from July 2023 to June 2024.

Draft Decision: 46 COM 6B, see Point III.

I. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW OF THE WORLD HERITAGE-RELATED CATEGORY 2 CENTRES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

1. Category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (hereafter C2Cs) are a global network of institutions of excellence proposed by Member States in the Organization's domains of competence. Given their expertise, these institutes and centres contribute to the implementation of UNESCO's Approved Programme and Budget (C/5), including global strategic priorities and action plans, global development agendas, and sectoral programmes and priorities. They provide this support through international and regional cooperation, research, knowledge production, policy advice, and capacity development.
2. Although they are independent of UNESCO, C2Cs are privileged partners of the Organization with access to UNESCO's logo and international and intergovernmental bodies and networks, and they may leverage UNESCO's international reach and convening powers. C2Cs are an integral part of the Organization's [Comprehensive Partnership Strategy](#).
3. At its 40th session (November 2019), the UNESCO General Conference adopted [40 C/Resolution 99](#) by which it approved a new "Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO" (also referred to as the "2019 Strategy" – see [Document 40 C/79](#)), which supersedes all relevant prior resolutions by the General Conference on the subject.
4. Following the approval of the UNESCO General Conference, a tripartite agreement is usually concluded between UNESCO, the Member State(s) concerned and the institution. The duration of agreements for C2Cs is up to eight years, subject to renewal. Institutes and Centres may only use the designation of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO in the presence of a valid agreement between UNESCO and the State(s) concerned.
5. Among other requirements, the activities of C2Cs must be international or regional in scope and contribute to the global development agendas. All C2Cs must submit to UNESCO, by 31 December of each year, an annual report on their activities, using the standard reporting format provided.
6. In addition, since 2013, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre has invited relevant C2Cs to submit a report dedicated to the C2Cs' activities towards the implementation of the World Heritage Convention ahead of the Committee's regular meetings. These are made available on the World Heritage Centre's website, along with background information, at the following link: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/category2centres/>.
7. At its extended 45th session (Riyadh, 2023), the World Heritage Committee requested that World Heritage-related C2Cs submit a progress report on all their activities concerning the implementation of the Convention (Decision **45 COM 6**). The present document responds to the Committee's request by providing an overview of the World Heritage-related C2Cs and collating the reports that they submitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

8. At the time of writing the present document, the following Category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO are established and operational:

Name	Country	Established	Website
African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)	South Africa	2007	awhf.net
World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITR-AP)	China	2007	whitr-ap.org
Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH)	Bahrein	2009	arcwh.org
Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas	Mexico	2009	irpmzcc2.org
Regional Heritage Management Training Centre "Lucio Costa"	Brazil	2009	portal.iphan.gov.br/clc
International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST)*	China	2011	unesco-hist.org
Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region (WII-C2C)	India	2014	https://wii.gov.in/unesco_category2_centre
Regional Centre for Human Evolution, Adaptations and Dispersals in South East Asia (CHEADSEA)	Indonesia	2017	-
International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC)	Republic of Korea	2018	unesco-whipic.org

* HIST is affiliated with the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO but also relates to World Heritage and provides regular reports on its work towards implementing the World Heritage Convention.

9. Two World Heritage-related centres established by the UNESCO General Conference currently do not have a valid agreement: the **International Research Centre on the Economics of Culture and World Heritage Studies** (Italy, established in 2011, agreement lapsed in February 2022), and the **International Centre for Rock Art and the World Heritage Convention** (Spain, established 2011, no agreement signed since its establishment).
10. The agreement concerning the **Regional Centre for Human Evolution, Adaptations and Dispersals in South-East Asia** (Indonesia) will enter into force upon receipt of the final confirmation from Indonesia, officially marking the launch of this C2C approved by the UNESCO General Conference in 2017.
11. According to the 2019 Strategy, the process to renew the agreement for a C2C should follow these four steps: a renewal evaluation, an examination of the evaluation by the Intersectoral Review Committee that will inform the formal recommendation of the Director-General to the Executive Board, the approval of the UNESCO Executive Board, and the signature of the renewed agreement by all parties concerned. Currently, the **Centre on World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the**

Pacific Region (India) is in the process of renewing its agreement, the renewal evaluation having been completed positively in the spring of 2024.

12. World Heritage-related C2Cs organise regular coordination meetings between the active centres to encourage global cooperation and develop the centres' networks. The 8th Coordination Meeting was organised in June 2023 in Sejong, Republic of Korea, at the invitation of the International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC). On this occasion, the C2Cs adopted the "Sejong Declaration of Understanding and Cooperation among the UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres" (see <https://whc.unesco.org/en/documents/200277>). The Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (Mexico) has offered to host the 9th coordination meeting in 2025.
13. C2Cs are key partners identified in all Regional Framework Action Plans developed as part of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting, demonstrating these institutions' growing role in the World Heritage system. C2Cs should be encouraged to assist all stakeholders in implementing these Action Plans and participate in the associated mid-cycle reviews (see also Item 10 of the Provisional Agenda of the present session).
14. World Heritage-related C2Cs were interviewed during the 2022-23 independent evaluation of the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy (WHCBS) endorsed by the Committee at its extended 45th session (see Document [WHC/23/45.COM/6](https://whc.unesco.org/en/capacity-building) and the full report and video summary at <https://whc.unesco.org/en/capacity-building>). The evaluators emphasised the critical role of C2Cs for capacity building and the potential to rely more importantly on their specialist knowledge and networks. Consequently, C2Cs should be strongly encouraged to participate actively in the ongoing revision process of the WHCBS and its subsequent implementation.

II. PROGRESS REPORTS SUBMITTED BY WORLD HERITAGE-RELATED CATEGORY 2 CENTRES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO

The reports submitted by the World Heritage-related C2Cs on their activities organised between July 2023 and June 2024 are presented in the following pages.

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AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)
Director/Head	Dr Albino Jopela Executive Director
Designated Focal Point	Mr Jacob Nyangila Programme Specialist
Website	www.awhf.net

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

1. The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) consist of two main organs, the Board of Governors and the Secretariat. The Secretariat is hosted by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) in Midrand, South Africa. AWHF is also supported by Patrons appointed by the Board to promote the Fund on the international stage, including the participation in fundraising and advocacy events. AWHF Board is made up of a core group of five (5) members representing the five regions of the African Union (Southern, Eastern, Central, Western and Northern Africa). The Board also includes three non-regional representatives chosen for their professional competencies, a UNESCO representative appointed by the UNESCO Director-General and a representative appointed by the Africa Union Commission (AUC). South Africa, the host country has three (3) permanent members as trustees of the Fund represented by the Director General of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, the Deputy Director General of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (the Focal Point for the World Heritage Convention) and the Permanent Delegate of South Africa to UNESCO. The DBSA, and Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCROM, IUCN and ICOMOS) are Observers on Board. AWHF operation and programme activities are funded by contributions from the African State Parties and other technical and financial partners. In the reporting period, South Africa, Rwanda, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Norway, the United Arab Emirates, Serbia, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia and South Korea (through WHIPIC) provided financial support to the Fund.

UPDATES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

2. Two board meetings were held in the reporting period. The 33rd Board meeting was held on 26th July 2023 in Midrand, South Africa. The Board examined the report on activities implemented in the past financial year 2023/2024. The 34th Board meeting was held in Kampala, Uganda on 6th December 2023 hosted by the Government of Uganda. The Board examined and approved the Fund's activities and budget for the 2024/2025 financial year. In both meetings, the Board also approved the appointment of new Board members. The current Board is composed of representatives from Burundi, Egypt, Uganda and Namibia as well as representatives of UNESCO and the AUC. The term of Burkina Faso expired in December 2023 and the new representative for West Africa is being appointed. The 35th and 36th Board meetings are planned to take place in August 2024 in South Africa and December 2024 in Burundi. The evaluation of AWHF as a UNESCO Category II Centre was implemented between November 2023 and January 2024 with full participation of key stakeholders including AWHF Board.

MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

3. Since July 2023, the AWHF undertook the following activities in line with three key objectives of its Strategic Plan (2022-2027) which is aligned with the Action Plan for World Heritage in Africa (2021-2027) and UNESCO Operational Strategy for Priority Africa 2022 – 2029:

1. **Objective 1: Contribute to a better representation of African properties on the World Heritage List**

4. Through its upstream support program, the AWHF provided technical and financial support to eighteen (18) African sites during various stages of their World Heritage nomination processes. Six (6) properties were successfully inscribed on the World Heritage List (Massif Forestier d’Odzala-Kokoua in Congo, the Gedeo Cultural landscape and Bale Mountains National Park in Ethiopia, Memorial sites of the Genocide and Nyungwe National Park in Rwanda and Djerba Island in Tunisia) and two (2) proposed major boundaries modifications/extensions (Koutammakou in Benin and Andrefana Dry Forests in Madagascar) were approved during the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee, held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 10 to the 25 September 2023. Through its Nomination Grants the AWHF provided financial assistance to the State Parties of Uganda and Burkina Faso for the development of transboundary nomination dossier for Geometric Rock Art of Lake Victoria (including Kenya and Tanzania) and for strengthening the protective mechanism for the buffer zone of the proposed Royal Court of Tiébélé property respectively.
5. As part of the follow-up of its capacity-building program on World Heritage nomination for advanced dossiers the Fund continued to provide technical assistance to five (5) sites for which nominations files were successfully submitted to the World Heritage Centre, to be considered by the World Heritage Committee in its 46th session in July 2024. These include the Historic Town of Gedi (Kenya), Melka Kunture and Balchit Archaeological and Paleontological Site (Ethiopia), La Cour Royale de Tiébélé (Burkina Faso), the Emergence of Modern Humans: The Pleistocene Occupation Sites of South Africa, and Human Rights, Liberation and Reconciliation: Nelson Mandela Legacy Sites (South Africa). As a direct result of the AWHF ongoing technical assistance to African States Parties, three (3) World Heritage nominations files were submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 February 2024, i.e. Mount Mulanje Cultural Landscape (Malawi), Maputo National Park (Mozambique) and Diy-Gid-Biy Cultural Landscape (Cameroon).

