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Date: **5TH of MAY 2020**

Theme:

“Youth, Entrepreneurship and Heritage Sustainability in Africa”

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WEBINAR (ZOOM) ON YOUTH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND HERITAGE SUSTAINABILITY IN AFRICA (Time – 13:30 – 15:00 [Johannesburg/Paris time & 11:30 Dakar time])

The Webinar/ZOOM (online debate) under the theme *“Youth, Entrepreneurship and Heritage Sustainability in Africa in times of COVID”* will bring together a wide range of African World Heritage stakeholders including policy makers, youth, private sector, site managers, local community representatives to reflect on the impact of COVID-19 on the lives and livelihoods of African communities, heritage sites, heritage professionals and organizations. The webinar will gather over 300 participants from Africa and around the world and is designed to inform the development of strategies that can help stakeholders identify opportunities to build resilience and overcome the crisis while ensuring the suitability of World Heritage in Africa.

AGENDA

Organisers	African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)	
Date /Time	5 May 2020 (13.30 – 15.00) [90min] Johannesburg/Paris time, 11:30 Dakar time	
13:30 – 13:35	Opening and Welcome, Programme Director	Mr. Souayibou Varissou Director - AWHF
13:35 – 13:40	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significance of African World Heritage Day 	Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize Chairperson - AWHF
13:40 – 13:45	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African youth and heritage - drivers of sustainable development: Elaboration on Agenda 2063 (Aspirations 5 and 6), the Charter and 2021 as AU Year for Arts, Culture and Heritage 	Mrs. Angela Martins Head of Culture Division for Social Affairs - African Union Commission (AUC)
13:45 – 13:50	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on World Heritage sites 	Dr Mechtild Rössler Director – UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC)
13:55 – 14:00	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining strategies for resilience and sustainability in COVID-19 context 	Ms. Maria Teresa Jaquinta Senior Project Manager, Member States and Partnership - ICCROM

14:00 – 14:10	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building resilience and sustainability at site level 	1. Ms. Mercy Mbogelah Site Manager – Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Manara World Heritage Sites, Tanzania 2. Mr. Pierre Kafando Site Manager – Salonga National Park World Heritage Site, DRC
14:10 – 14:15	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and prospects of African youth in heritage protection: lessons from African World Heritage Youth Fora 	Ms. Njeri Mbure Youth Forum Alumni
14:15 – 14:20	Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to ensure sustainable business at and around heritage sites? 	Mr. Michael Sudarkasa Chief Executive Officer – Africa Business Group (ABG)
14:20– 14:45	Engagement Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment, Questions and Answers 	Facilitated by Programme Director
14:45 – 15:00	Closing remarks:	