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AWHF Team at the first AWHF Stakeholders Reception 2019 @AWHF

1. HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 AWHF SIGNS A FIVE (5) YEARS AGREEMENT WITH THE WORLD HERITAGE INSTITUTE OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION (WHITRAP)



AWHF represented by Dr. Albino Jopela and WHITRAP represented by the Deputy Secretary – General, Mr. LI Xi @AWHF



During the UNESCO AFRICA-CHINA Forum held in Paris in June 2019, AWHF signed a 5-year Agreement with the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITRAP). The Agreement will see AWHF and WHITRAP collaborating on number of programmes for the benefit of the African Region.

Category II Centre represented by the Deputy Secretary-General, Mr. LI Xi @AWHF

HIGHLIGHTS

1.2 4TH EDITION OF THE REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA



Group photo: Youth Participants attending the Regional Youth Forum and World Press Freedom Day in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia ©AWHF

Thirty four (34) Youth participants from around Africa gathered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the 4th Edition of the Regional Youth Forum from 29th to 4th May 2019. The fourth edition was organized by AWHF in collaboration with the Unesco World Heritage Centre (Addis Ababa Office), the African Union (AU), United Nation Envoy on Youth and the ARCCH. Furthermore, this event preceded the annual African World Heritage Day 5th of May Celebration which was themed “Heritage and Innovation” in Africa.



African World Heritage Fund Director, Mr. Souayibou Varissou; United Nations Secretary-General Envoy on Youth, Mrs. Jayathma Wickanayote; Director of UNESCO Addis Ababa, Ms. Ana Elisa DSantana Afanso and representative for Director-General of ARCCH, Mr. Hailu Zeleka..Hailu Zeleka @AWHF

HIGHLIGHTS

1.3 AWHF HOSTS THE FIRST AWHF STAKEHOLDERS EVENT AT THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DBSA)



AWHF Board of Trustees Member, Mrs. Relebohile Malahleha @AWHF

AWHF hosted its first Stakeholders Reception, which gathered various Ambassadors as well as Government Agencies and Business Leaders at the premises of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA). The aim was to strengthen cooperation and relations with partners and associates and to highlight the annual 5th May celebration declared African World Heritage Day by UNESCO in 2015. Additionally, the platform shared relevant statistics pertaining to issues affecting the

KENYA REAFFIRM THEIR PLEDGE OF US\$ 1.5 MILLION

Furthermore, Kenya reaffirmed their commitment to contribute the US\$ 500,000 balance as implementation of the pledge made by His Excellency, Honourable Uhuru Kenyatta of **US\$ 1.5million** at the African Union Assembly in 2014 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Additionally, Deputy High Commissioner of Kenya, H.E. Mr. Lemarron Kaanto, further urged all African countries to reinforce their engagement with the Fund.



AWHF with Deputy High Commissioner of Kenya, H. E. Mr. Lemarron Kaanto @AWHF



Stakeholders gathered at the AWHF Stakeholders Event @AWHF

2. UPSTREAM ACTIVITIES

2.1 ICCROM, AFRICA PROGRAMME HELD AT THE AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND IN SOUTH AFRICA



Group photo: Participants attending the ICCROM, Africa Programme in South Africa ©AWHF

The International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) launched a three- year pilot phase (2020-2022) of the ICCROM, Africa Programme in South Africa in April 2019. The programme will focus on changing the current perception of youth involvement in Heritage conservation and management throughout Africa. The target coverage of the Africa programme will cover all the African countries, while the primary targeted beneficiaries are the Africa youth aged between 14 and 35 years old.

The age group includes young professionals who have or want a career in heritage management and conservation, young entrepreneurs interested in innovation enterprises particularly in the heritage conservation and management and young people in local communities especially those based in urban areas. Programme material will be translated into English and French (and later on in Portuguese, Arabic and Swahili), to facilitate the cross-regional exchange of ideas and knowledge.

