



# AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND QUARTERLY REVIEW



*(@) Marrakech, Morocco*

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# 1. HIGHLIGHTS

## 1. 20<sup>th</sup> AWHF BOARD MEETING

The 20<sup>th</sup> **AWHF** Board meeting was held in Marrakech, Morocco on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Culture in Morocco. The AWHF would like to thank the Government of Morocco for the valuable support to the Fund. We also thank the Director of Cultural Heritage, Mr. Abdellah Alaoui and his team for their tireless efforts towards a successful meeting.



*Members of the AWHF Board of Trustees*

*20<sup>th</sup> AWHF Board Meeting in process*

## 2. WORLD HERITAGE PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

**AWHF** concluded the series of events celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> December in Marrakech, Morocco. The event followed immediately after the 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and gathered more than 150 guests which included Ministers (Angola, Gabon, Morocco, Rwanda), Government Officials (Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania), representative of Private Sector and international organizations (ICCROM, GIZ) and Board of Trustees members under the theme, **MARRAKECH 2016: Private sector engagement in the preservation of African Heritage**. After an engaging workshop, the participants showed their commitment to AWHF through pledges amounting to \$270,000 USD. Pledges for long term support were also noted from Ministers, UNESCO and the African Union. AWHF awarded His Majesty the King Mohammed VI and the Minister of Culture of Morocco for their outstanding contribution to the conservation and promotion of Africa's heritage. The programme concluded with a tour of the magnificent Marrakech, city, inscribed on both the World Heritage tangible and intangible List. We extend our gratitude to the Government of Morocco, the African Governments and Private Sector for supporting the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Africa. Among the supporting private sector companies were the General Confederation of Enterprises in Morocco and AVIS Budget South Africa.



*Ministerial representation from Africa & Members of the AWHF Board of Trustees*



**Handing over the Award of Excellence to Hon. Mohammed Amine Sbihi, Minister of Culture of Morocco**

**OVER 200 000 USD RAISED!**

*Pledges were made by the Ministry of Culture of Morocco (100,000USD), the General Confederation of Enterprises in Morocco (100,000 US), the Group Allali (10,000USD) and the Ministry of Culture of Burkina Faso (5,000,000 CFA).*

Pledges for long term support were also made by the Minister of Culture of Angola, Minister of Culture of Gabon, the Ministry of Culture of Burkina Faso, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania, the Ministry of Culture and Communications of Senegal.



**Royaume du Maroc**

**Ministere de la Culture**





## 2. ACTIVITIES

### 1. WORLD HERITAGE BUFFER ZONE WORKSHOP



*Group photo of participants at the workshop*

The South African Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) organized a regional workshop from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Swadini Forever Resort in Hoedspruit, South Africa. The workshop gathered 35 participants including experts, World Heritage site managers and policy makers from around Africa to assess the effectiveness of current buffer zone management mechanisms in line with the long term conservation and protection of World Heritage properties. It was also done to reflect on a more efficient and inclusive framework for improved buffer zone management on the African continent. The ultimate goal was to create a set of guidelines

### 2. AFRICAN EXPERTS CONSULTATIVE GATHERING IN ARUSHA, TANZANIA

The consultative meeting of the African experts to the World Heritage Committee was convened by the United Republic of Tanzania with the support of the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF). The meeting gathered 16 participants from the States Parties of Angola, Burkina Faso, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Experts from UNESCO National Commission of Tanzania and AWHF also attended the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to prepare the agenda items that were not discussed during the 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting in July 2016 Istanbul, Turkey and was tabled during the continuation session in October 2016 in Paris, France. The rationale was to provide a platform to World Heritage experts to understand and champion various heritage related issues.



*Group photo of attending participants to the meeting*

### **3. WORLD HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT TRAINING**

The workshop took place from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Mazsons Hotel in Stone Town of Zanzibar, Tanzania. Thirty one (31) participants attended the workshop from seven countries which included twenty one (21) men and ten (10) women. The workshop was officially opened by the Minister of Infrastructure, Communication and Transportation of Zanzibar, Hon. Ambassador Ali Abeid A. Karume.

In recent years the UNESCO World Heritage Committee has examined a considerable number of State of Conservation Reports related to threats from various types of large-scale development activities to the World Heritage properties. These activities include infrastructure development, new buildings, urban renewal and changes to the land use, some of which are insensitive or inappropriate.

Impact assessment has been a tool used widely in evaluating impacts by other sectors and overtime this has been adapted to suit the heritage sector.



***Group of participants at the Heritage Impact Assessment Training***



### **4. RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK WORKSHOP**

The Risk Preparedness Management Workshop was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Cape Town at the Robben Island World Heritage Site. This workshop was facilitated to promote conservation in and around World Heritage Properties in Africa by increasing preparedness and reinforcing resilience to risks and threats caused by natural and human-induced factors. AWHF was in partnership with the Discovery Group where Discovery Group Risk Management assisted the Fund in the application of the framework. Nineteen participants were selected of which eleven participants were females. The South African Department of Arts and Culture was represented through the Risk Management department and the Resource team counted three persons from the Discovery Group risk management department. The workshop formed part of the follow-up for a larger programme on risk management, of which the initial workshop took place from 18<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. AWHF wishes to thank Discovery for their contribution and support in this initiative.





