

Consultation Letter

Greetings from WHITRAP (World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia and the Pacific, under the auspices of UNESCO).

As recommended by the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies (ICCROM, ICOMOS, IUCN), we cordially invite you and your institute to participate in the consultation for the Regional Capacity Building Strategies and Associated Programmes for Asia and the Pacific (CBSAP-AP). The CBSAP-AP is an important follow-up of the regional Periodic Reporting exercises. It attempts to gather information about capacity building activities on heritage conservation and development at regional and sub-regional levels, and develop a strategic framework in response to the identified needs of the region. The CBSAP-AP will be discussed and adopted during the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee meeting as main reference for capacity building programmes in the region.

In the attached draft report, please find the analysis of the current capacity building situation and the proposed strategic framework. We sincerely invite you to share your relevant programmes on heritage conservation and development at this regional platform and benefit broad audience with your specific knowledge and experience. We are targeting programmes running from 2013 to 2018, thus we appreciate if you could provide us with the following information of your programmes and send to whitrap.lh@gmail.com by 20th September 2013.

Name of your programmes

1. Objectives (what are you expecting to change through the implementation of your programmes?)
2. Target audience (for whom are your programmes designed, and please also indicate at what level are your programmes implemented: national, in specific countries, sub-regional, or regional)
3. Key partners
4. Timeline (from when to when are your programmes implemented) and implementation status (such as: proposal, in progress, completed)
5. Funding resource (please be specific, for example: fully funded by the Government of XX, looking for extra funding to cover travel cost, scholarships are provided by XX, etc.)
6. Contact person of your programmes (name, email, Tel/Fax, postal address. website of the programmes if applicable)

Your input is very important to enhance mutual understanding on existing capacity building resources. We appreciate it if you could also pass this message to your capacity building networks. By associating your programmes to the strategic framework of the CBSAP-AP, we can together improve information sharing and regional cooperation through synergizing initiatives and increasing reciprocal benefits.

We look forward to hearing from you and to a closer collaboration in the near future.