UPSTREAM ACTIVITIES

2.2 AWHF ATTENDS THE WORKSHOP ON POPULARISATION OF THE MODEL LAW ON PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY AND HERITAGE IN AFRICA



Group photo: Participants attending the ICCROM, Africa Programme in South Africa ©AWHF



Foreign Affairs Minister - Benin, Hon. Mr. Aurelien Agbenonci ©AWHF

AWHF had the privilege to work with the African Union (AU) to popularize Model Law on Protection of Cultural Property and Heritage in ECOWAS Members States. The workshop took place in Cotonou, Benin, from 27th to 30th May 2019. The Foreign Affairs Minister, Hon. Mr. Aurelien Agbenonci hosted the workshop and addressed the audience.

Eighteen (18) participants from Benin, Togo, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leon, Guinea, Mali and Cote d' Ivoire attended the workshop.

UPSTREAM ACTIVITIES

2.3 AWHF ATTENDS THE WORLD HERITAGE ANNUAL EXPERT MEETING IN BURKINA FASO

AWHF attended the World Heritage Expert Annual Meeting in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 10th to 24th June 2019 aimed to prepare and build towards the 43rd Session of World Heritage Committee held in Azerbaijan, Baku from 30th June to the 10th July 2019. A colourful and vibrant Opening Ceremony was conducted on 10th June and was attended by various prominent dignitaries.



Panelists at the World Heritage Annual Expert Meeting underway ©AWHF



Interview at Radio Omega on the work of the Fund. ©AWHF

AWHF's RADIO INTERVIEW WITH BURKINA FASO MEDIA

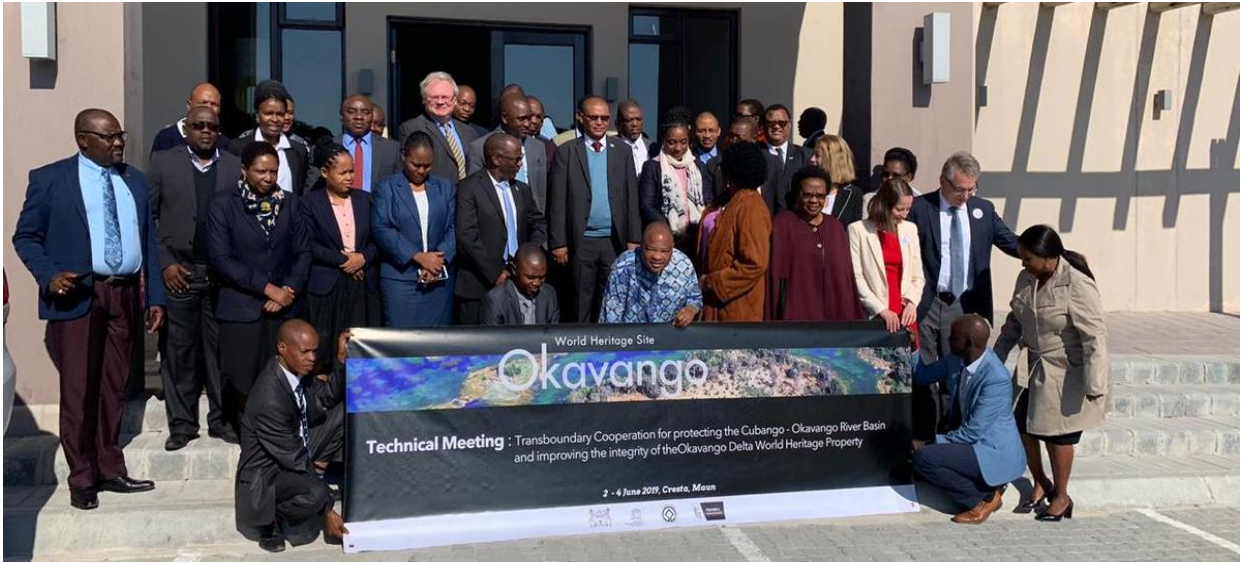
Additionally, Radio Omega conducted an interview with Dr. Vincent Sedogo, Director General of Cultural Heritage in Burkina Faso to introduce the work of the African World Heritage Fund and World Heritage implementations.



