



The 5th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk

Hotel Ramada City Centre, Al-Seef, Bahrain, 22 - 23 June 2018

Program

Friday, 22 June 2018 (Day 1)

8:30 Registration

9:00 Opening Plenary

Moderator: Stephan Doempke, World Heritage Watch

Welcome Address by Dr. Essa Amin (Chairman, Bahrain Historical and Archaeological Society)

Keynote Address by Dr. Maritta Koch-Weser (President, World Heritage Watch)

9:45 Two Parallel Fora

Forum 1: Natural Properties

Moderator: Elena Belokurova, Center for German and European Studies

Katerina Rakovska, WWF Bulgaria

Pirin National Park – Increased Pressure on the Outstanding Universal *Value*

Alexandra Koroleva, Ecodefense Kaliningrad

Curonian Spit National Park (Russia): Will We Save or Lose It?

Mikhail Kreindlin and Andrey Petrov, Greenpeace Russia

New-coming Threats for the Western Caucasus

Forum 2: Cultural Properties - Arab Region Sites

Moderator: Prof. Christina Cameron, University of Montreal

Lamees BenSaad, For Us in Libya

An Assessment of the Situation of Libya's World Heritage Sites

Eman Shokry Hesham, BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg

Ancient Thebes with its Necropolis and Luxor City: Threats, Impacts and Possible Solutions

Toon Bijmens, Save the Tigris and Iraqi Marshes Campaign

The Ahwar of Iraq: World Heritage in Peril

11:15 Coffee break

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11:45 Two Parallel Fora

Forum 1: Natural Properties Ctd.

Moderator: Jürgen T. Reitmaier, World Heritage Watch

Mikhail Kreindlin and Andrey Petrov, Greenpeace Russia
The Virgin Komi Forests (Russia) are Still in Danger

Evgeny Simonov, Rivers Without Boundaries
Concerns Regarding the Implementation of WHC Decisions on Lake Baikal (Russia)

Geoff Law, Australian Wilderness Society
Resisting Intrusive Tourism Developments in the Tasmanian Wilderness

Forum 3: Cultural Properties - Asian Sites

Moderator: Stephan Doempke, World Heritage Watch

Ercan Ayboga, Sur Conservation Platform
Diyarbakir: a World Heritage Site Destroyed Deliberately by Turkey While UNESCO Keeps Silent

Imrana Tiwana, Lahore Conservation Society
Civil Society Striving Relentlessly to Safeguard the Fort and Shalimar Gardens, Lahore (Pakistan)

Terumi Mochizuki, The Organization Against Moving the Oyster Restaurant Near the A-Bomb Dome
The Buffer Zone of the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome is Being Destroyed

13:15 *Lunch*

14:30 Two Parallel Fora

Forum 4: Natural Properties and Indigenous Peoples of Africa

Moderator: Maritta Koch-Weser, World Heritage Watch

Leburu Molatedi Andrias, Indigenous Peoples of Africa Co-ordinating Committee
World Heritage Sites: Indigenous Peoples and the State

Olivia de Willermin, WWF International
The Axe at Selous Game Reserve (Tanzania): Imminent Logging in Africa's Largest Protected Area

Olivia de Willermin, WWF International
Threats to the Salonga National Park (Democratic Republic of Congo)

Geoff Law (for Panut Hadisiswoyo, Orangutan Information Centre)
The Gunung Leuser Ecosystem of Sumatra is at Stake

Forum 5: Cultural Properties - European Sites

Moderator: Prof. Michael Turner, Bezalel Academy, Jerusalem

Gerry Proctor, Engage Liverpool
Liverpool, Maritime Mercantile City

Irina Nikiforova, Initiative for St. Andrew's Passage
L'viv - The Abandoned Heritage

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Sergiu Musteață, ICOMOS-Moldova
Roșia Montana (Romania) - A Mining Landscape to be Saved from Mining
Irina Nikiforova, Initiative for St. Andrew's Passage
Podesennya - the Emerald Heritage of Ukraine

16:30 *Coffee break*

17:00 **Plenary Session: WHW Global Networking Meeting**

18:00 *End of Day 1*

Saturday, 23 June 2018 (Day 2)

9:00 **Plenary Session**

International Perspectives on the Structured Role of Civil Society in the World Heritage Convention

Moderator: Maritta Koch-Weser, World Heritage Watch

A Message from Klaus Töpfer, former Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program

Dr. Mechtild Roessler, UNESCO Division for Heritage and World Heritage Centre (tbc)

Kristal Buckley, International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

Tim Badman, International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Dr. Abdulaziz Ali Suwaileh, Bahrain Historical & Archaeological Society
Civil Society Activities for the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Bahrain

11:30 *Coffee break and Group Photo*

12:00 **Parallel Sessions**

Parallel Session 1: World Heritage and Climate Change

Moderator: Jürgen T. Reitmaier, World Heritage Watch

Adam Markham, Union of Concerned Scientists

A Comprehensive Policy Response to Climate Change Vulnerability in World Heritage Sites

Eugene Simonov, Rivers without Boundaries

Harmonizing World Heritage and Climate Measures. The Case of Lake Baikal (Russia)

Parallel Session 2: Cultural Properties - African Sites

Moderator: Christina Cameron, University of Montreal

Musa O. Hambolu, University of Jos

Response to Disaster: The Sukur Cultural Landscape of Northeastern Nigeria

Mohamed Athman, Save Lamu

Lamu Old Town (Kenya): Water Scarcity Threatens Preservation and Livelihoods

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13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 **Parallel Sessions**

Parallel Session 1: Towards a Structured Role of Civil Society in the Framework of the World Heritage Convention

Moderator: Elena Belokurova, Center for German and European Studies

Parallel Session 2: Drafting Resolutions

Drafting committees will work on the Final Drafts of submitted resolutions before they will be presented for adoption in the Closing Plenary.

16:00 *Coffee break*

16:30 **Closing Plenary**

Adoption of Resolutions

18:00 *End of NGO Forum*

Excursions

24 June, 6:00 - 9:00 a.m.: Al-Muharraq World Heritage Site

25 June, 6:00 - 9:00 a.m.: Archeological Sites Under Threat in Bahrain

These free excursions are organized and guided by the Historical and Archeological Society of Bahrain as a special courtesy to the World Heritage Watch Network.

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