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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Internship Programme at the African World Heritage Fund under the Climate Vulnerability Index for Cultural Heritage in Africa Project

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1. BACKGROUND

The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) is an intergovernmental organisation created in 2006 to develop a strategy to deal with challenges relating to the conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage of outstanding universal value in Africa. Specifically, AWHF offers support to African countries in implementing the World Heritage Convention. AWHF is registered as a Trust under South African law and was granted the status of category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO in 2009. In its operations, AWHF partners with the African Union Member States party to the 1972 World Heritage Convention, the African Union, UNESCO and its principal Advisory Bodies (the International Council on Monuments and Sites, ICOMOS, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, IUCN, and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, ICCROM), and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs). AWHF provides support and assistance for its beneficiaries to (i) identify and list African Heritage sites on the World Heritage List; (ii) implement effective conservation and management strategies at World Heritage sites in Africa; (iii) rehabilitate sites inscribed on the World Heritage List in Danger; (iv) build capacity (training of heritage experts and site managers); (v) involve local communities in decisions concerning their heritage and ensuring that tangible benefits accrue to them.

The scope and urgency of the impending threats on World Heritage Sites across Africa warrant action on the part of AWHF. Through its support to more than fifty projects devoted to risk preparedness (including climate adaptation and mitigation), conservation, management and sustainable development, AWHF has continuously contributed towards strengthening the management and conservation of the World Heritage properties on the African continent. In 2019 the AWHF joined the Climate Heritage Network (CHN), a voluntary, mutual support network of arts, culture and heritage organisations committed to aiding their communities in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement. To increase the capacity of African heritage professionals and communities to adapt to climate change impacts at cultural sites, the AWHF joined forces with CHN members to work with local partners and stakeholders to pilot and assess the utility of the Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI).

The CVI is a rapid vulnerability assessment tool to assess risk of physical and ecological impacts of climate change on the heritage values of site and provides a high-level assessment

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of the economic, social and cultural consequences of climate change for the site and the associated community. The CVI Africa Project is providing foundational training to a cohort of six African heritage professionals in climate change vulnerability assessments of cultural heritage sites using both remote learning techniques and hands-on workshops at two World Heritage Sites in Tanzania and Nigeria. Within the framework of the CVI the AWHF is recruiting a young professional to assist the Fund in providing the technical and logistical support to project.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNSHIP

1. Support Programmes officers in the implementation and monitoring of AWHF activities related to the Climate Vulnerability Index for Cultural Heritage in Africa Project;
2. Assist with promoting and increasing the visibility of AWHF and the Climate Vulnerability Index for Cultural Heritage in Africa project through social media, the website and other communications mechanisms;

3. WORK PLAN

The Terms of Reference for the selected intern includes:

- a) Providing administrative support and coordination to the two pilot CVI site expert teams – scheduling meetings, keeping notes, managing schedules.
- b) Interfacing with the local partners at each CVI site, coordinating with them on their work to secure all logistics for implementation of the project.
- c) Working with ICOMOS to encourage African institutions to join the CHN and also using the AWHF network to distribute information about the project and disseminate outcomes.
- d) Liaising with relevant UNESCO regional offices and National Focal points to the World Heritage Convention to support the project.
- e) Helping to organise ‘lessons-learned’ sessions to document the suitability of the CVI methodology as trialled in Nigeria and Tanzania.
- f) Helping to organise a side event at 45th Session of the World Heritage Committee where participants, including from Nigeria and Tanzania, would showcase the project.

4. SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERNSHIP

4.1- Requirements of Intern

- a) Young African citizen (between 18 and 35 years old).
- b) Graduate or Postgraduate university degree in the field of heritage and climate sciences and other relevant areas.
- c) Ability to communicate fluently in both English and French would be an advantage.
- d) Acquainted with online digital platforms such as social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and others).
- e) Highly meticulous and above average skills in Microsoft Excel.

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f) Able to work remotely (online).

4.2. Place of the internship

Due to restrictions imposed by the COVID-19, the intern will be working remotely (online) from home.

4.3. Period of the internship

15 October 2021 – 15 February 2022 (4 Months)

Note: Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.



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