Proceedings of the World Heritage Annual Expert Meeting underway ©AWHF

3. CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 AWHF PARTICIPATING AT TECHNICAL MEETING, TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION FOR PROTECTING THE CUBANGO – OKAVANGO RIVER BASIN IN BOTSWANA



Group Photo: Participants attending the Technical meeting, Transboundary Cooperation for Protecting the Cubango – Okavango River Basin in Botswana ©AWHF

AWHF joined Botswana, Angola, Namibia, UNESCO, and IUCN at the Technical Meeting to discuss Transboundary Cooperation for protecting Okavango River Basin and World Heritage Site in Maun, Botswana on 4th June 2019. Minister of Local Government & Rural Development, Hon. Mr. Frans van Der Westhuizen opened the meeting.

FIELD EXCURSION- OKOVANGO DELTA WORLD HERITAGE SITE



Aerial view: Okavango Delta World Heritage Site - Botswana



Hon. Mr. Frans van Der Westhuizen in Botswana ©AWHF

CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

3.2 AWHF FEATURES AT THE 3RD MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREAT MUSEUM OF AFRICA



Group photo: Participants attending the Technical Committee Meeting on the establishment of the Great Museum of Africa ©AWHF

AWHF formed part of the African Union Technical and Advisory Committee Meeting held in Addis Ababa on the establishment of the Great Museum of Africa (GMA). The meeting took place from 20th to 22nd June, to discuss the roadmap towards the realization

of the project. Great Museum of Africa is an African Union Committee (AUC) flagship project that will display Africa's rich cultural and natural heritage (including a display of World Heritage properties in A

Opening session – 3rd Meeting of the Technical Committee on the establishment of the Great Museum of Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 20th June 2019



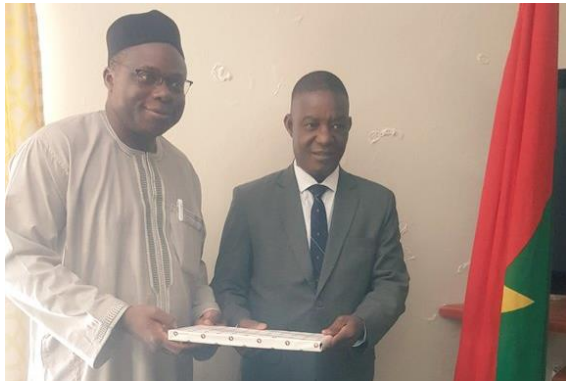
4. PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS: AWHF MEETS WITH EMBASSIES

4.1 AWHF PAYS COURTESY CALL TO HIGH COMMISSIONER OF KENYA TO SOUTH AFRICA

AWHF paid a courtesy call to Kenya's High Commissioner to South Africa, **Her Excellency Ms. Jean Kamau** and discussed future cooperation with Kenya. Present was also the Deputy High Commissioner, Ambassador Lamarron Kanto. AWHF thanked Kenya for the valuable support to the Fund.



AWHF with Her Excellency Ms. Jean Kamau



AWHF with His Excellency Mr. Oumarou Maiga

4.2 AWHF MEETS WITH EMBASSY OF MEXICO TO SOUTH AFRICA

AWHF had engagements with the Embassy of Mexico to South Africa on partnership regarding capacity building for the inscription of African Heritage sites, their conservation and sustainable development.



AWHF with Her Excellency Ms. Ana Luisa Fajer

4.3 AWHF MEETS WITH EMBASSY OF BURKINA FASO TO SOUTH AFRICA

AWHF paid courtesy visit to **His Excellency Mr. Oumarou Maiga**, Ambassador of the Embassy of Burkina Faso to South Africa for formal introductions as the new Ambassador as well as to expedite pending partnership collaboration confirmations. In addition, the meeting was to brief the Ambassador on the Expert Meeting in Burkina Faso.

