

4th Annual Coordination Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 Institutes and Centres Shanghai, China, 23-25 May 2014

Concept Note and Draft Agenda (Final Draft of 7 March 2014)

Introduction and background

The fourth annual coordination meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 (C2) Institutes and Centres will take place in Shanghai, China, from 23 to 25 May 2014. The World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific region (WHITRAP), supported by Tongji University and the Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning and Design Institute, will host the meeting.

The meeting follows **Resolution 17 GA 9**, adopted by the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention in 2009; as well as the first annual meeting hosted by the Ministry of Culture of the Kingdom of Bahrain (in Manama, 19–20 December 2010); the second meeting hosted by the Research Centre on the Economics of Culture and World Heritage Studies (Turin Centre) and IULM University (in Milan 21–23 January 2012); and the third meeting hosted by the Nordic World Heritage Foundation (in Oslo 3–5 March 2013).

This draft concept note outlines the objective, expected outcome and draft agenda of the meeting, will be shared with the World Heritage Centre and sent to all the established C2 Institutes and Centres which will be invited to the meeting. The final agenda will be shared before the meeting.

Objective of the meeting

The objective of the 4th annual meeting of the World Heritage-related C2 Institutes and Centres is to build institutional capacity through a focus on international cooperation, the process of External Evaluation, and the Results-Based Management (RBM) approach of the C2 Institutes and Centres.

Relevant frameworks for the meeting include the World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy adopted by the Committee in 2011 (whc11-35com-9Be), UNESCO Medium Term Strategy (2014-2021)/ (37 C/4) and Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5 Document), the *Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the Convention 2012-2022* (adopted by the 18GA in 2011), the Kyoto Vision and the *Implementation of the Guidelines and Criteria for Category 2 Institutes and Centres* (document 35C/22).

Expected outcome of the meeting

The meeting will follow up on the three previous annual meetings by producing a report and recommendations that will come out of the various presentations and discussions, which will be presented to the World Heritage Committee (at its 38th Session in 2014).

Location and venue

WHITRAP, Wenyuan Building 3rd Floor, Tongji University campus, 1239 Siping Road, Shanghai, China

Participants

There are currently ten C2 Institutes and Centres related to World Heritage, including the International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST, China). Each organisation will be invited to bring at least one, but not more than two, participants to the meeting. The identified Focal Points will receive the invitation.

Current Institutes and Centres (in order of establishment) and their designated Focal Points include:

- a) Nordic World Heritage Foundation (NWHF, Norway) – 2003
Ms Carol Westrik cw@nwhf.no
- b) African World Heritage Fund (AWHF, South Africa) – 2007
Mr Souayibou Varissou SouayibouV@awhf.net
- c) World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific (WHITR-AP, China) – 2007
Ms Hong Li whitrap.lh@gmail.com
- d) Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH, Bahrain) – 2009
Ms Haya Al-Sada h.alsada@arcwh.org
- e) Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (Mexico) – 2009
Mr Adolfo Yanez Rodrigues adolfoyanez@live.com.mx / Ms Aurora Mendez Llorente
auromdz@gmail.com, contact.unesco@zacatecas.gob.mx
- f) Regional Heritage Management Training Centre “Lucio Costa” (Brazil) – 2009
Mr Estevan Pardi Correa estevan.pardi@iphan.gov.br / centro.luciocosta@iphan.gov.br
- g) International Centre for Rock Art & the World Heritage Convention (Spain) – 2011
Ms Elisa de Cabo elisa.decabo@mecd.es / Ms Laura de Miguel Riera laura.demiguel@mecd.es
- h) International Research Centre on the Economics of Culture & World Heritage Studies (Italy) – 2011
Mr Enrico Bertacchini enrico.bertacchini@unito.it
- i) International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST, China) – 2011
Mr Tianhua HONG thhong@ceode.ac.cn
- j) Wildlife Institute of India (India) – 2013
Dr Vinod Mathur, Director of the Wildlife Institute of India, vbm.ddn@gmail.com