2. **Objective 2: Contribute to improving the management and conservation of World Heritage Properties in Africa**

6. Together with ICOMOS the AWHF initiated the *Strengthening Capacities of World Heritage Professionals in Africa* programme aiming at improving the implementation of the Convention through skills development of heritage practitioners in Africa. Having successfully completed the initial phase (i.e., capacity-building workshop held in South Africa in May 2022), the Fund has supported the follow up phase of the programme (between July 2023 - March 2024) focusing on effective integration of African professionals within the networks and processes led by ICOMOS. In this regard, three (3) African professionals (from Botswana, Mauritius, and South Africa) were integrated into the *ICOMOS-led Evaluation of World Heritage Nominations* that took place in between September and October 2023 in South Africa (for the Emergence of Modern Humans of South Africa), Kenya (for the Historic Town of Gedi) and Saudi Arabia (for the Cultural Landscape of Al-Faw Archaeological Area).
7. The Fund organized an *Orientation Workshop for African Members of the World Heritage Committee* held online between 17–19 July 2023 aiming at improving the Africa experts’

understanding of the 1972 Convention's Operational Guidelines and that of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee. Sixty-seven (67) participants attended the workshop including representatives from UNESCO, the Advisory Bodies, African Permanent Delegations at UNESCO, World Heritage Committee members (Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa and Zambia) and other African heritage professionals.

8. The orientation workshop was followed by the 6th *Preparatory African World Heritage Experts Meeting* held in Kigali Rwanda from 14–18 August 2023. The meeting was organized by the Permanent Delegation of Rwanda to UNESCO and the Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement of Rwanda in partnership with the AWHF and facilitated by the State Party of South Africa as the Chair of the Group 5A. The meeting brought together forty (40) participants and it strengthened the technical capacity of African experts and enabled them to contribute substantially to the discussions on the implementation of the 1972 Convention around the world during the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee.
9. Each year, AWHF provides conservation grants to African State Parties to implement projects and activities which focus on improving the sustainability and state of conservation of World Heritage properties. During the reporting period the Fund provided conservation grants to the States Parties of Ghana (to support a structural renovation at Asante Traditional Buildings), Malawi (to support biodiversity conservation and promote sustainable community livelihoods at Lake Malawi National Park), Lesotho (to support the community conservation of the Sehlabathebe National Park), Mauritius (for the documentation of the buffer zone of the Aapravasi Ghat), and Madagascar (to support the setting up of an eco-volunteer program to help conserve Ranomafana National Park). In addition to the conservation grants, the Fund awarded an Emergency Grant to the State Party of Kenya for the restoration of Thimlich Ohinga Archaeological Site impacted by natural disaster. The projects in Mauritius, Lesotho, Madagascar, and Kenya will be implemented between April 2024 and March 2025.
10. The AWHF also offers Moses Mapesa Educational Research Grant aiming at encouraging young academics to produce good dissertations and thesis for their Masters and Doctoral research in the field of World Heritage in Africa. Three grants were completed: Masters project on *Community-Based Conservation in Protected Area of Okapi Wildlife Reserve* (Democratic Republic of Congo), Doctoral project on *Tourism development in the Ruins of Loropéni* (Burkina Faso), and Doctoral project on the *Effect of Climate Change on the Savanna Dynamics at Comoe National Park* (Côte d'Ivoire). Three additional grants were awarded to young African professionals for research projects to be implemented between April 2024 and March 2025 in Central Africa Republic (Doctoral project on *Gender and issues of participatory management of protected areas in the CAR*), Cote d'Ivoire (Doctoral project on *Modeling the reconstitution of the vegetation of former agricultural areas in the Taï National Park*) and Mozambique (Master's project on *Cultural Heritage Management in the Quirimbas Archipelago*).
11. Together with the International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC) and the National Heritage Council of Namibia the AWHF organized a *Workshop on World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation in Africa* held online between 19th and 23rd October 2023 and in-person between 30th October and 2nd November 2023 in Twyfelfontein or /Ui//aes, Namibia. The workshop strengthened the capacities of twenty (20) African site managers and heritage professional by enabling them to develop tools and strategies to improve the interpretation and presentation of World Heritage sites through participatory processes and engagement of local communities across Africa.

3. Objective 3: Stimulate the inclusion of World Heritage properties in sustainable growth for local communities, particularly women and the youth.

12. In partnership with ICCROM and the Great Zimbabwe University of Zimbabwe, the AWHF organized the *7th edition of the African World Heritage Youth Forum* held online from 15 to 19 January 2024 and in person from 4th to 8th March 2024 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The workshop brought together young African leaders to share their perspectives, experiences, and solutions for addressing the challenges posed by climate change for the effective conservation and management of World Heritage properties in Africa.
13. From 29 January to 2 February 2024, AWHF organized a *Workshop on Entrepreneurship at World Heritage Sites in Africa* held in Maputo, Mozambique, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Mozambique and ICCROM. The workshop aimed at empowering African young professionals through training and mentorship and equip them with innovative and creative entrepreneurship skills in the field of heritage (e.g. business opportunity identification and evaluation, business management, financial resources mobilization, financial sustainability and innovation, entrepreneurial mindset skills, communication, and networking). The workshop provided a platform for the creation of networks, exchange of knowledge, sharing of experience and success stories between and among the 25 young professionals representing various African countries.

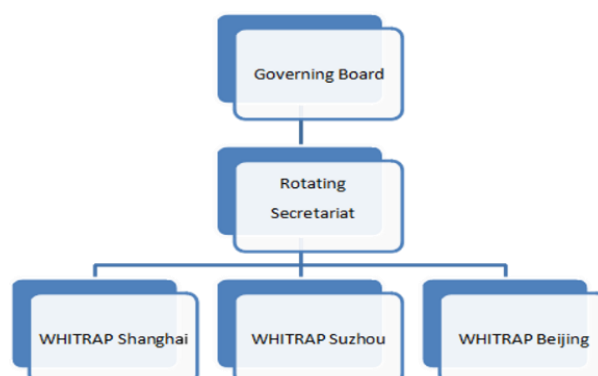
WORLD HERITAGE INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION (WHITR-AP)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP)
Director/Head	Prof. ZHOU Jian
Designated Focal Point	Mrs. LI Hong, Project Director
Website	www.whitr-ap.org

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

1. The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP) operates under a structured governance system. The Governing Board oversees the entire organization, while the Rotating Secretariat, located in Shanghai since 2012, coordinates activities with a staff of three. WHITRAP consists of three branches: Shanghai, Suzhou, and Beijing. Prof. ZHOU Jian serves as the Secretary-General of WHITRAP. WHITRAP Shanghai, organized by Tongji University with a staff of ten, is directed by Prof. SHAO Yong. WHITRAP Suzhou, organized by the Suzhou Municipal Government with a staff of twenty, has been directed by Mr. ZHU Haijun from June 2023 to February 2024 and will be led by Mr. GU Wenhua from February to June 2024. WHITRAP Beijing, organized by Peking University with a staff of nine, is directed by Prof. SHEN Ruiwen. In 2023, the operational funding for various projects included contributions from the Suzhou Local Government (USD 437,085), Peking University (USD 415,161), the China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation (USD 62,655), Tongji University (USD 288,212), and the Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning and Design Institute Co., Ltd. (USD 501,239).



MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Nb	Title of the activity
1	The Convention is understood and achieves overall positive benefit to conservation while avoiding negative impacts.
(1)	Co-organizing the 2023 Joint Workshop on Cultural Heritage Conservation in Chongqing, August 2023
(2)	Speech making at Sino-Italian World Heritage Sites Friendship Forum, October 2023
(3)	Graduate Course on Chinese Cultural Heritage Studies at Yenching Academy of Peking University, September 2023
(4)	Exhibition and Curatorial Studies Program on Museums, Communities, and the Future, Central Academy of Fine Arts, September 2023
2	A more balanced World Heritage List is achieved, and fewer nominations suffer serious problems following their submission.
(1)	Publication on <i>The Vitality of Tradition: Changes in Heritage Values of a Dong Village in Qiandongnan</i> , August 2023
(2)	Publication on <i>Generation of Heritage and Continuation of Tradition: Investigation and Research of Zhibo Village in Sichuan Province</i> , September 2023
(3)	Research on Promoting the Integration of World Heritage Management Planning into China's Territorial Spatial Planning based on 'Multi-Planning Integration' and its Talent Cultivation Project (G2023133024L), 2023-2024
(4)	The comparative study on Three Lanes and Seven Alleys and other historical districts in Fuzhou City, August 2023
(5)	Feasibility Study of the Joint World Heritage Nomination of China's Baiheliang and Egypt's Nilometer, November 2023
(6)	Serial thematic research on the Joint World Heritage Nomination of China's Baiheliang and Egypt's Nilometer, 2024
(7)	Mixed WH nomination research for Hainan Tropical Rainforest and Li Ethnic Traditional Villages, 2024
(8)	Conference on the Power of Nature in metropolitan Area: Heritopolis Shanghai Conference on the World Metropolitan Day 2023, October 2023
3	National Institutions are effective in the identification, conservation and presentation of the cultural and natural heritage.
(1)	Publishing 3 Journals on Suzhou Garden, World Heritage and Ancient Architecture and Suzhou Garden, 4 times/ year, 2023
(2)	HeritAP Chat on Implementing the Action Plan of the 3rd Cycle of Periodic Reporting in Asia and the Pacific, October 2023
(3)	Consultation on the Policy of <i>Suzhou Garden Classification and Management Measures</i> , August 2023

(4)	Management of collaborative exemplary project with UNOSSC Beijing: China-Mexico Heritage Education Innovation, 2023
(5)	Research on International Policy for China's World Heritage Sites under Issues of Climate Change, 2023
(6)	Promoting the Suzhou Garden Overseas Touring Exhibition, 2024
4	Effective sustainable management and conservation of World Heritage occurs, taking into account the dynamics of specific local contexts and settings within the larger framework of global WH processes.
(1)	Database Establishment on Heritage Elements of Suzhou Classical Gardens, 2023 – now
(2)	Report on Good practices and experiences of cities in China on Heritage Conservation in the context of South-South Cooperation, December 2023
(3)	Thematic Research on Hainan Tropical Rainforest and Li Traditional Settlement Nomination for World Cultural and Natural Heritage, August 2023
(4)	Research on the Urban Heritage of Fuzhou City, December 2023
(5)	Research World Hydrological Heritage (Phase I), December 2023
(6)	Research on Fujian Ancient National Traffic Route, 2024
(7)	2 nd Cycle of UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme – Chinese Pilot Studies: Migratory Bird Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow Sea-Bohai Gulf of China (Phase I), 2023-2024
(8)	2nd Cycle of UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme – Chinese Pilot Studies: Migratory Bird
(9)	Sanctuaries along the Coast of Yellow Sea-Bohai Gulf of China (Phase I), 2024.4.7
5	Skills for conservation of cultural and natural heritage are strengthened.
(1)	Organizing 2 Youth Heritage serial activities, 2024
(2)	Report on the Public Welfare Development of Chinese Cultural Heritage, 2024 - now
(3)	International Conference on Urban Heritage Conservation and Design for Sustainable Development and International Network for Urban Heritage Conservation in Higher Education Institutions, September 2023
(4)	World Heritage Dialogues on Public Communication and Heritage Education of Living Heritage, June 2023
(5)	HeritAP Chat on Digital Technology Empowering World Heritage Interpretation, July 2023

(6)	Hosting an international exchange activity on the theme of Youth and Traditional Skills, July 2024
(7)	Carrying out plant pest control investigation in the World Heritage Suzhou classical gardens and provide professional training, 2024
(8)	Co-organizing Symposium on Capacity Development on Climate Action for World Heritage, February - April 2024
(9)	Carrying out courses on World Heritage in local schools, 2024
(10)	The 2023 Advanced Course on Conservation and Restoration Techniques of Traditional Architecture for the Asia-Pacific Region, October 2023
(11)	Intern programme, 2023-2024
6	The availability of funding and other resources to meet conservation needs in World Heritage Sites is significantly enhanced.
(1)	The Second Gansu Dialogue Mayor's Symposium on Sustainable Tourism along the Silk Road, March 2024
7	Greater mutual benefits to communities and their heritage results through sustainable development associated with World Heritage Properties
(1)	Global Awards for World Heritage Education Innovative Cases, 2023
(2)	HeritAP Annual Meeting on World Heritage Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals, November 2023
(3)	Organizing side event on "The Next 50 Years, World Heritage Education for the Future" at 45 Session of WH COM, September 2023
(4)	2023 World Heritage Creative X Innovator Forum & 3rd Anniversary of Global Awards for World Heritage Education Innovative Cases, November 2023
(5)	Training Program on The Belt and Road and BRICS Cultural Heritage Protection and 2023 University Consortium on the Maritime Silk Road (UCMSR), July 2023
(6)	Hosting The 2nd World Cultural and Natural Heritage Forum on Defining the contemporary human-nature relationship: co- existence, mutual learning and sustainability, November, 2023
(7)	Organizing the volunteer project on Monitoring and Cultural Mapping of the Grand Canal (Beijing), 2024
8	Greater and inclusive participation of local communities in heritage conservation, presentation and associated development
(1)	Ripple Action: Empowering Youth for Heritage, 2023
(2)	Organizing the Fifth Youth Crossover Forum, December 2023
(3)	Holding the Garden Lectures on "Learning in the Garden", August 2023

(4)	Organizing Youth Garden Model Creative Competition, May 2024
(5)	Organizing Shaoxing Ancient City Innovation Competition, July 2023
(6)	Compiling 4 issues of WHITRAP Newsletters in English and Chinese, 2023
(7)	Translation the book on Bringing Living Heritage to the Classroom in Asia-Pacific into Chinese, 2024
9	Increased awareness of the need for and benefits from heritage conservation and the contribution of the World Heritage Convention to achieving this
(1)	Editing and co-publishing the academic journal Study on Natural and Cultural Heritage, 2023-2024
(2)	Compiling the 2023 annual report of Suzhou Classical Gardens, March 2024
(3)	Organizing the Yangtze River Delta Regional Dialogue on Heritage Conservation, June 2024
(4)	Co-organizing Peking University's 2023 Summer School for Outstanding High School Students (Archaeology), July 2023
10	Beyond the contribution of capacity building to achieving positive results for the other 4 "Cs" of the strategic directions of the World Heritage Convention, new approaches are needed to ensure that the World Heritage Capacity Building itself, is effective and is able to report results to the World Heritage Committee and other stakeholders
(1)	Translation of Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context, 2023-2024
(2)	Co-organizing Training Workshop on Heritage Impact Assessment in Southeast Asian Context: Principles, Methodology and Mitigation Measures, April 2024

ARAB REGIONAL CENTRE FOR WORLD HERITAGE (ARC-WH)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage
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Designated Focal Point	Sh.Ebrahim Al Khalifa Deputy Director
Website	www.arcwh.org

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

1. The Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH), based in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is an autonomous and independent legal entity at the service of the Arab States. The ARC-WH is guided and supervised by a Governing Board which is renewed every two years. The Board meets in ordinary sessions at regular intervals, at least once per calendar year. The Governing Board is chaired by the President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities H.E. Sh. Khalifa Bin Ahmed Alkhalifa, members of the board include the following: a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Kingdom of Bahrain, a representative of the Arab Member States to the World Heritage Committee, a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO, a representative of each of the Advisory Bodies to the Committee ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM and the African World Heritage Fund. The current secretariat of ARC-WH comprises 12 permanent staff members including the Director, Deputy Director, and the Programming Unit. The staff also includes a Communication and Information Officer, an Admin and Logistics Officer and a Finance and Human Resources Officer. The activities of the Centre and its operations are mainly funded by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain, while some of the activities are occasionally co-funded by external partners according to ARC-WH agreements on joint projects.

UPDATES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

2. The 13th Governing Board meeting was held on the 12th of February, 2024. During which, the report on the activities of the centre in 2023 was presented. The board also adopted the proposed action plan for 2024, which focused on the priorities derived from the Periodic Reporting Action Plan for the Arab region (2021-2027) with 3 main strategic objectives highlighted A) Contribute to a representative and balanced World Heritage List in the Arab States, reflecting the cultural and natural diversity of the region B) Enhance the protection, conservation and management of World Heritage, particularly for sites inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger, including through emergency preparedness, disaster risk response, and planning for recovery. C) Improve the integration of sustainable development policies in the management of World Heritage sites.
3. The Governing Board of ARC-WH also adopted the proposed advisory body (2024-2025) which aims at providing technical guidance and periodic recommendations on the programmes of ARC-WH.

MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

1. Regional Programmes

Regional Workshop for Arab States on Impact Assessment in a World Heritage Context

- ARC-WH and the ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership (WHL) programme organized this Regional Workshop from 27 to 29 November 2023, in Manama, Bahrain. This capacity-building activity supported 23 site managers, coordinators, heritage professionals, and other stakeholders from 15 Member States, in identifying, evaluating, and mitigating potential negative impacts of development projects on World Heritage properties.

Regional meeting for World Heritage Focal Points in the Arab States

- The UNESCO World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the ARC-WH, hosted the regional meeting (5 - 6 December 2023). The meeting aimed to bring together Focal Points to assess the progress of the regional Action Plan (2021-2027) and lay the groundwork for the mid-cycle assessment report.

Regional Workshop on Natural and Mixed World Heritage Sites in the Arab States: Listing Implications and Synergies with IUCN's Green List

- ARC-WH in collaboration with the IUCN Regional Office for West Asia of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (ROWA) organised this workshop from 22-24 January 2024. It was held in cooperation with the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA), with the participation of heritage professionals from various Arab countries. The workshop aimed to enhance the understanding of Natural and Mixed heritage inscription requirements and improve their management by promoting synergies with the IUCN Green List initiative.