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS: AWHF MEETS WITH MINISTERS

4.4 AWHF VISITS ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE

AWHF held a meeting in Abidjan, Cote d' Ivoire with **Hon Mr. Maurice Kouakou Bandaman**, Minister of Culture and Francophonie of Cote d' Ivoire as well as **Hon. Professor Joseph Seka**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development. The discussion were on joint programmes including World Heritage Periodic Reporting launching workshop and preparation of new nominations in Cote d' Ivoire.



AWHF with Hon. Mr. Maurice Kouakou Bandaman



AWHF with Hon. Professor. Joseph Seka

4.5 AWHF PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO GUINEA

AWHF paid a courtesy visit to **Hon. Claude Kondiano**, Speaker of the National Assembly of Guinea in front of the Parliamentary Standing Committee in charge of the Cultural & Historic Heritage Committee. AWHF extends huge Congratulations to Guinea for ratification of the Charter for Africa's Cultural Renaissance.



AWHF with Hon. Claude Kondiano & delegation

4.6 AWHF MEETS WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ARTS & CULTURE - NAMIBIA

AWHF visited the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture of Namibia and met with **Deputy Director, Ms. Veno Kauaria** in Windhoek on strengthening the long-standing partnership and on upcoming training courses. AWHF thanked the Ministry for their support and commitment. to our heritage.

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS: AWHF MEETS WITH PERMANENT DELEGATES TO UNESCO

4.7 AWHF MEETS WITH PERMANENT DELEGATE OF GABON TO UNESCO

AWHF met with Her Excellency, Ms. Rachel Ogoula ep. Obiang Meyo, Permanent Delegate of Gabon to UNESCO and President of Africa Group in Paris. The meeting was to solidify further fruitful development within the heritage sector.



AWHF with H. E. Ms. Rachel Ogoula

4.8 AWHF MEETS WITH PERMANENT DELEGATE OF BURKINA FASO TO UNESCO

AWHF met with His Excellency, Mr. Alain Francis Gustave Ilboudo, Permanent delegate of Burkina Faso to UNESCO. Discussions were on the renewal of African representative in the World Heritage Committee. Burkina Faso will also host the World Heritage Expert Meeting in Ouagadougou.



AWHF with H. E. Mr. Alain Francis Gustave Ilboudo

4.9 AWHF MEETS WITH PERMANENT DELEGATE OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA & SPAIN TO UNESCO

AWHF met with the Permanent Delegate of Equatorial Guinea to UNESCO, His Excellency Mr. Santiago Ngua Mfumu on issues relating to strengthening collaboration pertaining the development of heritage on the African continent. In addition, AWHF paid a courtesy visit to the Permanent Delegate of Spain to UNESCO His Excellency, Andres Perello Rodrigue on issues pertaining to reviving the vibrant partnership that led to implementation of various programmes and activities of the Fund.



AWHF with H. E. Mr. Santiago Ngua Mfumu (Equatorial Guinea)



AWHF with H. E. Mr. Andres Rodriguez (Spain)

PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

4.10 AWHF VISITS THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IN OSLO - NORWAY



Group photo: AWHF with Norwegian Ministry of Environment and Climate & Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo, Norway ©AWHF

AWHF visited the Norwegian Ministry of Environment and Climate in Oslo, Norway and facilitated engagements with representatives from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Heritage Committee members. Furthermore, the team conducted fruitful discussion about perspectives of African Heritage.

4.11 AWHF PARTICIPATES IN THE UNESCO, AFRICA, CHINA FORUM IN PARIS



UNESCO, Africa, China Forum in progress

AWHF was honoured to be part of the UNESCO Africa-China Forum on World Heritage Capacity Building and Cooperation held from 3rd to 4th June in Paris. High-level dignitaries attended the two-day Forum to highlight the importance of protecting Cultural heritage and properties in Africa and for Africa to strengthen bilateral relations with China.

Additionally, Dr. Albino Jopela represented AWHF on the role of Traditional Management System as effective tools for Conservation of World Heritage during the Day 2 Technical Session.