Advisory Bodies:

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UNESCO World Heritage Centre

- n) Kishore RAO k.rao@unesco.org
- o) Giovanni BOCCARDI G.Boccardi@unesco.org
- p) Barbara TORGGLER b.torggler@unesco.org (to be confirmed, based on working schedule of IOS for WHITRAP's External Evaluation)

With a restricted budget, C2C participants will have to organise and cover their own air tickets to Shanghai. WHITRAP's meeting budget will cover venue, all meals, as well as field trip for all participants, and accommodation for one participant from each C2 Institute/Centre.

WHITRAP will organise accommodation, all meals, economy class tickets and transport to and from the airport for participants from UNESCO and the ABs. Please keep the original boarding passes, e-ticket/itinerary. Also please indicate the quotation of airfare in the Registration Form, and WHITRAP will reimburse in Euros in Shanghai.

Please fill in the Registration Form **before 17 March 2014**. Based on the form, a formal invitation will be sent out in time for you to submit it with your visa application.

Accommodation

Kingswell Tongji Hotel

Address: No.50, Zhangwu Road, Yangpu District, Shanghai (5 minutes from Tongji University's gate)

Tel: 86 21 33626888

<http://www.kingswelltongji.com/home.html>

Travel and transport

The most convenient international airport is Pudong Airport (PVG). The host organization will provide pick-up service at the airport on May 22 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. After this date participants are requested to organise their own transport from the airport (the Metro takes 90 minutes to Tongji University, while the taxi takes app. one hour).

Draft agenda

Language of the meeting: the meeting will be conducted in English.

<u>Thursday 22 May (Day 0)</u>	
	Arrival and check in
19.30	Dinner by host (close to Hotel)
<u>Friday 23 May (Day 1)</u>	
09.00 – 09.45	Opening and introduction to the meeting
09.00 – 09.15	Opening by WHITRAP (Prof. ZHOU Jian or Dr. Ron VAN OERS)
09.15 – 09.45	Giovanni BOCCARDI (WHC): follow-up on the recommendations from the 3 rd C2C meeting and the 2013 WH Committee. The new integrated comprehensive strategy for category 2 centres and its implications for C2Cs related to WH.
09.45 – 12.15	[Item One] Short presentation of each Centre's progress on their activities as well as on the decisions that were made during the 3 rd annual meeting (MAX 15 min per centre)
12.15 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	[Item Two] Cooperation among C2 Institutes and Centres Short opening presentation on progress in cooperation agreement

	between NWHF and WHITRAP, followed by general discussion.
15.00 – 16.00	Summary and drafting of Recommendation on this subject
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break
16.30 – 18.30	[Item Three] Progress made in mainstreaming the RBM approach in the C2Cs <i>All C2Cs are requested to submit to WHITRAP a short Progress Report on whatever planning framework they have been developing following the RBM worksho of last year: before 1 May to whitrap.lh@gmail.com</i>
19.00	Dinner
<u>Saturday 24 May (Day 2)</u>	
09.00 – 11.00	[Item Four] Capacity Building: Process of External Evaluation by UNESCO's Internal Oversight Service (IOS) [to be confirmed]
11.00 – 11.15	Experience Shared by NWHF on its evaluation process
11.15 – 12.00	General Discussion on Evaluation and summary
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Presentation of Draft Recommendations Discussion and conclusions
16.00 – 17.00	Closing of meeting
18.30	Dinner
<u>Sunday 25 May (Day 3)</u>	
09.15	Group departure to Tongli, one of Sites of the World Heritage Classical Gardens of Suzhou
09.15-10.45	Shanghai to Tongli
10.45 – 12.00	Tour in Tongli
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Free time in Tongli
15.15	Group departure to Shanghai
15.15 – 16.45	Tongli to Shanghai
	Departure of participants