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World Heritage Sites in Conflict and Post Conflict Regions of Africa.

Organizers:

African World Heritage Fund
National Museums of Kenya,
IUCN, UNESCO–WHC and ICCROM

Venue:

National Museums of Kenya
Nairobi, Kenya

Dates:

2nd – 3rd September 2009

CONCEPT NOTE

Africa has the highest number of sites on the World Heritage List in Danger. This largely reflects the poor management and conservation of the continent's World Heritage sites. The inadequacies of the management and conservation of World heritage Sites in Africa is further reflected in the State of Conservation reports. However, it should be noted that most of these sites are in conflict areas.

A seminar to review the state of conservation of World Heritage Sites with special focus on sites in conflict and post conflict regions of Africa is planned to take place between 2nd and 3rd September 2009. Both natural and cultural sites will be discussed during the seminar. The seminar will be attended by key stakeholders including IUCN, ICCROM, ICOMOS UNESCO - World Heritage Centre, Garoua Wildlife School, Cameroon and Mweka in Tanzania. Representatives from the affected sites and countries will be invited to the seminar.

The main **objective** of the seminar will be to seek practical steps and possible pilot projects and programmes to deal with effects of conflict on World Heritage Sites in Africa. The following issues will be considered:

1. Countries in ongoing conflict situations

Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Somalia, Sudan, Central African Republic and Cote d'Ivoire. The stakeholders will establish what can be done in these critical areas, particularly in regard to mitigation and monitoring mechanisms.

2. Countries in post conflict situations (Political tension)

These include World Heritage Sites found in post conflict countries such as Zimbabwe, Kenya, Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Madagascar. The seminar will discuss impact of conflicts and possible mitigation and rehabilitation to affected areas.

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Goals:

Main objectives

- Develop a programme to deal with issues affecting World Heritage Sites in conflict and Post Conflict Regions of Africa.

Specific objectives

- Definition of Conflict and Post Conflict Areas - What are we referring to?
- Identify and agree on regions/countries and sites that fall within Conflict and Post Conflict Areas.
- Define a programme of action to be implemented.

Implementation

- How do we deal with the situation?
- Scope and strategy.
- What priority measures should we take?
- Monitoring and Response Mechanisms.
- Recommendations and way forward.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day 1 Wednesday 2nd September

Time	Activity
8.30 – 9.00 am	Registration
9.00 – 10.00 am	<i>Opening session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Welcome Remarks –Director General, National Museums of Kenya○ Introduction of the participants and the program.
10.00 - 10.30 am	Address by the Minister- Hon. William Ole Ntimama , Minister of State for National Heritage and Culture.
10.30 - 11.00 am	<i>Break</i>
11.00 – 11.30 am	Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● AWHF● IUCN● ICCROM● Institute for Nature Conservation - Congo (“ICCN”),● UNESCO – WHC

11.30 am -12.45 pm	<p>Country presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Democratic Republic of Congo ○ Rwanda ○ Zimbabwe ○ Kenya ○ Uganda ○ Sudan ○ Central African Republic ○ Cote'd Ivoire ○ Guinea ○ Madagascar
12.45 – 13.00 pm	<p>Analysis of African World Heritage Sites in Conflict and Post conflict Regions of Africa</p> <p>Dr. George Abungu</p>
13.00 – 14.00 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.00 – 15.30 pm	<p>Group work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definition of Conflict and Post Conflict Areas. ○ What are we referring to? (<i>Political tension, War</i>) ○ Define countries in Conflict and Post Conflict Areas of Africa. ○ Risks emanating from conflict situations in relation to management of World Heritage Sites.
15.30 -16.00 pm	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
16.00 -17.30 pm	Group Work presentations and Discussions
18.00 pm	Welcome Cocktail.

Day 2 Thursday 3rd September

Time	Activity
9.00 am – 10.30	<p><i>Scope and strategy</i></p> <p>(Open Forum)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do we deal with the situation? ○ What needs to be done?. ○ Which areas/sites should we focus on as priority? ○ What priority measures should we take?
10.30 - 11.00 am	<i>Break</i>
11.00 am –12.45pm	(Open Forum) - continued
12. 45 – 14. 00 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.00 – 15. 30 pm	<p>Recommendations (Action Plan and way forward]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsibilities and timeframe: <i>Who should be responsible for what?</i> ○ Monitoring mechanism for World Heritage Sites in Conflict and Post Conflict Regions. ○ Reporting mechanism
15.30 pm	<i>Tea/Coffee Break and Departure</i>

Friday, 4th September - Departure

Team meeting

- African World Heritage Fund – Dr. Webber NDORO, Mr. Jacob NYANGILA
- IUCN – Tim BADMAN, Geoffroy MAUVAIS, Ali KAKA
- National Museums of Kenya – Dr. Kibunjia MZALAENDO
- UNESCO-WHC – Mr. Lazare ELOUNDOU /Leila Meziz
- ICCROM – Mr. Joseph KING.

Agenda

1. Capacity building
2. Networking
3. Formulation of priority areas for follow up.