Regional Workshop on Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites in the Arab Region

- In partnership with the International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC), ARC-WH organized this workshop from 22-24 April, 2024, to enhance professionals' knowledge and skills for developing effective interpretation and presentation of World Heritage sites in the Arab region.

Incorporating Sustainable Development into the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the Arab States Region

- ARC-WH and ICOMOS are organising this capacity building programme with the support of the Heritage Commission and ICOMOS Saudi Arabia. It aims to mainstream and promote the approach used in the 2015 Sustainable Development Policy Document into the daily implementation of the World Heritage Convention, through improving knowledge of the Policy Document, the HUL approach, and the 2030 SDG's Agenda. Scheduled between June and September 2024, the program will commence online and culminate in an in-person workshop at a World Heritage site in Saudi Arabia.

2. National Programmes

Capacity Building Programme on the Preparation of a Site Management Plan for the Transnational Property of Darb Zubaydah

- In collaboration and support of the Heritage Commission under the Ministry of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in cooperation with the State Board of Antiquities and Heritage in the Republic of Iraq. The programme aimed to build the capacities of participants in management plans, including their concept, implementation, and

monitoring aspects, while supporting the establishment of efficient transnational management mechanisms for the Darb Zubaydah site. The programme was implemented through a series of online and in-person workshops held between August – December 2023.

Online workshop “Bethany Beyond the Jordan- Heritage Impact Assessment and Architectural Guidelines”

10. ARC-WH collaborated with the Baptism Site Commission (BSC) in Jordan to conduct this online workshop on 17 August 2023. The workshop aimed to engage six architects and representatives from new churches in enhancing their understanding of the World Heritage site, ‘Baptism Site “Bethany Beyond the Jordan” (Al-Maghtas)’, and its natural surroundings. It also provided clarity on architectural guidelines during the revision of the Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) for existing and new churches within the buffer zone.

Revision of the Tentative List of Cultural and Natural Sites in Palestine

11. ARC-WH, in collaboration with the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, conducted an online workshop from 21 to 23 August 2023. The workshop involved experts, academics, and researchers in the heritage field and focused on reviewing the Tentative List of cultural and natural sites in the State of Palestine.

Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites in Tunisia

12. ARC-WH and the National Heritage Institute (INP) in Tunisia collaborated to implement a programme for the integration of sustainable development into the management of World Heritage Sites in Tunisia, using the World Heritage site of Dougga/Thugga as a case study. An online Workshop held on 10-11 October, 2023 brought together experts, specialists, and site managers, along with civil society and local community representatives in Dougga.

National Workshop “Mechanisms and Concepts of the 1972 World Heritage Convention and the 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict” in Qatar

13. With the participation of relevant stakeholders in the State of Qatar, the workshop aimed at enhancing the understanding and implementation of the two UNESCO Conventions, contributing to enhancing the protection and management of heritage sites in Qatar. The workshop was organized by ARC-WH in collaboration with the Qatar Museums Authority and took place from 18 to 20 February 2024 in Doha, Qatar.

Conservation of Built Heritage in Kuwait Bahrain workshop

14. Aiming at enhancing the capacities of heritage professionals in Kuwait, ARC-WH and the National Council for Culture, Art and Letters (NCCAL), in collaboration with the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, organized the Workshop on “Fundamentals of Conservation of Built Heritage” 21-24 April 2024, in Manama, Bahrain.

Revision of the Tentative List of Yemen

15. The capacity building programme aims to enhance the capacities of heritage professionals on the process of revision of the Tentative List and the nomination process. Organized in cooperation with UNESCO Regional Office for the Gulf States and Yemen between May – September 2024, virtually and in-person.

Technical Assistance to the State Party of Iraq for the preparation of a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Ashur (Qal’at Sherqat)

16. As part of its support to the State Party in responding to the World Heritage Committee's decisions, ARC-WH in partnership with the World Monument Fund (WMF) to prepare an integrated management plan that protects the OUV of the site, including preparation of a comprehensive conservation plan for the property.

Technical Assistance to the State Party of Syria for the preparation of the first phase of the conservation masterplan in Ancient City of Bosra

17. ARC-WH is supporting the State Party of Syria to prepare the conservation master plan for Ancient City of Bosra, to help the State Party respond to the Committee's decisions on the preparation of the site master plan, which is crucial to inform the final optimal restoration approaches.

3. Thematic Programmes

Regional Conference: Housing Rehabilitation in Historic Settlements of the Arab Region

18. In partnership with the UNESCO Regional office for the Maghreb, UN Habitat and the Islamic Development Bank, a regional conference on Housing Rehabilitation in Historic Settlements of the Arab Region has been organized in Marrakech, Morocco from 13-15 December 2023. With the participation of 43 experts, the conference aimed to co-define new guidelines to protect and revive housing in historic settlements of the Arab region.

Second edition of the short-film competition "My Heritage"

19. In collaboration with the Heritage Commission of Saudi Arabia, ARC-WH organized the second edition of the "My Heritage" short-film competition as part of the Arab Youth for Heritage initiative with the participation of 170 applicants from 18 countries across the Arab region.

International Training Course on Rock Art Recording Techniques, from Traditional to Digital

20. ARC-WH supported the organization of the International Training Course on Rock Art Recording Techniques from traditional to Digital held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates from 10 to 14 of December 2023.

International Conference "Opportunities for Heritage"

21. The UNESCO chair for World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Management in the Arab Region, in collaboration with ARC-WH co-organized an International Conference "Opportunities for Heritage" from 24-27 February, 2024. The four-day conference focused on examining the opportunities that lie at the intersection of heritage conservation and sustainable development, focusing on technology's transformative power and innovative solutions.

Expert Meeting on Modern Heritage in the Arab Region

22. The Expert Meeting was held in Manama, Bahrain, between 4-6 March 2024. It gathered specialists in the field of architecture and cultural heritage preservation from the Arab region and international organizations. The meeting comes amid a growing global interest in modern heritage, which includes architectural and urban buildings constructed in the 19th and 20th centuries. It aimed to explore the status of this underrepresented heritage in the Arab region and develop recommendations for its preservation.

Arab/African Professionals Preliminary Assessment Process Meeting

23. In close collaboration with the UNESCO WHC, ICOMOS, IUCN and the African World Heritage Fund, ARC-WH hosted a meeting for Arab/African Professionals on the Preliminary Assessment Process aimed at providing them with the tools to prepare Preliminary Evaluation requests in an adequate and efficient manner. The meeting was held from 15-16 May in Manama, Bahrain.

INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS

Arabic Translation of the *Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessment in a World Heritage Context* in partnership with UNESCO and the Advisory Bodies

24. ARC-WH translated the *Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessment in a World Heritage Context* from English to Arabic to support heritage professionals in the protection of heritage sites in the Arab region. This manual was originally developed by UNESCO and the Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN).

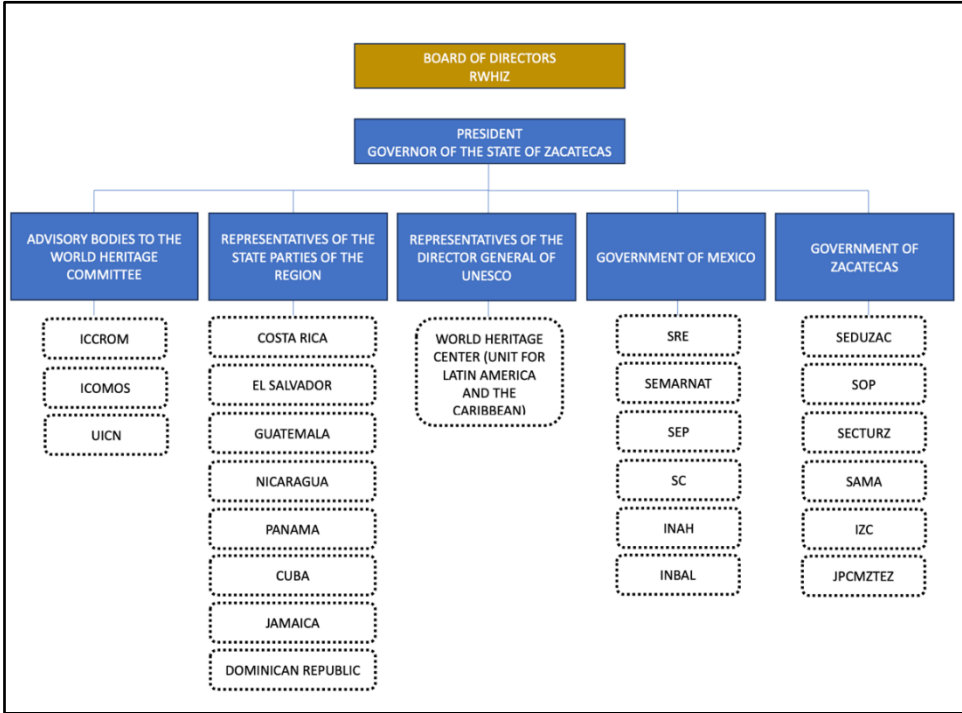
REGIONAL WORLD HERITAGE INSTITUTE IN ZACATECAS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, Category 2 Centre, under the auspices of UNESCO (RWHIZ)
Director/Head	Carlos Augusto Torres Perez
Designated Focal Points	Carlos Augusto Torres Perez Director General of RWHIZ Erika Ofelia Renteria Ruiz Technical Secretary of RWHIZ
Website	https://irpmzcc2.org/

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

1. The Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) is governed by a Board of Directors chaired by the Governor of the State of Zacatecas. The operational structure includes the Advisory Bodies of the World Heritage Committee (ICCROM, ICOMOS, and IUCN), representatives from the State Parties of the region (Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama), representatives of the Director-General of UNESCO (Latin America and the Caribbean Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Centre), and officials from both the Government of Mexico and the Government of Zacatecas. The Mexican governmental bodies involved are SRE, SEMARNAT, SEP, SC, INAH, and INBAL, while the Zacatecas State bodies include SEDUZAC, SOP, SECTURZ, SAMA, IZC, and JPCMZTETZ. For 2024, RWHIZ has an operational budget of USD 389,286.34, funded by the government of Zacatecas. The institute operates from the "Casa del Conquistador," located at Calle Juan de Tolosa No. 831, in the Historic Center of Zacatecas, Mexico.



