



6th African World Heritage Youth Forum

RECOMMENDATIONS

The **6th African World Heritage Youth Forum** was organized in Cameroon from the 10th – 14th October 2022 in Mvomekaa alongside the World Heritage Convention 50 Years Anniversary celebration. It is within this context that together with the Government of Cameroon, UNESCO, ICCROM, the School of African Heritage (EPA) organized the 6th edition of the African World Heritage Youth Forum under the theme *The African Youth in the Next 50: the Heritage We Want*.

The 40 participants from 30 countries came up with the following recommendations:

- Considering the importance of the African World Heritage and its crucial role in the sustainable development process;
- Being aware of the main challenges that African World Heritage faced in the past and will face for the future,
- Seizing the opportunity for the Youth to play a significant role for the African World Heritage in the Next 50 years;

We, the young professionals, participating at the 6th African World Heritage Youth Forum are honored to make the following recommendations which can be summarized in three action-lines:

EDUCATE, ADVOCATE and PARTICIPATE

1. Implement a large scope of educational programs on the importance of World Heritage for the Youth and by the Youth, including capacity building, awareness-raising and communication, using new technologies and social media.
2. Educate and Empower the Youth to develop skills that will enable them to participate in the Nomination process and the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.
3. Educate and accompany local communities in taking adaptation measures to face Climate Change and developing Action Plans to prepare World Heritage Properties for Climate Change resilience.

4. Empower and create networks of young professionals of World Heritage to collaborate and reinforce intergenerational dialogue at different levels: national, regional and international with a focus on gender representation.
5. Empower and equip the Youth in developing entrepreneurship initiatives and sustainable tourism related to World Heritage Properties
6. Utilize new technologies and digital tools and productions in the programs of information, interpretation and education on World Heritage
7. Contribute to the development of Recovery Action Plans for African World Heritage for future sanitary crisis including use of digital technologies to enable site accessibility even in case of other pandemics.

In conclusion, we call upon the expert meeting to put into account the above recommendations in the Yaoundé Call for Action.

We thank you!

On behalf of the Youth Forum Participants