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Cliff of Bandiagara (Land of the Dogons) - Mali ©AWHF

COVID-19 IMPACT ON WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN AFRICA

HERE'S WHAT SOME SITE MANAGERS HAD TO SAY ...



Ms. Mercy Mbogelah, Site Manager for Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani & Songo Mnara World Heritage Site – Tanzania @MercyMbogelah

Ms. Mercy Mbogelah shared that: The COVID-19 pandemic has had negative impact on African sites, as well as communities around the sites. Digital platforms have assisted the Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara in Tanzania to continue exchanging knowledge and sharing how best to conserve natural and cultural resources during this difficult period.



Ms. Mercy Mbogelah, doing field work on Site @MercyMbogelah



Mr. Fatai Ife, Site Manager for Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove World Heritage Site – Nigeria @Fatailfe

Mr. Fatai Ife, Site Manager for Osun-Osogbo Sacred Grove in Nigeria expressed that: The COVID-19 pandemic caused the closure of the site and several businesses, thus affecting regular income from lack of visitations. Staff members were also impacted as a result of reduced source of income.

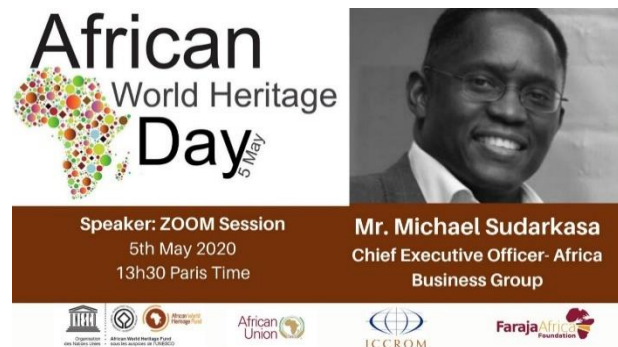
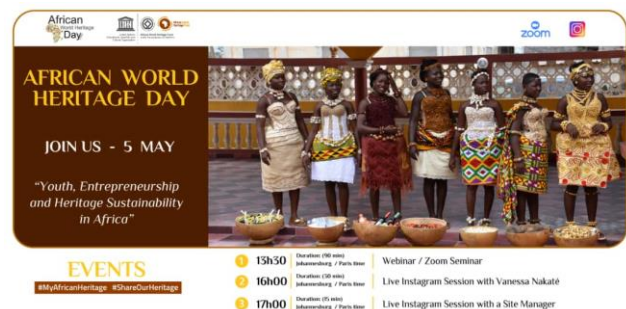
Mr. Ife continued that every site requires cameras, audio and visual equipment to showcase its beauty, therefore investing in site management is important. He added that, sites must be safeguarded and promoted even during the COVID-19 period for future generations.

1. AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE DAY (AWHD) – 5TH MAY

1.1 PROFILE & PROMOTION – 5TH MAY CELEBRATION

A **Social Media Campaign** under the hashtags **#MyAfricanHeritage** and **#ShareOurHeritage** was developed to highlight the auspicious event. AWHD is a flagship event in the AWHF calendar which strives to create awareness on the importance of Africa's rich heritage. The campaign was carried across various platforms: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The **Profiling** of the event was activated through the Social Media campaign from 21st April till post 5th May starting with a "Save the date" notice. Other profiling initiatives included speaker profiles, regular event update notices and the launch of a **Video campaign** featuring identified Site Managers from the five Africa Regions highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on World Heritage Sites.



CNBC Channel Africa conducted a radio interview with Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize, AWHF Chairperson via Skype. The interview held on 1st May, assisted to further profile the event throughout the African continent. Expectations of the Zoom Webinar were highlighted.

1.2 ZOOM WEBINAR – 5TH MAY CELEBRATION

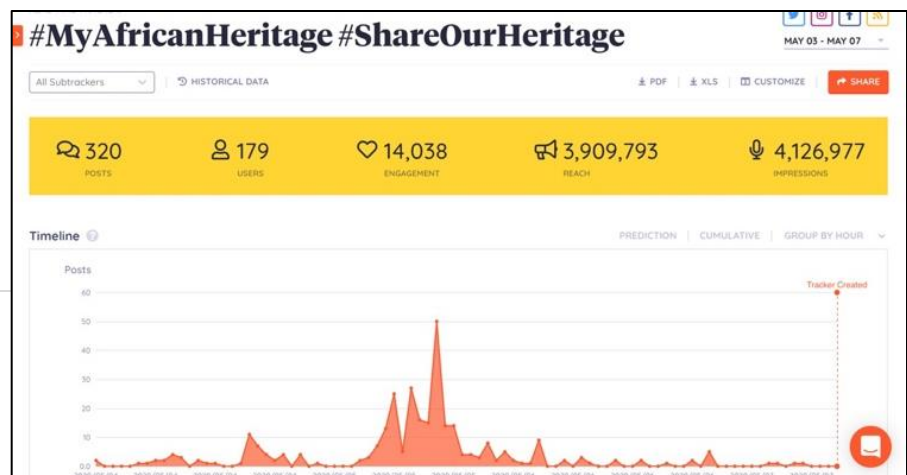


Webinar Session in progress – Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize, Chairperson of AWHF giving the opening address @AWHF

