

AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

Agenda Item	6A
Draft Decision	47 COM 6A World Heritage-related Capacity-Building activities and Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy
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TEXT

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The World Heritage Committee,

- 1. Having examined Document WHC/25/47.COM/6A,*
- 2. Recalling Decision 46 COM 6A, adopted at its 46th session (New Delhi, 2024),*
- 3. Reaffirming the importance of the outcomes of the 2023 independent evaluation of the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy (WHCBS) and the need for a revised strategy aligned with current global challenges, ~~and~~ policy priorities **and the existing capacity building ecosystem**;*
- 4. Thanks the World Heritage Centre, ICCROM, ICOMOS, IUCN, and all World Heritage related Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO (C2Cs), as well as the participating States Parties, for their substantive contributions to the development of the revised WHCBS 2025–2035;*

5. Regrets that no additional dedicated financial resources were provided by States Parties for the revision process despite repeated appeals, and notes that the exercise was carried out with limited funding from the World Heritage Fund's capacity-building budget line;
6. Notes ~~with appreciation~~ that the revision of the Strategy occurred through a transparent, consultative and inclusive revision process, in close collaboration with the C2Cs and with inputs from a broad and geographically balanced range of stakeholders, ~~and takes note that some aspects raised during the regional consultation process were not fully reflected in the current Strategy; thereby ensuring that the revised Strategy is responsive to global and regional capacity-building needs and complements existing and future Regional Action Plans and Strategies;;~~
7. Recognising the revised Strategy's added value in strengthening national and site-level capacities, enhancing coordination and resource access, promoting people-centred and regionally responsive approaches, and aligning capacity-building with global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development; ~~adopts the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy 2025–2035 as an essential instrument to support States Parties in the effective implementation of the Convention;~~
8. ~~Adopts the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy 2025–2035 with a view to presenting to 48th Session of the World Heritage Committee a refined version of the Strategy which fully reflects the results of regional consultations and considers that this World Heritage Strategy 2025-2035 is an adaptive strategy to be reviewed and updated in consultation with the Advisory Bodies, States Parties and Category II Centres, in light of the evolving challenges and the emerging needs of States Parties;~~
9. Highlights that the Strategy introduces a global coordination mechanism centred around a Capacity-Building Coordination Team to be based at ICCROM, and comprising of ICCROM, IUCN, ICOMOS, C2Cs, and the World Heritage Centre, ~~to develop together~~ biennial Implementation Plans; and thematic and regional priorities aligned with global challenges identified notably through the Periodic Reporting exercise;
9. Urges States Parties and other stakeholders to provide sustained, predictable financial contributions ~~to the World Heritage Fund~~ for capacity building and to provide extra- budgetary funding for the implementation of the revised WHCBS, including its ~~inclusive~~ coordination mechanism ;
10. Requests the World Heritage Centre, in cooperation with the Coordination team ~~ICCROM~~ to develop the first biennial Implementation Plan (2025–2027) and submit for review at its 48th session, if funding allows;
11. Requests the World Heritage Centre, ~~in cooperation with the Coordination team~~ to prepare a user-friendly version of the revised ~~refined~~ Strategy, in the two working languages of the Convention, and encourages States Parties and partners to facilitate translations into national languages in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre to promote its wide dissemination and accessibility;
12. Encourages all partners, including States Parties, C2Cs, UNESCO Offices, National Commissions for UNESCO, and heritage institutions to ~~align engage in their~~ capacity-building activities ~~with of the revised~~ ~~refined~~ Strategy ~~and to engage in its implementation;~~

13. Thanks the States ~~P~~parties of Australia, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland for the continued financial support they are providing to capacity-building activities for World Heritage; and all States Parties providing in-kind support for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention;
14. Encourages ~~further~~ voluntary contributions, particularly multi-year and pooled funding, to support the implementation of the WHCBS and enable coordination at global and regional levels;
15. Finally requests the World Heritage Centre, **in cooperation with the Coordination Team** ~~Advisory Bodies~~ and ~~UNESCO G2Gs~~ to submit a progress report on World Heritage-related capacity-building activities and the implementation of the revised WHCBS, for examination at its 48th session.