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Romanian National Commission for UNESCO

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# Program

Day 1, September 23

• Opening of the meeting:

Ani Matei - Secretary - General of the National Commission of Romania for UNESCO

Diana Achimescu - Adviser, Sustainable Development Department, Government of Romania

· Irina Iamandescu - President ICOMOS Romania & Deputy Director Historical Monuments, National Institute for Heritage, Ministry of Culture, Romania

Iris Constantin – Project Manager "HeRe – Heritage Revivals – Heritage for Peace" & moderator

• Message of the Director of the World Heritage Centre, Dr. Mechtild Rossler

• The World Heritage Convention (1972). UNESCO's role in protecting cultural and natural sites. Types of threats posed to cultural and natural heritage - Richard Veillon, Project Officer, Policy and statutory meetings Unit, coordinator of the Reactive Monitoring process, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO

• The Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970) - Maria Minana, Associate Programme Specialist, Section for Movable Heritage and Museums, Division for Heritage, **UNESCO** 

• UNESCO's role in engaging civil society in the Middle East to aid in the protection of cultural heritage during armed conflict (PhD research). Short introduction to the 1954 Hague Convention, the Nordic Center for Cultural Heritage and Armed Conflict, and the Science for Peace and Security NATO Programme - Joanne McCafferty, PhD Fellow / Researcher, Nordic Center for Cultural Heritage and Armed Conflict, Denmark

• The legislative framework of the 1954 Hague Convention and its Protocols in Armenia. Monastery of Geghard and the Upper Azat Valley, a World Heritage Site on the List of Cultural Property Under Enhanced Protection - *Lena Terzikyan, Secretary - General, Armenian National Commission for UNESCO, Armenia* 

• Threats towards the World Heritage Sites in Romania and measures to address them

– Irina Iamandescu, President ICOMOS Romania & Deputy Director Historical Monuments, National Institute for Heritage, Ministry of Culture, Romania

 Practical tools developed by Lithuania to protect heritage. Kernavé Archaeological Site, a World Heritage Site on the List of Cultural Property Under Enhanced Protection
*Neringa Dargytė, Chief Officer, Department of Cultural Heritage Policy Ministry of Culture,*

Lithuania

• Cultural heritage of Azerbaijan, its protection and the threats caused by armed conflicts - *Mustafa Shabanov, 3rd secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Azerbaijan* 

#### Day 2, September 24

• Conservation challenges – the case of Lake Turkana National Parks (Kenya) - Property on the List of World Heritage in Danger - *Mzalendo Kibunjia, Director General, National Museums of Kenya, Kenya* 

• Implementation of corrective measures at the Comoé National Park (Côte d'Ivoire): adaptation of the process for the transboundary Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve (Côte d'Ivoire/Guinea) - Property on the List of World Heritage in Danger - Zekre Sylvestre, Agronomist engineer, Responsible for Studies at the Control and Planning Center of the Ivorian Office of Parks and Reserves (OIPR), Côte d'Ivoire

• How to report on climate change affecting cultural and natural sites, educating the general public via modern media - *Steven Decraene, Journalist, World Affairs Correspondent, Belgian Public Broadcaster, Belgium* 

• The work of the African Heritage and Global Peace Initiative to protect the heritage in Nigeria. Sukur Cultural Landscape World Heritage Site - *Henry Nikoro, Founder/President African Heritage And Global Peace Initiative, Nigeria* 

• Practical tools developed by Georgia to protect heritage - Ekaterine Chikobava, Counsellor, Department of International Cultural and Humanitarian Relations/Member of the Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Georgia

• Palace of Parliament visit

### Day 3, September 25

Medieval Monuments in Kosovo (Serbia) on the World Heritage List in Danger (C 724)
Experiences in Post-conflict Risks - Svetlana Pejic, Art historian - conservator, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Serbia

• The Historic Centre of Vienna – 3 step approach - Florian Meixner, Programme Specialist for World Heritage and Protection of Cultural Property, Austrian Commission for UNESCO, Austria

• Implementing corrective measures: the case of Abu Mena (Egypt) - Property on the List of World Heritage in Danger - Gamal Mohammed Mostafa Abdou, Head of Islamic, Coptic & Jewish Antiquities Sector, Ministry of Antiquities, Egypt

• Be in Danger, an honest way to safeguard – the case of Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works - Maria Matute Willemsen, Architect, National World Heritage Centre, Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage, Chile

• Open discussion/Round table on the establishment of prioritized, staged and costed Action Plans for the removal of properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger – moderated by Richard Veillon, Project Officer, Policy and statutory meetings Unit, coordinator of the Reactive Monitoring process, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO

• Mogoșoaia Palace visit

## Day 4, September 26

• Cultural artefacts and terrorism financing - Joaquin Zuckerberg, Programme Officer, Terrorism Prevention Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

• Carabinieri Command for Protection of Cultural Heritage's experience with combating illicit trafficking of cultural property - *Alberto Deregibus, Deputy Commander, Carabinieri Command for Protection of Cultural Heritage, Italy* 

• Naming and shaming. Motivating international efforts for the protection of heritage sites - Patrick Rhamey, Associate Professor, Department of International Studies and Political Science, Virginia Military Institute, United States of America

• Open discussion/Round table on how to address the negative perception of the List of World Heritage in Danger at the national and site-level and promote a better understanding of its benefits – moderated by Richard Veillon, Project Officer, Policy and statutory meetings Unit, coordinator of the Reactive Monitoring process, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO

• National Village Museum visit

### Day 5, September 27

• The work of the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority to protect the Danube Delta - a World Heritage Site and other designations as well. Collaboration across the Danube Delta ecosystem - *Liliana Ivancenco, Chief of Department for Internal and International relations, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, Romania* 

• UNESCO Global Geoparks Programme in Romania, prospects of collaborating with other UNESCO designations in Romania to ensure protection of natural landmarks -*Alexandru Andrăşanu, Associate Professor, Director Hațeg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania* 

• The nature volunteer service Naturweit of the German Commission for UNESCO -Johanna Wahl, Project coordinator, Kulturweit, National Commission of Germany for **UNESCO**, Germany

• Tombs of Buganda Kings at Kasubi, towards the removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger - Mwanja Nkaale Rose, Commissioner, Department of Museums and Monuments, Government of Uganda

• The success story of Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara, and its removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger - Erick James Kajiru, Head of UNESCO Programme IV, UNESCO National Commission of the United Republic of Tanzania

• Presentation of the "Stone made objects" exhibition, anthropological story featuring objects made from local rocks and minerals from 32 Geoparks in Europe, celebrating geodiversity and its role in shaping local identity - Alexandru Andrășanu, Associate Professor, Director Hateg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania

- Visit to the National Commission of Romania for UNESCO headquarters & closing ceremony
- Water Symphony Show



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