



## AWHF AT THE AFRICAN UNION HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA



On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma** hosted the African World Heritage Fund/African Union luncheon at the occasion of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Heads of State Summit at the headquarters of the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The event was attended by Heads of State from **South Africa, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania and Namibia**. Gambia, Lesotho, Malawi, South Sudan, Swaziland were represented by their deputy presidents. Ambassadors, Ministers of Foreign Affairs and those responsible for Cultural and Natural heritage from 54 member States of the African Union also attended the function.

For more information click here: <http://summits.au.int/en/22ndsummit/events/african-heads-state-and-government-pledge-african-world-heritage-fund-awhf>

### Kenya pledges 1.5 million US\$



*President Uhuru Kenyatta, delivering his speech*

**President Uhuru Kenyatta** of Kenya pledged US\$ 1.5 million to support the African World Heritage Fund. Making the pledge, President Uhuru Kenyatta commended the role played by the Fund in promoting and preserving the continent's unique heritage, saying African countries should create a good environment for cultural innovation and development. He said Kenya is proud to be part of the African World Heritage Fund family which champions the protection of the continent's unique heritage.



## South Africa donates additional 1 million US\$



**President Jacob Zuma** of South Africa announced that as a host country and in addition to its annual financial support his government will donate a further 1 million US\$ to the Fund this year. President Zuma said as a host country, the Government of South Africa has committed itself to providing the necessary resources for the administration and proper functioning of the Fund on behalf of the African continent. He thanked the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) for hosting the Africa World Heritage Fund and for all the support they have been providing to ensure that the Fund meets its objectives. The Chief Executive Officer of DBSA Mr. Patrick Dlamini was present at the luncheon. President Jacob Zuma speech at the luncheon can be accessed at this link:

<http://www.thepresidency.gov.za/pebble.asp?relid=16852>



## MORE PLEDGES

Algeria – 400,000 US\$

Chad – 100,000 US\$

Namibia – 50,000 US\$



*H. E. Mr Hifikepunye  
Pohamba, President of  
Namibia*



*Madjid Bouguerra, Minister in charge of  
Maghreb and African Affairs, Algeria*



*(Standing Right) Mr. Enock Menwa Dayang,  
Minister of Culture, Chad*





The Patron of the AWHF **Mr. Phuthuma Nhleko** reiterated that a true African Renaissance is simply not possible without the confluence of a fully integrated political, commercial and cultural tripartite vision. The rise of one without the other is not sustainable. Any capital or commerce without a home eventually withers like a vine on the rocks. He called upon the African private sector to support conservation and management of Africa's Heritage and the work of Fund.

*(Left -Standing) Mr. Phuthuma Nhleko, AWHF Patron*

UNESCO's Deputy Director General, **Mr Getachew Engida**, gave a keynote address on behalf of UNESCO's Director General Mrs Irina Bokova. Mr Engida called upon all heads of state to support the work of the AWHF and appealed for contributions to their Endowment Fund. He highlighted that the Fund has nurtured a new generation of heritage professionals in Africa. However, it is alarming that 17 African sites are inscribed on the list of world heritage in danger and the continent leadership must act to improve the conservation status of the sites in danger. For more information click here: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1100>



*Mr Getachew Engida, UNESCO's Deputy Director General*



**Mr. Sibusiso Xaba**, the Chairperson of the African World Heritage Fund thanked the African Union member states for their unrelenting support to the Fund and for ensuring that a solid foundation for the Fund was established.



*Mr. Sibusiso Xaba, Chairperson of AWHF*

## NEW PUBLICATION

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission, **Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma** then launched the AWHF new publication on “*World Heritage Sites in Africa*”. The book showcases the magnificent Heritage Sites in Africa. The book was distributed to Heads of State present at the luncheon. The book is on sale at the AWHF.



*AWHF publication -World Heritage Sites in Africa” (Cover page)*

