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MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

THE AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The 14th Session of the African World Heritage Fund was held in Swakopmund, Namibia on the 5th and 6th December 2013. The meeting was opened by Hon. Juliet Kavetuna, Deputy Minister: Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture, Namibia. The Minister announced that the Namibian government through the Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture has signed a 3 year funding agreement with the South African government to support the operations of the Fund. The Namibian government will contribute 1 million Namibian Dollars annually for the next 3 years.

In welcoming the Board members to Namibia Mr. Steve Katjiuanjo, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia to London (United Kingdom) and Board member representing Southern Africa region thanked the AWHF for its commitment in supporting the nomination of a number of World Heritages sites in Africa including the Namib Sand Sea. He thanked other African countries for supporting the proposal to nominate the Namib Sea.

The Chairperson of the AWHF Mr. Sibusiso Xaba thanked the government of Namibia for accepting to host the 14th AWHF Board meeting and for contributing financially to ensure that the meeting was successful. The Chairperson on behalf of the Board appreciated the support given to the Fund by the Namibian government. The Chairperson presented to the Deputy Minister with the new African World Heritage book on "World Heritage Sites in Africa". The meeting was also attended by Mr. Laheene Kaid Slimane, the Ambassador of Algeria to Namibia.



From left to right:
Mr. Sibusiso Xaba, Hon. Kevetuna, Dr. Betrouni Mourad and H.E Steve Katjiuanjo

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MAKING THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST CREDIBLE

REGIONAL WORKSHOP HELD ON HARMONIZATION AND UPDATING OF TENTATIVE LISTS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION

The Africa World Heritage Fund in collaboration with the South African Government, through the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), organized a workshop on the Harmonization of the World Heritage Tentative List for Southern Africa region on the 28th October to 1st November 2013 in Johannesburg South Africa. The objective of the workshop was to introduce the participants to the concept of preparing the World Heritage Tentative List and national inventories as well as identifying the most significant cultural and natural sites of international importance in Southern Africa for possible nomination in the near future. This workshop brought together 13 heritage managers from 8 African countries. The countries include Namibia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Swaziland, Lesotho, Botswana, and South Africa. At the end of the workshop, a draft report highlighting the status of Tentative Lists for Southern African countries was produced. The document will be used as a guiding tool by the State Parties in the region when proposing sites for inclusion on the World Heritage List.



Workshop participants

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MAKING THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST CREDIBLE NOMINATION TRAINING COURSE FOR FRENCH SPEAKING COUNTRIES

The 2nd Workshop on Nomination training Course for French Speaking Countries in Africa was held in Grand Bassam (inscribed in 2012 in the World Heritage List) from the 28th October to 6th November 2013. This course, which aimed at training heritage professionals on the preparation of nomination dossiers, was coordinated by Ecole du Patrimoine Africain (EPA).

Twenty four (24) participants from Chitundu-Hulo (Angola), W Arly Pendjari (Niger, Benin and Burkina Faso), Sites of ancient metallurgy (Burkina Faso), Loango (Congo), Azagny National Park, Ehotilés Islands, Mosques with Sudanese style and the Ahouakro Archaeological Park (Cote d'Ivoire), Medine Fort (Mali) and Archei region Cultural and Natural landscape and Rock Art, The National Park of Zakouma (Chad) attended the workshop.

Resource Persons from different institutions such as IUCN, the Ministry of Culture of Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, UNESCO World Heritage Specialists and the Universities in Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon and Benin attended the workshop.

AWHF is grateful to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNESCO and the government of Cote d'Ivoire for supporting the training course.



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CONSERVATION OF HERITAGE PLACES IMPLEMENTATION OF SECOND PERIODIC REPORT IN AFRICA

This training workshop for French Speaking Countries within the Periodic Reporting Programme took place at Tunis and Dougga. This workshop aimed at enhancing the existing knowledge and building the capacity of heritage practitioners, disaster risk professionals and communities on risk preparedness and the mechanisms for protecting, conserving and managing cultural World Heritage properties. The workshop was designed to provide an overview of the various aspects of the disaster risk management and to establish an African/international support network for the risk management of cultural heritage. The workshop was attended by 20 participants from 13 countries in Africa i.e. Madagascar, Algeria, Mozambique, Mali, Burundi, Benin, Burkina Faso, Angola, Tunisia, Niger, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal and Congo attended the training.

Participants spend 3 days in Dougga (inscribed in the World Heritage List in 1997) working on identifying risk at the site and proposing a Risk Preparedness draft plan for the site.

A one day practical exercise on Risk Preparedness was also organized at the World Heritage site of Carthage.

The African World Heritage Fund would like to thank the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Government of Tunisia through the Ministry of Culture and National Institute of Heritage (INP) for their support towards the successful completion of the workshop.





Site visit to Carthage



Site exercise during 3 days in Dougga World Heritage Site

4 FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION

AWHF ATTENDS THE 15TH REDLAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA.

RedLAC is the Latin American and the Caribbean counterpart of CAFÉ, which the African World Heritage Fund is one of the founder members. The Latin America and Caribbean Network of Environmental Funds – RedLAC – brings together 22 funds from 16 countries. Its mission is to set up an effective system of learning, strengthening, training and cooperation through a Network of Environmental Funds (EFs).



Ms Belinda Mogashwa (centre), the fundraising officer at the AWHF, with the delegate from Suriname, and the former President of Costa Rica Mr José María Figueres. (right)



A new staff member has been employed in the division, namely Vanessa du Plessis. Her title is that of a Partner Relations Officer and her function will be focused on fundraising and communications.



5 UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNSHIPS FOR 2014

AWHF is organising the next round of 3 month internships from 1 March to 31 May 2014. The internships form part of the Implementation programme of the Second Periodic Report. One intern will be placed at AWHF in South Africa, one at Ecole du Patrimoine Africain (EPA) in Benin, and one at the Centre for Heritage Development in Africa (CHDA) in Kenya. The internship will provide an opportunity for young African professionals to gain regional experience in international heritage organisations.

Forthcoming Events

The African Union is hosting a luncheon at the Heads of States Summit on behalf of the AWHF on 31 January 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This event promises to be one of the most prestigious events that the AWHF has been part of. Members of the business sector will join Heads of State in a bid to support Africa's rich heritage and magnificent fauna and flora.



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