International Conference

Civil Society, the UNESCO World Heritage and Sustainable Development

Cezayir Cultural Center, Istanbul, 8-10 July 2016

Program

Friday, 8 July 2016 (Day 1)

8:30 Registration

9:00 Opening Plenary
9:00 Opening by the Organizer (Stephan Doempke)
Welcome Address by Namık Kemal Dölenken, Çevre ve Kültür Değerlerini (ÇEKÜL)

9:20 Keynote Speech
Prof. Dr. İlber Ortaylı
New Tendencies in Turkish Museums and Cooperation with UNESCO

9:40 Special Panel:
World Heritage in Times of Armed Conflict: What Can Civil Society Do?
Moderator: Daniela Reggio (WATCH)
Dr. Mahmoud Zeyin El Abidin (Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul)
Necati Pirinçcioğlu (Diyarbakır Consultative Committee)
Dr. Musa O. Hambolu (Veritas University, Abuja, Nigeria)
Marcela Jaramillo Contreras (Bogotá, Colombia)

11:00 Introduction to the Conference Theme
Stephan Doempke (World Heritage Watch)
Indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals: Why They are Important for World Heritage and Civil Society

11:15 Coffee break

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11:45 Parallel Fora

Indicators for Sustainable Protection and Development of World Heritage Properties

**Forum 1: Historic City Centers**

*Moderator: Michael Turner (Bezalel Academy, Jerusalem)*

Korhan Gümüş (Writer, Civil Society Activist)
Urban Transformation in the Historic City of Istanbul

Kocero Topdemir (Solidarity Association for the Protection of Sur)
Civil Society and the Planned Disappropriation of Residential Houses in the Sur District of Diyarbakır

Alexander Karpov (Expertise Center ECOM)
Urban Development and Conservation in St.Petersburg: On the Way to Sustainable Development or Away From It?

May al-Ibrashy (The Built Environment Collective|Megawra)
Integrated Participatory Approaches to Convert Heritage into a Community Resource: The Athar Lina Initiative in Historic Cairo

Alicia Castillo Mena (Complutense University of Madrid)
The Social Dimension and the Protection of the Historical Urban Landscape: Examples from the Caribbean

Ibrahim Çanbulat (Architect)
Safranbolu - A UNESCO World Heritage City under the Pressure of Tourism and New City Dwellers

Francesca Giliberto (Politecnico di Torino)

**Forum 2: World Heritage Properties and Indigenous Peoples**

*Moderator: Stephan Doempke (World Heritage Watch)*

Dr. Shaju Thomas (Tropical Institute of Ecological Sciences)
The Western Ghats of India, a World Heritage Site and the UN-SDG 2030: Challenges and Solutions

Gabriel Lafitte (Rukor)
Double Presentation: Overpowered by World Heritage Listing: Two Case Studies of the Cultural landscapes of Jiuzhaigou and the Three Parallel Rivers, China

Rouran Zhang (International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes)
Benefits or Burdens? What does World Heritage Listing Bring to Local Communities in Libo Karst World Nature Heritage, China

**Forum 3: Monuments and Sites**

*Moderator: Elena Belokurova (Center for German and European Studies)*

Sanjay Rattan (Ashoka Trust for Research on Ecology and the Environment / Alliance of Religion and Conservation)
Sustainable Green Religious Tourism within Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve, India
Zulfiqar Ali Kalhoro (Pakistan Institute of Development Economics)
Human and Environmental Threats to Chaukhandi Tombs and What Role Civil Society Can Play to Safeguard the Tombs

Mustafa Gönen (Global Heritage Fund)
Beyond Monuments: Empowering Communities Through Historical Preservation in Turkey

John Crofoot (Hasankeyf Matters) / Ercan Ayboğa (Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive)
A Diversified Approach to Grass-roots Activism for Hasankeyf

13:00 Lunch

15:00 **Parallel Fora Continued**
Discussion and Elaboration of Sustainability Indicators and Resolutions

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 **Plenary Session: WHW Global Networking Meeting**

18:00 End of Day 1

Saturday, 9 July 2016 (Day 2)

9:00 **Forum: International Strategies for the Sustainability of World Heritage Properties**
Dr. Mechtild Rössler, Director, UNESCO World Heritage Center
Tim Badman, Director World Heritage Program, International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) (tbc)
Andrew Potts, Focal Point for the Sustainable Development Goals, International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
Gamini Wijesuriya, Project Manager, Sites Unit, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)
Prof. Nuran Zeren Gülersoy, President, Europa Nostra Turkey

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **3 Parallel Fora**

**Indicators for Sustainable Protection and Development of World Heritage Properties**

**Forum 4: Natural Properties**

*Moderator: Noëlle Kümpel (Zoological Society of London)*

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Tracking Wildlife Population Trends in Natural World Heritage Sites
Andrey Petrov / Mikhail Kreindlin (Greenpeace Russia)
World Natural Heritage in Russia: Is it Possible to Develop it Sustainably?
Yulia Naberezhnaya (Environmental Watch Northern Caucasus)
Sustainable Development for Western Caucasus WHS - Trends and Threats

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Sergey Shapkhaev (Rivers without Boundaries)
How to Initiate a Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Lake Baikal Basin?

Matthew Hatchwell (Wildlife Conservation Society)
African Natural World Heritage Sites: An Overview of their State of Conservation

Günter Wippel (Uranium Network)
Tanzania: Selous Game Reserve World Heritage Site at Risk through Unsustainable Developments

Forum 5: Cultural Landscapes
Moderator: Michael Turner (Bezalel Academy, Jerusalem)

Humberto Fernandez (Conservación Humana)
The Tehuacan-Cuicatlan Valley: Sustainability Challenges for World Heritage in Arid Zones of Mexico

Dr. Musa Oluwaseyi Hambolu (Veritas University)
Civil Actors and the Sustainable Development of Nigeria’s Cultural and Natural Landscapes Designated as World Heritage Sites

Toon Bijnens / Ali Hassan (Save the Tigris and Iraqi Marshes Campaign)
Civil Society in Iraq: Advocating for the Sustainable Protection of the Mesopotamian Marshlands

Wiwik Dharmiasih (Yayasan Sawah Bali)
Cultural Landscape of Bali Province: Toward a Sustainable Protection and Sustainable Development

Forum 6: Networking Meeting of Civil Society in Turkey
Moderators: Dr. Banu Pekol / Stephan Doempke

Stephan Doempke: An Introduction to World Heritage Watch
Presentations by NGOs from Antalya, Diyarbakır, Elazig, Hasankeyf, Istanbul, Kars, Mardin, Safranbolu and Şanliurfa, and from various ethnic and religious communities

13:00 Lunch
15:00 Discussion and Elaboration of SD Indicators and Resolutions
16:00 Coffee break
16:30 Closing Plenary: Adoption of Resolutions
18:00 End of Conference

Sunday, 10 July 2016

All-Day Excursions:
9:00 - 16:30 World Heritage District Sultanahmed (Topkapı Palace Museum, Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque)
9:00 - 16:30 World Heritage Districts Süleymaniye and Zeyrek (Urban Conservation and Development)

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