



Course Announcement

Course on Heritage Impact Assessments

Date

October 13– 24, 2014

Venue

Dujiangyan, Sichuan Province, China

Organizers

- World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO, Shanghai Centre (WHITRAP, Shanghai)
- International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)

Partners



Tongji University



Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning & Design Institute

Background

In recent years the UNESCO World Heritage Committee has examined a considerable number of State of Conservation Reports related to threats from various types of large-scale development activities to the World Heritage properties. These activities include infrastructure development, new buildings, urban renewal and changes to the land use, some of which are insensitive or inappropriate. The Committee has also examined threats from excessive or inappropriate tourism. Many of these activities have had the potential to impact adversely on the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) including integrity and authenticity of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List. In order to evaluate satisfactorily the potential impacts, the World Heritage Committee has suggested the State Parties concerned to conduct Heritage Impact Assessments. Impact assessment has been a tool used in evaluating impacts by other sectors widely and the time has come to adapt it to suit heritage sector. Meeting the demand of the Committee in particular and more generally considering the growing need for the professionals in the Heritage sector to equip with knowledge and skills on Heritage Impact Assessments, WHITRAP together with ICCROM propose to organize a training workshop in China.

Objectives

- To provide participants with the knowledge on management requirements for World Heritage Sites
- To discuss reporting and monitoring requirements including State of Conservation reports and their implications to State Parties.
- To provide the current knowledge and skills of using impact assessment as a tool for evaluating impacts from various factors affecting heritage in general and world heritage sites in particular.
- To provide understanding of the knowledge (such as the legal frameworks) to initiate/improve heritage impact assessments in respective countries of the participants.
- To promote the exchange of experiences and information among participants and the institutions.

Methodology

The course is an intensive programme that combines both theory and practice through lectures, case studies, and practical exercises. High-level interaction of participants is encouraged during the course, where participants are expected to play an active role.

Participants

The international course is designed for a maximum of 20 persons. Priority is given to :

- Professionals/ decision makers from State Parties that have been requested to carry out impact assessments of developments proposed at World Heritage properties located within their territory by the World Heritage Committee.

Teaching Team

The teaching staff includes leading heritage conservation professionals with international and regional experience from ICCROM, ICOMOS, UNESCO, WHITRAP and regional institutions. These experts will present a broad international perspective in their fields of expertise.

Working Language

The official language of the course is English. All course content and output will be in English. Participants should be proficient in English including reading, writing, making presentations, and joining in discussions.

Certificate

A certificate of attendance given by both the WHITRAP and ICCROM will be awarded to participants who satisfactorily complete the course.

Course Fee

950 US \$, including tuition fee and field study.

Travel, accommodation and living expenses

Participants will be responsible for their round trip travel costs to and from China. In order to cover accommodation and living expenses in China during the course, participants should

plan for a minimum allowance of \$700 for the entire period.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek financial support from sources such as governmental institutions, employers and funding agencies.

Scholarship

UNESCO WHITRAP Shanghai only offers limited scholarships to the Professionals/ decision makers from *State Parties in the Asia-Pacific Region* that have been requested to carry out impact assessments by the World Heritage Committee who can't secure funding.

Application

Please fill the [Application Form](#) and send it together with the following materials by email or mail to the contact address below:

- A full professional curriculum vitae;
- A 500 – 750 word report which includes the descriptions of the property/ World Heritage Site and an indication of potential development/tourism/infrastructure activities that in your view could threaten the values/OUV of the site.
Alternatively, you can present a 500-750 word report on your experience of conducting/participating in an impact assessment study.
- A Recommendation letter.

Application Deadlines: June 20, 2014.

Correspondence

Email is encouraged. All correspondence concerning the above course should be addressed in English to:

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