

AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND QUARTERLY REVIEW



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1. AWHF STAFF

NEW STAFF AT AWHF

AWHF welcomed **Ms Andiswa Mnguni** who joined the Fund in June 2016 on an internship supported by the Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa. Ms Mnguni will serve in our Programmes section for a duration of one year. She specializes in Environmental Science.

AWHF is pleased with her appointment and looks forward to a fruitful year with Ms Mnguni.

Ms Andiswa Mnguni – Consultant (Programmes)



AWHF STAFF FAREWELL



Mr. Thomas de Block's tenure with AWHF came to an end in July 2016. Mr de Block hails from Belgium and had been with the Fund from February 2016 on a six months

internship supported by the Flanders Department of Foreign Affairs through the Flanders Trainee Programme. He assisted for communication and publicity work.

AWHF held a special gathering for Mr. Thomas de Block to congratulate him on his achievement with the Fund and wished him well in his future endeavors.



2. AWHF ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS WITH EMBASSIES

Ahead of the AWHF 10th Anniversary celebration events, the Fund visited various embassies to personally invite them to the events and to share the programme with the Ambassadors. The Fund also utilized this platform to outline the AWHF's plans going forward and to further explore opportunities of strengthening relationships between AWHF and the embassies in South Africa.



AWHF with Ambassadors of Spain H E Mr. J I Sell Sandz, Cote de' Ivoire H E Mr. AD Koffi, Mexico H E Mr. M Escanero, Qatar H E Mr. SAS Al-Jaber , Egypt H E Mr. S F Naguib and Norway H E Ms. T Skymoem

19th AWHF BOARD MEETING



19th Session of the Board of Trustees of the AWHF - 9 June 2016

AWHF Trustees at the 19th Board Session – 09 June 2016, Midrand, South Africa

The 19th AWHF Board Session was held in Midrand, South Africa on 9th June 2016. The meeting was attended by Board members representing the five regions, Observers and representatives from UNESCO, African Union, various embassies, the South African departments of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), Art and Culture and Environmental Affairs (DEA) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA).



19th AWHF Board Meeting in procession at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)

AWHF 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On 5th May 2016, the African World Heritage Fund celebrated its 10th Anniversary since the Fund was launched on 5th May 2006 in Sterkfontein, South Africa. The events of the 10th Anniversary culminated in three main events from 28th April to 5th May namely, 1). The **African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum** on “*Increasing youth involvement in the promotion and protection of African World Heritage*” which took place at Robben Island World Heritage Site in Cape Town. The discussions of the forum delivered essential feedback on youth challenges, accomplishments and actions related to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Africa and an African Youth Declaration on World Heritage was produced and presented at the Closing Ceremony of the Youth Forum, 2). The **Seminar** on “*African World Heritage ...Thinking Ahead*” and discussion were around thematic areas focusing on (i) Harmonizing heritage conservation and development initiatives, (ii) Enhancing the role of non-State (iii) World Heritage in armed (post) conflict regions, (iv) Effects and management of climate change and (v) Capacity building strategies for World Heritage in Africa. The Seminar developed and adopted the AWHF 10th Anniversary Recommendations. 3). The **Night of African Legends** took place at the Cradle of Humankind in Maropeng, South Africa.



The Minister of Tourism, South Africa. The participants included a total of 27 young individuals from 23 African countries - Botswana, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. In total, there were 14 females and 13 males.



The Forum also featured the Deputy Director General of Institutional Governance, representing the Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, Ms Rejoice Thizwilondi Mabudafhasi, the Deputy High Commissioner of Kenya, the Acting CEO of Robben Island, Mr Mava Dada and representatives from the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.



Seminar in procession at the Cradle of Humankind. The Seminar gathered more than seventy (70) participants including heritage professionals, policy makers, academics, private sector, civil society, community representatives and experts from Africa and abroad.



Participants undertaking a visit to the Hominid sites at Maropeng and Sterkfontein. The Seminar reflected on the past and future of the African World Heritage, natural and cultural.



The main event on 5th May gathered about 250 guests. Attendees included Ms Rejoice Thizwilondi Mabudafhasi, the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture of South Africa, Ms Rejoice Thizwilondi Mabudafhasi, the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture of Kenya, Honorable Dr. Hassan Wario Arero, the Assistant Director General – Africa Department of UNESCO, Mr Firmin Matoko, the Founding Chairperson of AWHF, Mr Themba Wakashe, the CEO of The Development Bank of Southern Africa, Mr Patrick Dlamini and Ms. Angela Martins who represented the African Union. The Chairperson of the AWHF, Mr Vusithemba Ndima, also attended the event.



Recipients of the Awards comprising Founding Board Members, Experts for their outstanding contribution to capacity building on the African continent and three State Parties recognized for their achievements in self conduct World Heritage nomination processes.