2. The Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas is staffed by a team led by Director General Carlos Augusto Torres Perez, including roles such as Technical Secretary, Program Specialist, Natural Heritage Specialist, IT and Social Networks Coordinator, Administrative Coordinators and Assistants, as well as security, maintenance, and operational support personnel.

UPDATES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

3. On February 2, 2024, the Third Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas was held in Mexico City, the purpose of which was to report on the activities carried out during 2023, as well as present the proposed Work Plan of this Institute for 2024.
4. During the meeting, the Director General of RWHIZ presented the 2023 Work Report to the members of the Board of Directors, who recognized the work carried out by this Category 2 Center in 2023 and pointed out the importance of continuing to strengthen cooperation networks around to World Heritage in the region.
5. Regarding the 2024 Work Plan, the Board of Directors approved the sixteen actions proposed by the Director General. It should be noted that these actions were proposed based on the Action Plan for the Latin American and the Caribbean region (2023-2029). Other relevant point at the meeting was the presentation of the progress of the Tripartite Agreement between UNESCO, the Government of Mexico and the RWHIZ, for the renewal of the latter.

MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

6. As part of the Activities of the 2023 Work Plan, approved at the Second Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors, several activities were carried out during the second half of 2023, including:
 - In August 2023, the RWHIZ participated in the **Governance Meeting of the Lucio Costa Category 2 Centre**, located in Brazil, where was presented the progress of the 2023 Work Plan of the RWHIZ and the initial projection of the 2024 Work Plan. In the Meeting also participated the African World Heritage Center Fund (AWHF) and the Regional Center for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Latin America (CRESPIAL). The meeting was conducive to sharing experiences, establishing dialogue between the 1972 and 2003 Conventions, as well as to outline areas of collaboration that contribute to strengthening the capacities associated with World Heritage in Latin America and the Caribbean.
 - During this period, efforts continued within Mexico to achieve a consensual version of the **Tripartite Agreement project between UNESCO, Mexico and the RWHIZ**. This consensual version was delivered in Spanish to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on September 4, 2023, and in English on January 26, 2024, for sending to UNESCO.
 - The RWHIZ participated in the **45th Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee**, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where progress was presented regarding the execution of the 2023 Work Plan of the Institute. Also, it was presented the commitment made by the RWHIZ in the Republic of Korea to host the 9th International Meeting of Category 2 Centres in Mexico in 2025.
 - The materials of the **Course “The Blue Helmets for Culture, Cultural Heritage in the event of disasters: risks and safety interventions”** were disseminated in

this period. The course was organized by the Organizzazione Internazionale Italo-Latino Americana (OILLA), the Ministry of Culture of Italy (MIC), the Command Carabinieri Tutela Patrimonio Culturale Italo (CCTPC), the Regional Institute of World Heritage in Zacatecas and the Secretariat of Culture of Mexico through the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH). More than 70 representatives from Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Mexico participated in the event.

- The **Digital Photogrammetry Course applied to cultural heritage in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean** was held on October 30, 31, November 1, 6 and 7, 2023. This course was organized jointly by the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas and the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH). The course included the participation of institutions from Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic and was also attended, as an observer, by the Lucio Costa Category 2 Center, located in Brazil.
- From November 15 to 17, 2023, the “**Camino Real de Tierra Adentro International Colloquium, Cultural Itineraries-UNESCO**”, was held. This event was organized by the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) of Mexico, the Ministry of Culture of the same country, the Autonomous University of Aguascalientes, Mexico, and the National Park Service of the Interior Department of United States of America. Representatives from the Dominican Republic, the United States of America, Argentina and Mexico participated in the event.
- On December 14, 2023, the “**Empiricisms and Perspectives**” **Conference Series, “Zacatecas and the World Heritage Cities of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean”**, was established with the purpose of generating a space for exchanging experiences around the protection, conservation and management of the 17 historic cities of the region included in this heritage category. The event was organized by the RWHIZ, the Zacatecano Institute of Culture “Ramón López Velarde” and the National Institute of Anthropology and History. Mauricia Domínguez Rodríguez, specialist architect of the Department of Planning and Projects of the National Directorate of Monumental Heritage of the Ministry of Culture of the Dominican Republic, was in charge of giving the first keynote lecture of this Cycle, which was titled “Colonial City of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, interventions and good practices”.
- On November 29 and 30, the **Heritage Interpretation Seminar – Workshop for the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro** was held. This event was convened by the National Institute of Anthropology and History through its World Heritage Directorate, and organized jointly. with the Colegio de Michoacan, Mexico and the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas. The objective of the Workshop was to generate a comprehensive proposal for the dissemination of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, based on the postulates of the Interpretation and Presentation for heritage.
- On December 11, 2023, the RWHIZ participated in the meeting “**Launch of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023-2029)**”, organized by UNESCO World Heritage Center. At this meeting were shared experiences around the link between RWHIZ 2024 Work Plan proposal and this new Action Plan.
- On December 14, 2023, the **book “Zacatecas, a place with Outstanding Universal Value”** was presented in the Central Patio of the Zacatecano Museum. The work, published and edited by the RWHIZ, the INAH and the Zacatecano Institute of Culture, was commented on by José Luis Perea González, technical secretary of INAH, Faviola Castillo Ruiz, research professor at the Autonomous University of Zacatecas, and Alfredo Conti, UNESCO consultant and member of

ICOMOS Argentina. A temporary exhibition on the inscription of Zacatecas on the World Heritage List was also inaugurated at the event.

7. As part of the activities from January to June 2024 are:
- A **meeting**, in conjunction with the World Heritage Center of UNESCO, with world heritage managers and focal points from the Caribbean to explore avenues for cooperation around capacity building in 2024 and 2025.
 - Two international courses on **Digital Photogrammetry Applied to Cultural Heritage for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean**, one in person and the other online.
 - A conference within the framework of the **Conference Series “Empiricisms and Perspectives, good practices around World Heritage sites in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean”**.
 - An online presentation of the second phase of the **RWHIZ Digital Library**, which includes more materials related to capacity building associated with World Heritage, as well as dissemination and reporting materials produced within the RWHIZ.
 - **2024 meeting for World Heritage Managers and Focal Points** in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean for the presentation of the 2024 Work Plan of RWHIZ.
 - Participation of a member of RWHIZ in the course **“Impact Assessment in a World Heritage Context”** at the headquarters of ICCROM, through the Training of Trainers initiative of the **World Heritage Leadership Program of ICCROM**.

REGIONAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTRE "LUCIO COSTA"

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	Lucio Costa Heritage Management Regional Training Centre, IPHAN, Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO
Director/Head and Designated Focal Point	Dr. Claudia Feierabend Baeta Leal
Website	https://www.gov.br/iphan/pt-br/unidades-especiais/centro-lucio-costa

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

1. The Lucio Costa Heritage Management Regional Training Centre is based in Rio de Janeiro at the premises of the Institute of National Historical and Artistic Heritage (IPHAN), a federal public agency that presently reports to Brazil's Ministry of Culture. This arrangement was established in the first agreement signed by the Brazilian government and UNESCO on 26th July 2010, and in renewed agreement signed on 13th June 2018.
2. The Category 2 Centre Lucio Costa was created aiming at improving the management capabilities of institutions and professionals involved in the preservation of cultural and natural heritage in the region that encompasses Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries in South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela), Africa (Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe) and Asia (Timor-Leste).
3. In addition to Brazil, nine countries (two African Portuguese-speaking countries, Mozambique and Cabo Verde; and seven South American Spanish-speaking countries, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay) have so far signed up to participate in Lucio Costa Centre structure and activities.
4. The institutional structure of the Centre is composed by the Governing Board, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat.
5. The Governing Board is currently chaired by the President of IPHAN and composed by representatives of all Participating States, a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO and other non-voting participants, that include: a representative of the Brazilian Ministry of Culture (MinC), a representative of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE), a representative of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), the President of the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBIO) or his /his representative, as well as the Director of the Center, as observer.
6. The Executive Committee is currently composed by Cape Verde, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay, also counting with Brazil as chair of the Committee.
7. During the third Meeting of the Governing Board (march 2021) the participants of the the Advisory Committee were elected: Dr. Marcela Hurtado, from Argentina, representative of the South America Region, and Dr. Ziva Domingos, from Angola, representative of the African Region. The indication of the representatives from the Advisory bodies (IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM) is still pending. The Director of the Centre is the coordinator of this Committee, as stated in the Agreement.

