

Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas - RWHIZ

Report for the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee

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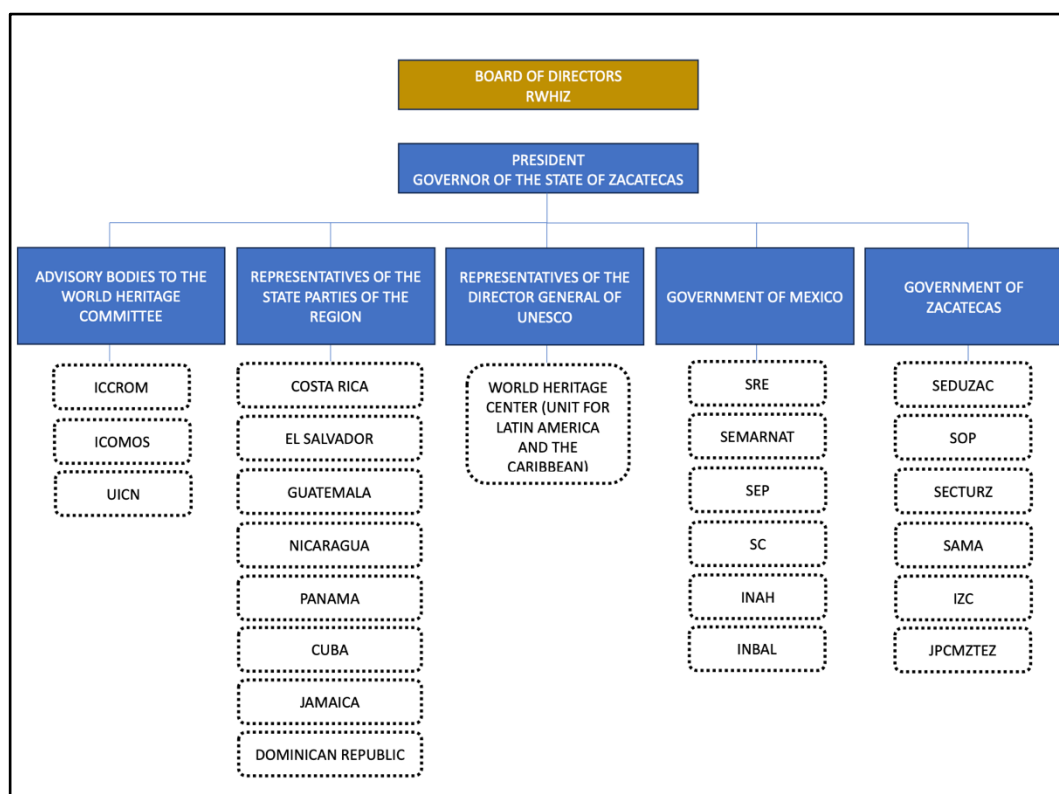
1. General Information

Name of the Centre	Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, Category 2 Centre, under the auspices of UNESCO (RWHIZ)
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2. Institutional and Operational Structure of the Centre

(e.g., Governing Board, staffing, operational funding and premises)

Governing Board:



Staffing

Name	Function
Torres Perez Carlos Augusto	Director General
Renteria Ruiz Erika Ofelia	Technical Secretary / Cultural Heritage
Martínez Becerra Clara	Director's assistant
Rodriguez Marquez Raul Eduardo	Program Specialist
Hernandez Ramirez Daniel	Natural Heritage
Martinez Robles Janet Esmeralda	Information Technologies and Social Networks
Galindo Rivera María Angelica	Administrative Coordinator
Perea Gallegos Verónica	Administrative Assistant
Martinez Mendiola Jaira Lizeth	Administrative Assistant
Campos Ávila Verónica Lucia	Administrative Assistant
Cipriano Carlos Francisco	Security
Pacheco López Mariana	Maintenance and cleaning
Mauricio Nuñez Christian Alejandro	Maintenance and operational support

Operational funding

The Budget assigned for the operation to the RWHIZ in 2024 was **\$389,286.34 USD** (funds from the government of the state of Zacatecas, Mexico).

Premises

The RWHIZ houses its offices at the property called "Casa del Conquistador", owned by the Zacatecas state government and located at Calle Juan de Tolosa No. 831, Historic Center of Zacatecas, Mexico.

3. Updates on the Management of the Centre

(e.g., meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions adopted)

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.

During the meeting, the general director 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.

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.

4. Main Programmes and Activities

(implemented since July 2023 and planned for the current year)

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 Center**, 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 Centers 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 (OIILA), 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.

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 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**.