*Left: Africa Department of UNESCO representative, Mr Firmin Matoko conveying his remarks
Right: Executive Director of AWHF, Dr. Webber Ndoro delivering an address at the main event*

3. AWHF FIELD MISSIONS

UNESCO TRADITIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS WORKSHOP IN ACCRA, GHANA



Group photo of participants and guests during the opening ceremony of the workshop; with the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts, the Director of the UNESCO Accra Office, the Secretary General of the Ghana National Commission to UNESCO and the Director of the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board

The UNESCO Traditional Management Systems Workshop took place from 31st May to 2nd June 2016 at the Accra City Hotel in Accra, Ghana. The UNESCO Abuja and UNESCO Accra offices initiated studies on incorporating traditional management systems into the existing management systems of World Heritage Sites in Ghana and Nigeria. The research involved extensive field trips and interviews with stakeholders connected to the sites. A workshop was then organised to present the results and discuss further actions, entitled “The Documentation of Traditional Mechanism Systems and Practices in the World Heritage Sites of Ghana and Nigeria”.

AWHF was invited to help facilitate the workshop with UNESCO and to present on the theoretical and methodological considerations of Traditional Management Systems (TMS), in particular due to the experience of AWHF in this field with the recent research undertaken on the African continent.

The workshop started with an official opening ceremony led by the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts, Hon. Elizabeth Ofosuadjare. Notable guests included the Director UNESCO office Accra, Tirso Dos-Santos; the Secretary General of the Ghana National Commission for UNESCO, Mike-Richie Wellington; and the Director of Ghana Museums and Monuments Board, Dr Zagba Oyortey.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “SAFEGUARDING AFRICAN HERITAGE AS A DRIVER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”



View of the official opening ceremony of the Conference in Arusha

The Conference on “Safeguarding African Heritage as a Driver of Sustainable Development” took place from 31st May to 3rd June 2016 in Tanzania. This event was initiated by the Africa Unit of the World Heritage Centre in partnership with many organisations including the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority of Tanzania.

The aim of the conference was to explore methods to strengthen the three dimensions of sustainable development: environmental sustainability, inclusive social and economic development while also fostering peace and security. The conference gathered about 150 participants from conservation and development sectors. AWHF formed part of the Task Force of the conference. In addition to contributing to the overall monitoring of the conference, the objectives were to engage World Heritage Committee members from Africa about World heritage issues and also explore and follow up on various partnerships.

The main outcome was the “Ngorongoro Declaration on Safeguarding African Heritage as a Driver of Sustainable Development” that was signed by all participants at Ngorongoro World Heritage Site on 4th June.



Wildlife in Ngorongoro Conservation Area

2ND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, CULTURE AND SPORTS, AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

The 2nd session of the Specialized Technical Committee Meeting on Youth, Culture and Sport (STC-YCS2) was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 13 to 17 June 2016 under the theme “***African year of Human Rights: Promoting Ethics and Cultural Diversity as an Essential Right for the People of Africa***”. The Expert meeting was held from 13 - 15 June 2016 followed by the Ministers meeting from 16 - 17 June 2016 where recommendations from the experts was presented for endorsement by the Ministers. The experts meeting was chaired by the African Union Director of Social Affairs Ambassador Olawale Maiyegun. The Ministers session was opened and chaired by the African Union Commissioner for Social Affairs Dr. Mustapha Kaloko.



Participants at the STC-YCS2 Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Some key Recommendations