8. The Secretariat is composed by the Director of the Centre (appointed by the Governing Board) and currently staffed by a team of IPHAN civil servants assigned to work with the C2C.
9. The Centre’s estimated budget for 2024 is USD 225,000.

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10. When the new Brazilian government came into office, in January 2023, the Lucio Costa Management Training Centre (CLC/CC2) was able to resume its operations, which were significantly hampered during the previous government (2019 – 2022) due to severe budgetary reduction and restrictions to multilateral cooperation activities.
11. In 2023, Lucio Costa Centre was granted with a budget of USD 315,000, which were partially applied in implementing operation resumption of the Centre, as detailed in the table below (“4. Main Programmes and Activities”). The budgetary source was the Brazilian Government's own budget, destined for the Center's institutional actions (investment cost), in addition to running costs (staff, venue, equipment, services etc.). For 2024, the Centre estimated budget is USD 225,000, still to be released for implementation.
12. In parallel, the Center has developed strategies and actions in search for partnerships and other sources of external funding. That includes not only Brazilian funding institutions, but also organizations from countries in its region of coverage and international institutions, aiming at support and funds for a broader offer of actions and training events, aligned with core themes within World Heritage and South-South Cooperation concerns, as well as with Sustainable Objective Goals. Also, Lucio Costa Centre aims at fulfilling the expectations manifested toward C2C’s in the results for the Third Cycle for Periodic Reporting both in Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa, mainly related to capacity-building strategies, representativeness of the Global South on the UNESCO World Heritage List, integration of UNESCO conventions, engagement of indigenous people and local communities in managing World Heritage sites, among others.
13. In 2023, two external experts were assigned by UNESCO to carry on the evaluation of Lucio Costa Centre, the results of which may be finalized soon. Meanwhile, the Agreement between the Brazilian Government and Unesco, which was signed in 2018 and is due in August 2024, was extended until December 2025, according to UNESCO Executive Board decision in its 219th session (219 EX/15.XIV).

MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Number	Title of the activity	Date
1	Acquisition of the Zoom software license	July/2023
2	Hiring specialized consulting for evaluation and preparation of subsidies for renewal of the Lucio Costa Center Agreement	August/2023
3	IV Executive Committee Meeting/ V Governance Board Meeting.	August/2023
4	Implementation of the Moodle platform	October/2023 to December/2024
5	Proposal of Triangular Cooperation with Mozambique and Portugal within Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) call for proposals	March-April/2024 (development of proposal estimated to

		July/2024- December/2025
6	Support for IILA workshop “I Caschi Blu per la cultura - cultural heritage in the event of disaster: risk and safety interventions Blue Helmets for Culture, cultural heritage in the event of disaster: risk and safety interventions” in Brazil	March-July/2024
7	Risk Management Course in Natural, Cultural and Mixed Heritage: evaluation methodologies (online)	August/2024
8	Workshop: Cultural tourism in World Heritage Sites (presential)	September/2024
9	Translation into Portuguese and Spanish of UNESCO’s and Advisory Bodies’ reference documents and resource manuals, with Zacatecas Regional Centre assistance	October to December/2024
10	Workshop on the Process for the preparation of the Indicative List (online)	November/2024
11	Seminar on Modern and Contemporary Architecture in historic World Heritage centres (online)	December/2024

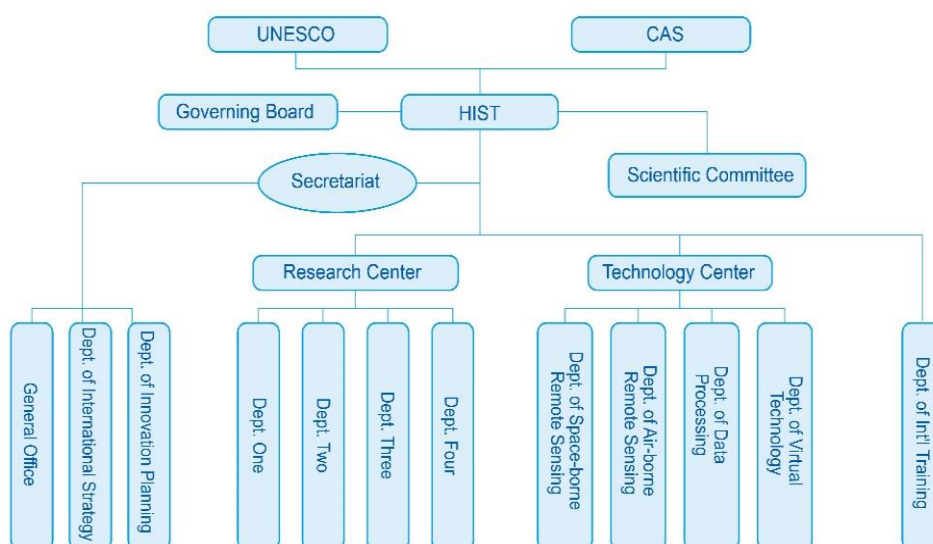
INTERNATIONAL CENTRE ON SPACE TECHNOLOGIES FOR NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE (HIST)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST) under the Auspices of UNESCO
Director/Head	Guo Huadong
Designated Focal Point	Liu Shaobo, Secretary General
Website	www.unesco-hist.org

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

- The operation and management of HIST is carried out under the direction of a Governing Board. The Governing Board is the decision-making body in charge of examining and approving the mid-term strategic plan, biennial work plans, annual work report and budget, supervising HIST in its implementation of the Board's decisions, and promoting cooperation and exchange with UNESCO, its Member States and relevant international organizations. The Scientific Committee of HIST comprises of some 30 experts and scholars from China in the fields of space technologies and natural and cultural heritage to provide professional consultation for HIST's strategy and biennial work plan. HIST's Executive Team is composed of a secretariat and nine departments: four Research Departments and Departments of Space-borne Remote Sensing, Airborne Remote Sensing, Data Processing, Virtual Technology and International Training.



- HIST's annual operational funding and its premises have been provided by its host institute Aerospace Information Research Institute (AIR) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). Chinese Academy of Sciences, representing the Government of China, provide annual operational budget to HIST in addition to the operational funding provided annually by AIR.

UPDATES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

3. HIST convened the 10th session of its Governing Board which briefed on UNESCO's evaluation on HIST's performance since 2018, discussed and adopted HIST's Annual Work Report for 2021, 2022, 2023, Biennial Work Plan for 2022-2023, Biennial Work Report for 2024-2025. The meeting pointed out that 2024 will be a transition year due to HIST's status renewal process with UNESCO. The Governing Board commended HIST's excellent achievements in the past three years, expressed its support to HIST's renewal evaluation and HIST's future development, and proposed that HIST's collaboration within UNESCO, other relevant international organizations, UNESCO Member States will be strengthened.

MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

No.	Title of the Activity
1	Co-host 4 th Huangshan Dialogue on UNESCO-designated Sites and Sustainable Development with UNESCO(World Heritage Centre and Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences), ICOMOS and ICCROM from June 29 to July 1 2023
2	Participated in the Dialogue on Partnership for UNESCO Priority Africa which was hosted by Chinese National Commission for UNESCO and Beijing Normal University on August 1, 2023 in Beijing
3	partnered with China News Service to record two online programmes to introduce HIST's space archaeology and typical case study on the application of space technology in the monitoring of Jiuzhaigou World Heritage site in August
4	Participated in 3rd International Forum on Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals in Beijing and co-hosted with ICCROM a session on "Space Technologies Facilitating the Sustainable Development of World Heritages" during the forum on 7 September 2024
5	Participated in extended 45th session of World Heritage Committee in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and co-hosted with UNESCO(World Heritage Centre), Copernicus Programme(European Earth observation programme)the side event "Space-based Technologies for the Preservation of World Heritage sites" during this session on 12 September 2023, participated in other side events such as "Exploring Cultural Heritage of the Arab Region" hosted by ICOMOS and Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) and "Culture and Climate Change-related Emergencies: New Realities, New Perspectives" hosted by the UNESCO Culture and Emergencies Entity and International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas(ALIPH)
6	Signed a MoU with ICOMOS Ethiopia on 13 October 2024 for the conservation of World Cultural Heritage in Ethiopia
7	Collaborated with UNESCO World Heritage Centre to monitor deforestation and gold mining activities in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2023
8	Conducted archaeological survey and discovery on the Great Wall of the Han Dynasty
9	Conducted research project on "Space-to-Ground" Integrated Monitoring and Assessment of Jiuzhaigou World Heritage Site in 2023
10	Conducted the monitoring and assessment of World Cultural Heritage sites in Xi'an of Silk Roads: the Routes Network of Chang'an-Tian Shan Corridor
11	Completed the reconstitution of HIST Governing Board and convened 10 th session of its Governing Board on January 18, 2024
12	Published with Springer the monograph- <i>Introduction to Space Archaeology</i> on February 17, 2024.