*Group of participants at the Risk Management Workshop*

## **5. EXPERT WORKSHOP ON GENOCIDE SITES**

The expert workshop on *the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the memorial sites of Nyamata, Murambi, Gisozi and Biserero, Sites of Genocide* against Tutsi in Rwanda in 1994, was organized in Kigali, Rwanda on 7-9 November 2016 by the National Commission for the Fight against Genocide and its local partners (universities, civil society), the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and the AWHF. The workshop discussed mainly the potential and possibility of developing a nomination dossier for the genocide related sites in Rwanda. The AWHF brought to the workshop African experts from Mali, Senegal and South Africa.



*Site visit by experts - courtesy visit by Vice Mayor of Murambi*



*Hominid remains exhibited at Nyamata Genocide Site*



*Mass grave at Murambi Genocide Site*

## 6. TENTATIVE LISTING EXPERT WORKSHOP FRANCOPHONE

The workshop coordinated by the School of African Heritage was held in Sokode, Togo, from 14 to 16 December 2016. It followed a survey on National Tentative Lists in French and Portuguese speaking African countries aiming at identifying the most credible sites to involve in the World Heritage nomination process. The workshop gathered national directors from 11 countries (Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Togo) and experts from UNESCO, ICOMOS, IUCN and AWHF. The experts discussed the criteria requirement including potential Outstanding Universal Values of the sites were identified. Further work includes refining priority sites/themes and supporting the national authorities to develop credible nomination dossiers.



*Group photo of participants and presentation during the workshop*

## 3. MEETINGS

### 1. MEETING WITH GIZ FOUNDATION



*AWHF with GIZ Foundation Team*

AWHF embarked on a mission to Eschborn, Germany GIZ Foundation Headquarters with the intention to discuss new partnerships and find areas of cooperation including understanding GIZ projects in the various regions on the African continent. Through this partnership, GIZ would form part of assisting AWHF in achieving our strategic objective for 2016-2019.





## 2. MEETING WITH NORWAY

The annual meeting between the AWHF and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 in Zanzibar, Tanzania. The meeting was attended by Ms. Anne-Lise Langøy with the objective of reviewing the activities of the year. The Ministry provides core support to the AWHF programmes.



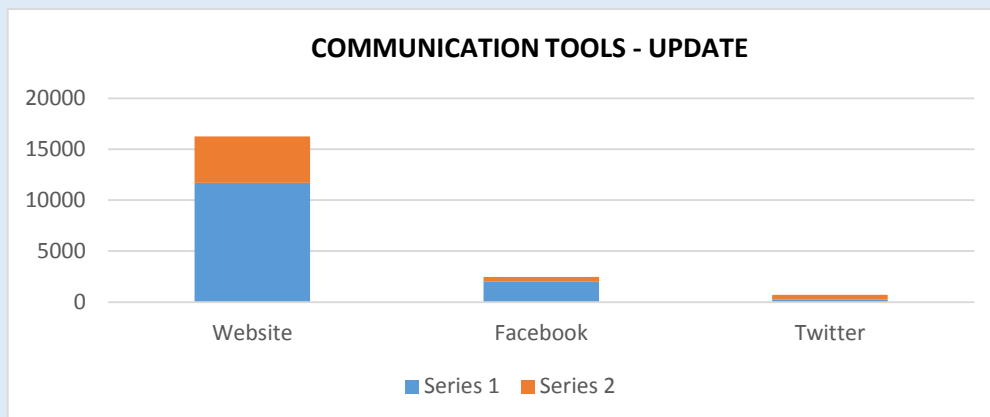
# 4. COMMUNICATIONS

## FACEBOOK UPDATE

In October, our Facebook interaction was at 2004 followers (blue) and by December we saw an interesting increase of 462 followers (orange) to 2466 target being 3500 in 2017. This is a reflection of a considerable increase in the interest on the work of the Fund by the public. Twitter followers moved from 210 to 496 the target being 1500 for 2017. Vigorous interaction will be applied on this platform.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

From October the slope indicates the number of visits to the website rising extensively as seen at 4534 visits (orange). This can be attributed to an increased number of users sitting at 11,710 (blue) with pages viewed by over 31,172 members of the public. Advertising reflects a total of 14,443 sessions which shows the level of awareness created on heritage issues within that period.





## 5. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

EVENT	VENUE/DATE
Workshop with traditional leaders network for protecting Comoe National Park Integrity - IUCN	February (Tbc)
Workshop with local community leaders for protecting Air -Tenere Reserve - IUCN	March (Tbc)
AWHF Youth Forum on World Heritage FRANCOPHONE	26 April – 5 May: Burkina Faso
Tentative Listing Seminar	May: Algeria (Tbc)

## 6. AWHF NEWS



-**AWHF** to further strengthen relations with stakeholders together with DBSA (Development Bank of Southern Africa)

-**AWHF** to welcome a new intern, Ms Beau Van Dooren supported by the Flanders Department of Foreign Affairs Trainee Programme.

-Call for applications for the African World Heritage Youth forum is out – Closing Day is **10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**



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