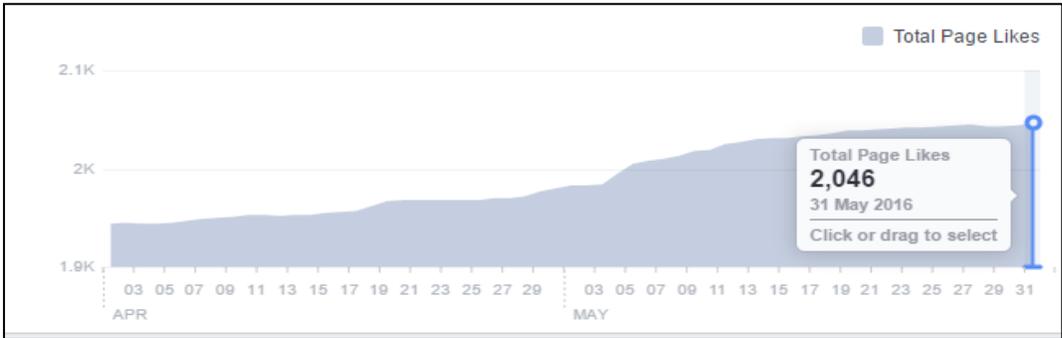
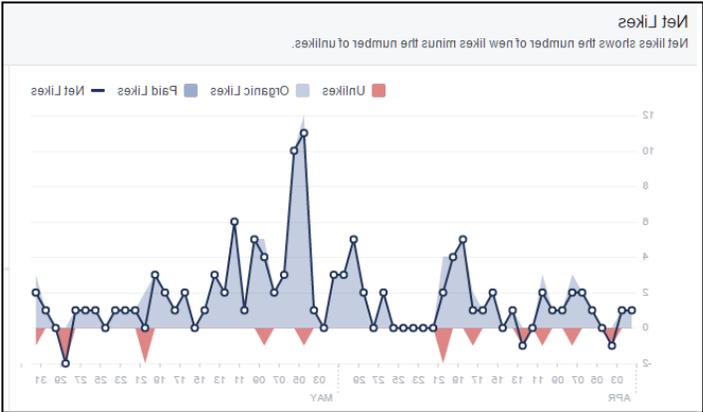
1. The meeting encouraged AWHF to pursue activities to finalize the harmonization of heritage with the AU Agenda 2063 and called upon other Arts and Culture sectors to do so.
2. The meeting recommended that special attention must be made to ensure that communities are able to drive benefits from heritage.
3. AWHF to pursue the involvement of youths in the management of the African World heritage Sites.
4. The meeting recommended capacity building in heritage management and sustainable development at all levels (local communities, NGOs, Non State Actors and policy makers) on a continuing basis.
5. AWHF activities & African World Heritage Sites be promoted at various forums e.g. at the occasion of the All Africa Music festivals through exhibitions, videos, print material etc.

4. AWHF COMMUNICATIONS

AWHF ONLINE STATISTICS

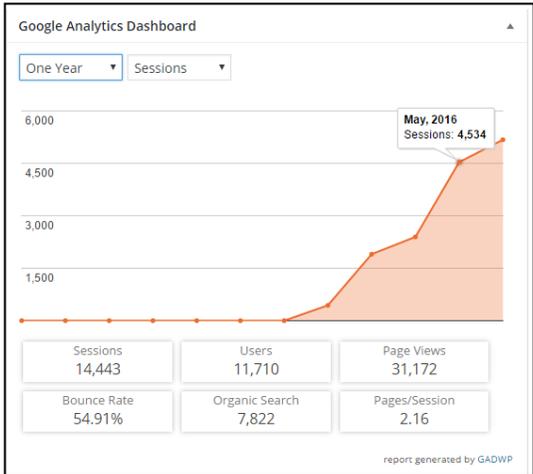
FACEBOOK UPDATE

In April, our Facebook interaction was at 1944 likes extended by the public and by May we saw an interesting increase of 102 followers to 2046 likes. This is a reflection of a considerable increase in the interest on the work of the Fund by the public.



WEBSITE UPDATE

From May the slope indicates the number of visits to the website rising extensively as seen at 4534 visits. This can be attributed to an increased number of users sitting at 11,710 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.



5. OTHER MEETINGS

MEETING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

A bi-lateral meeting was held between AWHF and the Ministry of Environmental Affairs, South Africa to discuss the partnership and the upcoming Buffer Zone Workshop to be held on 18th to 20th October at Kruger National Park.

MEETINGS WITH FOUNDATIONS AND PARTNERS

A meeting took place with the GIZ Regional Office in Botswana where possible collaboration strategies were discussed. AWHF initiated meetings with Discovery Health and Google and further strengthened relationships with Peace Parks through a brainstorming session.

AWHF COLLABORATION WITH IUCN

Preparation got under way for wildlife monitoring in Niokolo Koba (Senegal), Wildlife monitoring in Comoe (Cote d'Ivoire) and the establishment of a collaborative network of stakeholders around Air-Tenere (Niger) and Comoe which will take place during the year.

6- UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

| EVENT | VENUE/DATE |
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| SADC Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCA) Network Symposium | 4-8 July 2016, Botswana |
| 40 TH World Heritage Committee Meeting | 10-18 July 2016, Turkey |
| Side event at the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on Africa Development (TICAD-VI) | 27-28 August 2016, Kenya |
| Attendance to the IUCN World Conservation Congress | 1-10 September 2016, Hawaii |
| Partnership event for private sector in Africa | 20-21 September 2016, Morocco |
| GIZ bilateral Partnership Meeting | 25-26 September 2016, Germany |
| Regional Buffer Zone Workshop for Southern Africa | 18-20 October 2016, South Africa |
| Tentative listing workshop (jointly organized with the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage) | November 2016 Algeria |



African Traditional Dancers performing at the 10th Anniversary Celebration Event at Maropeng World Heritage Site, South Africa