13	Participated in We Are Site Managers International Symposium from 1 to 5 March, 2024
14	HIST's second-phase operation will be evaluated by UNESCO experts from 6 to 12 May, 2024
15	Attend the international Symposium of the Category 2 institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO in the field of Natural Sciences from 15 to 17 May 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
16	Participate in 46th session of the World Heritage Committee in India, July 21 to 31, 2024
17	Conduct project on the use of space technologies for archaeological discovery along Surkhandarya River in 2024
18	Draft the next Mid-Term Strategic Plan (2024-2030) throughout 2024

Brief Introduction to Programmes and Activities implemented:

4. HIST co-hosted the 4th Huangshan Dialogue on UNESCO-designated Sites and Sustainable Development with UNESCO, ICOMOS and ICCROM from 29 June to 1 July 2023. Themed "Digital Technologies Enabling Sustainable Development of UNESCO-designated Sites", the Dialogue organized eight sessions featuring following topics: digital conservation, space technologies and methodologies for the monitoring and evaluation, harmonized management, disaster risk reduction, climate change, space archaeology and spatial intelligence in cultural heritage, integration of heritage and culture and high-quality development, heritage education. The two-day event attracted over 200 participants from more than 20 countries and over ten international organizations. It adopted the Huangshan Vision, which was drafted by HIST, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and ICCROM and published on UNESCO and ICOMOS website. This document emphasizes the potential role of space, air, and ground-based remote sensing technologies, along with other digital applications, in the monitoring and conservation of UNESCO-designated sites and calls on World Heritage stakeholders to fully utilize digital technologies to strengthen the collaborative conservation and management of UNESCO-designated sites, and to promote collaborative efforts toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
5. HIST has collaborated with UNESCO World Heritage Centre to monitor deforestation and gold mining activities in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in Democratic Republic of the Congo by analyzing its land use and land changes in this reserve, and providing UNESCO with basic data for the purpose of protecting wildlife and virgin forests in the area.
6. HIST and the Jiuzhaigou World Heritage Administration have jointly carried out a demonstration study of the "Space-to-Ground" integrated monitoring and assessment of Jiuzhaigou World Heritage Site. Through implementation of the project, a "Space-to-Ground" integrated information system has been established for the dynamic monitoring and assessment of the post-disaster recovery of vegetation and ecological environment, water quality improvement, digital modeling and virtual display of geological disaster recovery, and infrastructure reconstruction processes. The results from this project have provided key technical support for post-seismic disaster risk assessment and disaster prevention in the Jiuzhaigou heritage site.
7. On 12 September 2023, HIST, UNESCO and Copernicus Programme (European Earth observation programme) co-hosted the side event "Space-based Technologies for the Preservation of World Heritage sites" during extended 45th session of World Heritage Committee to discuss how the use of space-based technologies can help World Heritage practitioners (in particular site managers) better identify and prevent potential threats to sites, respond and recover from natural and anthropogenic hazards and raise further awareness of existing collaborative opportunities with relevant partners for the use of space-based technologies and analysis tools for the monitoring of the state of

conservation of World Heritage sites. It attracted about 100 representatives from more than 10 international organizations and more than 20 countries.

8. HIST and ICCROM co-hosted a session on “Space Technologies Facilitating the Sustainable Development of World Heritages” during 3rd International Forum on Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals in September. Six experts from China, Italy, Egypt, and Cyprus introduced the current technological progress and achievements in the protection of cultural heritage and discussed with participants strategies for digital transformation and sustainable development of cultural heritage in the near future.

CENTRE ON WORLD NATURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	Wildlife Institute of India – Category 2 Centre (WII-C2C) for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for Asia and the Pacific Region, under the auspices of UNESCO
Director/Head	Mr. Virendra R Tiwari Director, Wildlife Institute of India Chandrabani, Dehradun – 248001. Uttarakhand, India
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Website	http://wii.gov.in/unesco_category2_centre

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

1. From the outcome of the second cycle of Periodic Reporting (2012) conducted by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties in Asia and the Pacific, a Centre of Excellence on Natural World Heritage for Asia and the Pacific region at the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), was proposed as a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO.
2. The Indian Cabinet of Ministers, chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi formally approved the proposal for signing the Agreement for establishment of the C2C at Wildlife Institute of India on 5th August, 2015. The Agreement was signed between the Director General, UNESCO and Director General of Forest, Government of India on 2nd September, 2015. The 21-member Governing Body of the Wildlife Institute of India chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) is also the Governing Body of C2C at WII.
3. The operational activities of the C2C are supervised by the Director of WII as head of WII-C2C, through WII faculty designated as Nodal Officer and Associate Nodal Officer along with a 10- member team of skilled technical and administrative professionals including Technical Officers, Assistant Technical Officers, World Heritage Assistants, Administrative Officer, Administrative Assistants, Finance Officer and IT Officer.
4. The C2C is supported with financial resources primarily from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India to achieve its mandate and also raises additional funding from other institutional donors for specific activities. The Centre operates from its own exclusive building within the WII campus, which was inaugurated in March 2018.

UPDATES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

5. The Centre has been envisaged as an integral part of Wildlife Institute of India and is governed by the Institute's Governing Body with Secretary (Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change), Govt. of India as its Chairperson and Director, WII as its Member Secretary. The Governing Body also includes the Director of Heritage Division and World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Paris as representative of the UNESCO Director-General.
6. The Annual Progress Reports are submitted to and reviewed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India. The Centre has successfully accomplished annual work programmes for the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019- 20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. The recent Governing Body Meeting of WII was held on 3rd November, 2022 and the next is scheduled to be held on 9th April, 2024. The Annual Reports are available at http://wii.gov.in/unesco_category2_centre.

MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

No.	Title of the Activity
1	Natural Heritage Session at ICCON Conference, Mysuru (09- 11 Apr, 2023)
2	World Heritage Day, WII, Dehradun (18 Apr, 2023)
3	World Heritage and Climate Change Session at UNESCO Sub-Regional Conference on World Heritage, Bhopal (17-18 Apr, 2023)
4	World Heritage Volunteer Programme, Sikkim (15-24 Apr, 2023)
5	IUCN Asia Protected Area Partnership, WII, Dehradun (27-29 April, 2023)
6	Participation in 8th Annual C2C Coordination Meeting, Sejong, Korea (31 May–2 Jun, 2023)
7	Keibul Lamjao Conservation Area, Manipur World Heritage Nomination Dossier preparation (Jun, 2023)
8	Participation in Consultation Meeting on Kanger Valley National Park World Heritage Inscription process, Jagdalpur Chhattisgarh (12 Jun, 2023)
9	Participation in ICCROM Asia-Pacific Regional Information Meeting (26 Jun, 2023)
10	Participation in Inception Workshop by UNESCO on "Heritage for Peace: Enhancing Transboundary and Regional Cooperation for Natural and Mixed World Heritage Sites in Asia" (06 Jul, 2023)
11	Report of the IUCN Reactive Monitoring Mission to Keoladeo National Park (Jul, 2023)
12	Module on International Biodiversity Conventions' for IFS Officers, WII Dehradun (23 Aug, 2023)
13	Certificate Course in Heritage Management, WII, Dehradun (07 Aug – 15 Sep, 2023)
14	Participation in ASEAN Cultural Heritage List Meeting, Jakarta (16 Aug, 2023) and Online (06 Dec, 2023)
15	Participation in ICOMOS General Assembly, Sydney (01-09 Sep, 2023)

16	Review of State of Conservation Reports and Nomination Dossiers for 45th World Heritage Committee Session at Riyadh (10-25 Sep, 2023)
17	Participation in Heritage Asia-Pacific Chat on 3rd Cycle World Heritage Periodic Reporting for Asia and the Pacific Region, Virtual Meeting (18 Oct, 2023)
18	Knowledge-Sharing Meeting between WII-C2C and Geological Survey of India, Virtual Meeting (18 Oct, 2023)
19	Participation at United Nations Forum on Forests, FRI Dehradun (26-27 Oct, 2023)
20	World Natural Heritage Site Managers Meeting Round-II: Role, Responsibilities and Partnership, Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur (27 – 28 Oct, 2023)
21	Natural Heritage through Education, Awareness and Network Building among Teachers, Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur (29 Oct, 2023)
22	WII-C2C Meeting with ASI, New Delhi (01 Nov, 2023)
23	Capacity Building Programme on World Heritage Nomination of Bhedaghat-Lametaghat for Staff of MPTB, Forests and Tourist Guides (06–07 Nov, 2023)
24	State of Conservation Report of Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area, India (Nov, 2023)
25	Asian Rangers Forum Session, Guwahati, Assam (05–08 December, 2023)
26	Training Programme for Frontline Staff on Monitoring of Outstanding Universal Value of Natural World Heritage Sites, Sajnekhali, Sundarbans National Park, West Bengal (11–12 Dec, 2023)
27	Meeting with Geological Survey of India on World Heritage Inscription of Geoheritage Sites and Geoparks (14 Dec, 2023)
28	International Webinar on 'Heritage in the Asia-Pacific: Nature, Culture and the World Heritage Convention' (18 Dec, 2023)
29	State of Conservation Report of Manas Wildlife Sanctuary, India (Jan, 2024)
30	Participation in Bern III Conference on Cooperation among the Biodiversity- related Conventions for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, at the Universal Postal Union in Bern, Switzerland (22-26 January 2024).
31	Role of Civil Society in Tourism & Natural heritage Conservation, WII, Dehradun (29 – 31 Jan, 2024)
32	Capacity Building for Declaration of UNESCO World Heritage Site, Mangaluru / Karkala, Karnataka (05 – 09 Feb, 2024)
33	Nature's Chorus: Heritage Narratives from Kaziranga and Beyond, Kaziranga National Park, Assam (12 – 13 Feb, 2024)
34	MEA-ITEC Certificate Course in Natural Heritage Management, WII, Dehradun (19 Feb – 15 Mar, 2024)