AWHF presentation done by Dr. Albino Jopela

5. COMMUNICATION

5.1 ONLINE ACTIVATION



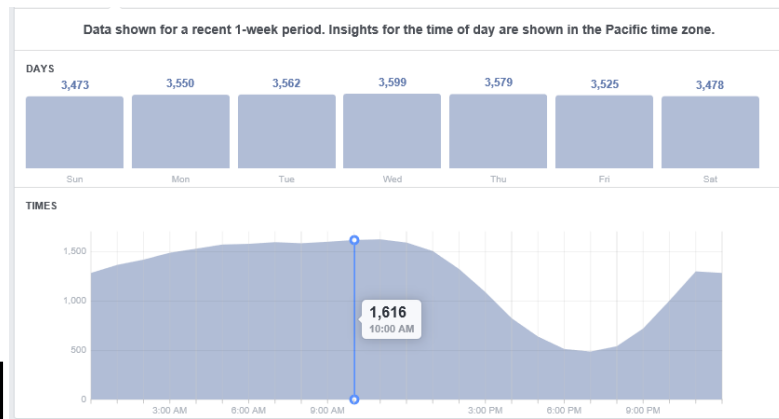
Instagram Interaction

WEBSITE

The revamped AWHF (www.awhf.net) website platform became active and fully functional with regular updates reflecting the current state and activities of the Fund. It is user friendly and reflective of comprehensive information on the work of the Fund. As the main touch point of the organisation, it meets the requirements of a healthy, appealing and interactive communication tool.

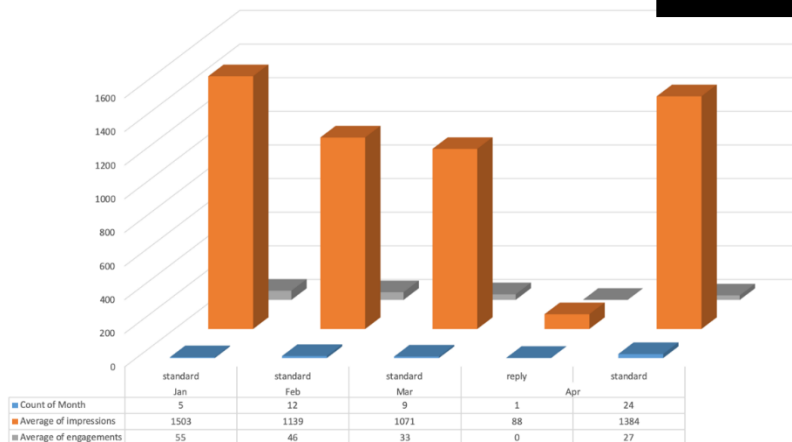
Additionally, the website is linked to all external Social media platforms (**Facebook, Twitter, Instagram**), making it the central point of access. The evaluation, monitoring and updating of the platform is an ongoing process.

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram maintained growth over this period with more interaction and engagements noticed from the audience.



Facebook Insights

Twitter 2019



Indication of Twitter Performance

6. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

N°	EVENT	PARTNER	DATE/VENUE
1.	Side Event at the 43 rd Session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting.	UNESCO World Heritage Centre	30 June – 10 July, Baku, (Azerbaijan)
2.	16th Biennial Colloquium, West African Archeological Association	University of Ghana	9 th – 13 th July 2019, Ghana
3.	25 th Board Meeting of the AWHF (South Africa)	AWHF	22 nd – 27 th July 2019, South Africa
4.	Visit to AU Summit by Chairperson	African Union	16 th to 19 th July 2019, Ethiopia
5.	World Heritage and Sustainable Development Expert Meeting	Robben Island Museum	19 th – 23 rd August, Robben Island, South Africa
5.	Launch of 3 rd Cycle of Periodic Reporting Exercise	Government of Cote d'Ivoire	11 th – 13 th September 2019, Cote d'Ivoire
7.	Anglophone Nomination workshop	Government of Botswana	16 th – 4 th October 2019, Botswana
8.	Expert Meeting on Sites of Memory and World heritage Convention	South African Government	6 th – 8 th October, South Africa