

AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND QUARTERLY REVIEW



Cliff of Bandiagara (land of the Dogons), Mali



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1. STRATEGIC MEETINGS

THE AWHF AT THE 40TH WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

The World Heritage Committee held its 40th Session in Istanbul (Turkey) from 10 to 17 July 2016. The AWHF attended the meeting as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO and provided overall facilitation to the African delegations. Several **meetings** were also held including with the Minister of Culture and Tourism Development of Chad, the Minister of Art and Culture of Cameroon and the Minister of Environment, Ecology and Forests of Madagascar. Meetings were also held with the delegations of Ghana, Mauritania, Senegal and Tanzania as well as with various organisations to discuss areas of partnership.



Speakers during the side event: from left the Ministers of Chad (**Muhamar Annandif Youssouf**), Madagascar (**Bénédicte Johanita Ndahimananjara**) and Cameroon (**Narcisse Mouelle**), the Patron of AWHF (**Christina Cameron**), the ADG for Culture at UNESCO (**Francesco Bandarin**), the Youth representative (**Njeri Mbure**), the Permanent Secretary of Tanzania (**Gaudence Milanzi**) and the Chief of Africa Unit at the World Heritage Centre (**Edmond Moukala**).

A **side event** entitled “African Ministers’ Roundtable on Conservation and Development” was jointly organized with the World Heritage Centre on the 12th July. The event was facilitated by the AWHF’s Director **Dr. Webber Ndoro**. The various speakers highlighted challenges and best practices illustrating how to reconcile conservation and development. They also stated the importance to involve youth in World Heritage issues as a way to ensure long term sustainability. When saluting the Fund for its impressive work during the last 10 years, they reiterated that their respective countries and organisations will continue to support the AWHF. The roundtable discussion was enriched by the presentation of the Youth Declaration, developed in May 2016 at Robben Island (South Africa), during a Youth Forum. **Ms. Njeri Mbure**, the youth participant from Kenya, was the guest presenter. The side event was attended by about 150 guests and delegates.

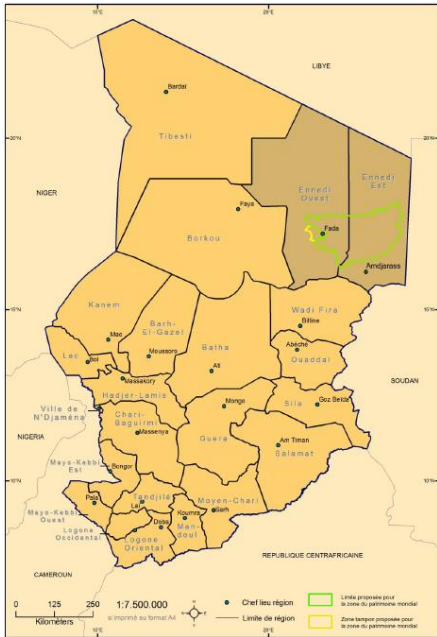
As part of the events during the 40th World Heritage Committee Meeting, the AWHF displayed a photographic **exhibition** on “*African Heritage under Threats*” alongside a digital exhibition by UNESCO on “*African World Heritage: a pathway for development*” from 10 to 14 July. Both exhibitions were launched on 10 July immediately after the official opening ceremony of the World Heritage Committee Meeting. More than 250 guests and delegates attended the launching ceremony. We thank the Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul for the support provided to the printing of the exhibition.



Below. VIPs at the exhibition launch. From Left to Right: Ambassadors of Kenya & Tanzania, Mayor of Istanbul, Minister of Arts and Culture of Cameroon, Chairperson of the 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee, DG of UNESCO, Ambassador of Cote d’Ivoire, Chairperson of UNESCO General Conference and Deputy Permanent Delegate of Burkina Faso to UNESCO



TWO AFRICAN SITES INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST

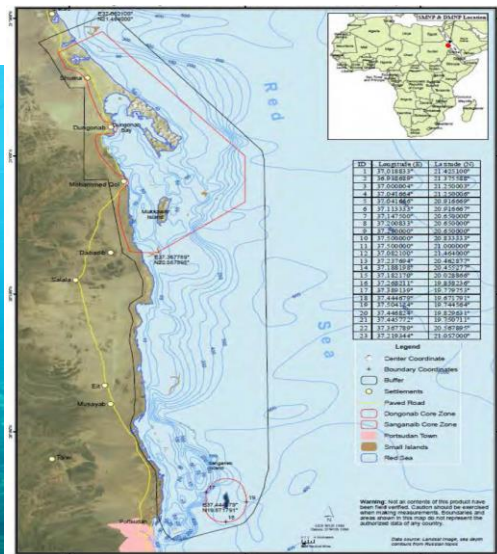


The sandstone **Ennedi Massif** has been sculpted over time by water and wind erosion into a plateau that presents a spectacular landscape. Thousands of images have been painted and carved into the rock surface of caves, canyons and shelters, presenting one of the largest ensembles of rock art in the Sahara.



Aloba Arch - © IUCN Guy Debonnet

The marine property in Sudan provides an outstanding habitat for populations of seabirds, marine mammals, fish, sharks, turtles and manta rays. Dungenab Bay also has a globally significant population of dugongs.



Coral in Dungenab Bay - © IUCN Hany El Shaer

We congratulate the States Parties of Chad and Sudan for the inscription on the World Heritage List of the Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungenab Bay-Mukkawar Island Marine National Park (Sudan) and the Ennedi Massif Natural and Cultural Landscape (Chad).

WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE AFRICAN EXPERTS MEETING

Ahead of the 40th Session (Continuation) of the World Heritage Committee to be held in Paris (France) on 24-26 October 2016, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chairperson of the Africa Region within the Committee, initiated a consultative meeting for the experts of the region with the support of AWHF. The consultative meeting was held in Arusha (Tanzania) from 27 to 29 September 2016. The objective was to discuss remaining items from the 40th World Heritage Committee Session in July in Istanbul (Turkey). It gathered the World Heritage Committee African Experts from Angola, Burkina Faso, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. Experts from South Africa, UNESCO National Commission in Tanzania and AWHF also attended the meeting. The outcomes will further be discussed with the Permanent Delegates to UNESCO when waiting for convening a similar meeting in 2017. The results of the meeting showed the interest for Africa to have this kind of consultation among World Heritage experts for an improved implementation of the Convention.



Group photo of participants. Sat in the middle, Major General Gaudence Milanzi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of the United Republic of Tanzania

CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SITES



The AWHF took part in **the joint field visit “Connecting Practice” of IUCN and ICOMOS in the transboundary World Heritage Site Maloti Drakensberg (Lesotho South Africa)** from 19 to 24 July. The project aimed at exploring the interconnections of the natural, cultural and social value of the site. The visit revealed many interconnected aspects on the site. A participative action plan was developed with stakeholders.

The AWHF attended the **IUCN World Conservation Congress** held this year in Honolulu (Hawaii) from 1st to 10th September. The congress brings together leaders from (inter)governmental and non-States actors including business and indigenous organisations to discuss solutions to the world environment, climate and development challenges. During the congress, the AWHF interacted on new strategies and partnerships. In particular the ongoing initiative of interconnecting nature and culture in the field of World Heritage is an area of meaningful interest in the African context.



The AWHF participated in the **SADC TFCAs Network Symposium on ‘Conservation, Collaboration and Management Support’** that was held in Gaborone (Botswana) from 4 to 6 July. The TFCAs (Transfrontier Conservation Areas) contain numerous protected areas including World Heritage Sites. Through roundtable discussions, the Symposium focused on partnerships and co-management approaches as the most sustainable way to overcome the numerous conservation and staffing challenges in protected areas. The symposium organised by the Southern Africa Development Community GIZ office brought together various actors from the SADC region.

2. COMMUNICATION

“AFRICAN HERITAGE UNDER ATTACK” EXHIBITED IN TURKEY, KENYA AND SOUTH AFRICA

“**African Heritage under Attack**” is a travelling exhibition showcasing some of the most common threats to heritage sites in Africa, e.g. fire, floods, armed conflicts and mismanagement. Launched in May 2015 at the AWHF’s headquarters in South Africa during an event to the private sector, the exhibition travelled in various places in Gauteng province: Witwatersrand University, Museum Africa, and South African Hominids World Heritage Sites at Maropeng. The 24 panels’ exhibition was displayed at Vottrekker Monument in Pretoria during this reporting period.



Display and launching of the “African Heritage under Threats” exhibition at National Museum of Kenya

A short version of the exhibition, named “**African Heritage under Threats**”, was developed in July 2016, sponsored by the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality in Turkey. That version was launched on 10 July in Istanbul during the 40th Session of the World Heritage Committee in the presence of many guests including the Mayor of Istanbul. The exhibition then travelled to Kenya where it was launched in Nairobi at the National Museums of Kenya on 26 August. The launching ceremony was attended by many guests, including; Mr Wenslaas Ong’ayo, Director of Administration in the Ministry of Sports, Culture and the Arts; Dr Purity Kiura, Director of Museums, Sites and Monuments at the National Museum of Kenya, and; Mrs Njeri Mbure, Kenyan participant to the Youth Forum in Robben Island in April-May 2016. Discussions are underway for the exhibition to be displayed in other heritage places in Kenya.

THE AWHF AT CITES COP 17¹



Through a partnership with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) of South Africa, the AWHF was present at the CITES COP 17 event that was organised in Johannesburg from 24 September to 4 October. The AWHF set up a stand showcasing its work and perspectives about the trade of endangered species. Branding material was also distributed. Many guests visited the stand and improved their knowledge about the work of AWHF.



¹ CITES = Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and COP = Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

3. NEW PUBLICATION



This AWHF’s publication results from various research in different African regions with the support of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The process also benefited from the assistance of UNESCO, ICCROM and the Nordic World Heritage Foundation. The publication is available on our website (www.awhf.net).

4. UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE/VENUE
Risk Preparedness workshop (partnership with Discovery Insurance Group)	6-7 October/Robben Island (South Africa)
Regional Buffer Zone workshop (partnership with Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa)	18-20 October / Kruger National Park (South Africa)
Bilateral Meeting with GIZ	25 October, Bonn (Germany)
Contact and follow up meetings with partners	25-28 October/Paris (France)
Heritage Impact Assessment Course (partnership with ICCROM and the Government of Zanzibar)	31 October-9 November/Zanzibar (Tanzania)
Annual Coordination Meeting with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	1 November, Zanzibar (Tanzania)
First Annual Board Meeting	5-6 December, Marrakech (Morocco)
Stakeholders’ Fundraising Event (in partnership with the Ministry of Culture of Morocco)	7-8 December, Marrakech (Morocco)