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE INTERPRETATION AND PRESENTATION OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES (WHIPIC)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the Centre	International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC)
Director/Head	Changnam HONG / Director General
Designated Focal Points	Heekyoung YEO / Head of Strategy Planning Office Hyein OH / Programme Specialist
Website	http://unesco-whipic.org

INSTITUTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE CENTRE

The International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC) is overseen by a Governing Board renewed every two years, comprising representatives from the Korea Heritage Service (KHS), various Korean government bureaux, the Korean National Commission for UNESCO, Sejong City, UNESCO regional groups, and the Advisory Bodies of the World Heritage Committee. The Director of the Centre is a non-voting member. The Governing Board convenes at least once annually and can meet extraordinarily if needed. An Executive Committee of six members from Korea ensures the Centre's effective operation between sessions, meeting at least twice a year to manage daily activities and implement the annual work plan. As of April 2024, WHIPIC's organization includes a Director General, a Deputy Director General, and four offices (Strategy Planning, Research and Development, Education and Networking, Information Management), with a total of 21 staff members. Funded by the KHS, the Centre's budget has grown from USD 1,672,083 in 2022 to USD 1,942,393 in 2024. WHIPIC operates from a 1,050m² office space, featuring six offices, a conference room, a fellow room, and a library.

UPDATES ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

- September 2023: **Appointment of the first Director General of WHIPIC**
- December 2023 : **4th Executive Committee**, which reported on 2023 Programme Outcomes and 2024 Annual Plan
- March 2024 : **2nd Governing Board**, which approved the Amendment of Constitutive Act and Regulations and reported on the 2023 Programme Outcomes, Audits and 2024 Annual Plan and Budget.

MAIN PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

1. 2023 Main Programmes and Activities (July-Dec)

	Activities	Outcomes
Enhancing Research and Policy Efforts for Inclusive Heritage Interpretation		
1	Theoretical Research on World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	♦ Publication of reports on Draft Definitions and Concepts of Heritage Interpretation and Presentation

2	Policy Research on World Heritage Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of reports on Identifying attributes as heritage interpretation
3	Thematic Research on World Heritage Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of reports on a Comparative Study of the Expansive Role of Heritage in the Interpretation of Site(s) of Memory
4	Regional Research on World Heritage Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of report on Interpretation Strategy for World Heritage Sites featuring Criterion (vi)
5	WHIPIC International Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inviting Wider Participants to World Heritage Protection (Nov 2023, ROK)
Capacity Building for Better Understanding of World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation		
7	International Capacity-building for World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 1st Workshop on World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation in Africa (Oct 2023, Online / Nov 2023, Namibia) Partners: African World Heritage Fund, National Heritage Council of Namibia Signing of WHIPIC-AWHF MOU
8	Local Capacity-building for World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Site Managers/Youth Capacity building training for World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation (Jul 2023 / Nov 2023, ROK)
9	The Rehabilitation and Development of the Great Zimbabwe World Heritage Site Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organising Community-based workshop for a new heritage interpretation framework (Nov 2023, Zimbabwe) Partners: UNESCO Harare office, National Monument and Museums of Zimbabwe, Great Zimbabwe University
10	Heritage Interpretation Awareness Raising for All: the World Heritage Committee Side Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathway to Advancing Heritage Interpretation and Presentation within the World Heritage System (Sep 2023, Saudi Arabia)
11	Cooperation and Development of World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation Education Programmes for Local Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus-type joint education course and site visits (Sep-Dec 2023, ROK) Partners: Sejong City Office of Education
World Heritage Information for All		
13	Research on definition and standardization of World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of reports on Classification of World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation data types
14	Research on Inclusive World Heritage Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of reports on Development of World Heritage presentation Methodologies
15	Publication of the Periodic Magazine and Creation of social media contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of a the 2nd Periodic Magazine, 10 E-newsletter and 4 multimedia productions
International Cooperation and Solidarity		
16	International Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosting of the 1st Governing Board Meeting (May 2023, ROK) Attendance at the 24th session of the World Heritage Convention General Assembly

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at the 19th special session of the World Heritage Committee Attendance at the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee
17	World Heritage Committee Agenda Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda analysis, publication of the report(draft) and hosting of an expert roundtable
18	Sejong-WHIPIC International Exchange Programme (SWIFT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internship: 3 interns (2 ROK, 1 Romania) Fellowship: 1 international expert (Zimbabwe)
19	Foundation Celebration Event & the Annual Meeting of C2 Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Foundation Celebration Event and the 8th Annual Meeting of C2C (May 2023, ROK) Sejong Declaration acknowledged during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee

2. 2024 Main Programmes and Activities

	Activities	Expected Outcomes
Enhancing Research and Policy Efforts for Inclusive Heritage Interpretation		
1	Theoretical Research on World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft principle of Heritage Interpretation and Presentation
2	Policy Research on World Heritage Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing methodology for identifying attributes and values of heritage sites
3	Thematic Research on World Heritage Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Producing a handbook interpreting sites of memory for the public and site managers
4	Regional Research on World Heritage Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-depth research on interpretation strategy and monitoring World heritage issues
5	WHIPIC International Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended discussions for draft principle and attribute study for heritage interpretation and presentation (Oct 2024, ROK)
6	Research cooperation and networking on World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHIPIC Seminar, International joint academic seminar with Sogang University, Critical Global Studies Institute (Jun 2024, ROK)
Capacity Building for Better Understanding of World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation		
7	International Capacity-building for World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2nd Workshop on World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation in Africa with AWHF (Sep 2024, Rwanda) Publication of Best Practices of World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation in Africa
8	Local Capacity-building for World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site-based interpretation workshop – Korean Tidal Flats (Getbol) (May 2024, ROK)
9	Capacity-building Policy Cooperation With UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity-building workshop for East Asian State Parties with UNESCO Beijing office
10	The Rehabilitation and Development of the Great Zimbabwe World Heritage Site Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing consultancy for the construction of visitor facilities of the Great Zimbabwe heritage site

11	Heritage Interpretation Awareness Raising for All: the World Heritage Committee Side Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Sharing inclusive interpretation cases from various regions with AWHF and ARC-WH (Jul 2024, India)
12	Regional Workshop on Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Site in the Arab Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Identifying key issues related to the heritage interpretation and presentation in the Arab region with ARC-WH (Apr 2024, Bahrain)
13	Developing a Tool for Capacity-building in World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Development of heritage interpretation framework and educational workbook
World Heritage Information for All		
14	Innovative World Heritage Information Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Enhancing the WHIPIC's website and developing a strategy for data collection
15	Inclusive Heritage Presentation Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Drafting of Guidelines on Inclusive Heritage Presentation for site managers ♦ Publication of Best Practice on Heritage Presentation
16	WHIPIC Content Craft Lab Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Publication of the 3rd Periodic Magazine, and e-newsletter ♦ Co-publication of the Living Heritage Series with ICHCAP
International Cooperation and Solidarity		
17	International Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Hosting of the 2nd Governing Board Meeting (Mar 2024, ROK/Online) ♦ Signing of MOUs (ICOMOS, ICCROM, etc..) ♦ Cooperation with World Heritage-related institutions
18	World Heritage Committee Agenda Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Agenda analysis, publication of the report(draft) and hosting of an expert roundtable
19	Sejong-WHIPIC International Exchange Programme(SWIFT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Internship: 2-4 undergraduates and graduate students ♦ Fellowship: 2 emerging experts
20	Solidarity with UNESCO C2C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Hosting of Offline and Online workshops with C2Cs following the Sejong Declaration

III. DRAFT DECISION

Draft Decision: 46 COM 6B

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC/24/46.COM/6B,
2. Recalling Decision **45 COM 6**, adopted at its extended 45th session (Riyadh, 2023),
3. Congratulates the World Heritage-related Category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO for their contributions to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, especially towards the Strategic Objectives of the World Heritage Convention and UNESCO's Global Priorities;
4. Thanks the governments of Bahrein, Brazil, China, Mexico, India, the Republic of Korea and South Africa for hosting active World Heritage-related Category 2 centres and thereby supporting the work of UNESCO and the implementation of the World Heritage Convention;
5. Encourages States Parties to make full use of the capacities of the different Category 2 centres, based on their specialist areas, and to support and participate in their activities whenever possible;
6. Also encourages Category 2 centres to continue organising activities that are international or regional in scope and contribute to the global development agendas, the strategic priorities of the World Heritage Committee and the implementation of the Framework Action Plans developed for each region as part of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting;
7. Further encourages Category 2 centres to participate actively in the revision process of the WHCBS and its subsequent implementation;
8. Requests the World Heritage-related Category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 March 2025**, a progress report on all their activities concerning the implementation of the World Heritage Convention since the present session, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 47th session.