AWHF held a successful Zoom Webinar Session on 5th May in celebration of African World Heritage Day, themed, “**Youth, Entrepreneurship and Heritage Sustainability in Africa**”. More than 200 people joined the live session and participated in the discussions. The speakers list comprised of **Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize**, Chairperson of AWHF, **Mrs. Angela Martins**, Head of Culture Division, African Union Commission (AUC), **Dr. Mechtild Rössler**, Director of UNESCO World Heritage Centre, **Mrs. Maria Teresa Jaquinta**, Senior Project Manager, Member States and Partnership – ICCROM, **Mr. Michael Sudarkasa**, Chief Executive Officer of Africa Business Group, **Ms Njeri Mbure**, AWHF Youth Forum Alumni as well as Site Managers, **Ms. Mercy Mbogelah** for Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Songo Mnara in Tanzania and **Mr. Pierre Kafando** for Salonga National Park in the DRC. The digital platform AWHF embarked on, marked the beginning of a quest to encourage innovative ideas for sustainable development.

Social Media Stats

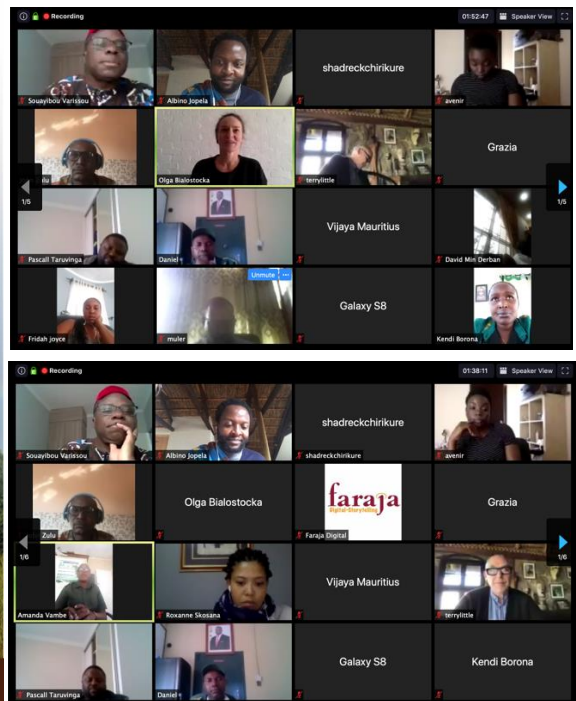
The Social media campaign across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram generated over **14 000** engagements, reaching over **3.9 million** people.



2. AFRICA DAY CELEBRATION

2.1 ZOOM WEBINAR – 25TH MAY

The poster features logos for the African Union, Faraja Africa Foundation, and UNESCO. It includes a map of Africa with the text 'Africa Day'. The main title is '“Cultural Perspectives for Peace Building in the context of COVID-19 in Africa”'. Below the title, it lists topics: 'Endogenous mechanisms for culture of peace in Africa | Cultivating cultures of peace in Africa', 'An archaeological perspective of pandemic outbreak in Africa | Engagement Session | Launch of MyAfricanHeritage Campaign'. It features six circular portraits of panelists with their names and titles: Mr. Komi N'kegbe Foga Tublu, Dr. Kendi Borona, Dr. Olga Bialostocka, Prof. Shadreck Chirikure, Mr. John Zulu, and Ms. Amanda Vambe. The event date is 'Monday 25th May 2020' from 14:00 to 15:30 Johannesburg Time (GMT + 2). A URL for more details is provided: <https://awhf.net/africa-day-25-may-2020/>.



Panelists and participants during the webinar on “Cultural Perspectives for Peace Building in the context of COVID-19 in Africa” ©AWHF

Within the framework of celebrating the Africa Month and in line with the African Union’s theme for the year 2020 “Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa’s Development”, on Africa Day (25th of May), AWHF hosted a Webinar on “**Cultural Perspectives for Peace Building in the Context of Covid-19 in Africa**”. Centered around contribution of culture and heritage for peace building and sustainable development of Africa, the Webinar was facilitated by **Dr Albino Jopela**, Head of Programmes at AWHF. The speakers included, **Mr Komi N’kegbe Foga Tublu**, Coordinator of the Centre for Linguistic, Historical and Oral Traditions Studies (CELHTO)-African Union (Niger), **Dr Kendi Borona**, Conservation and Heritage Practitioner from Kenya, **Dr Olga Bialostocka**, Senior Research Specialist at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in South Africa and **Prof. Shadreck Chirikure** from the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

AWHF Social Media Campaign Launch

The occasion was used to launch a Social media campaign **#MyAfricanHeritage** aimed at profiling one African World Heritage Site every two weeks on AWHF’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram platforms. Mosi-oa-Tunya/Victoria Falls launched the Social media campaign and was profiled by its Site Managers, **Mr John Zulu** from Zambia and **Ms Amanda Vambe** from Zimbabwe. They highlighted the importance of this property in promoting transboundary cooperation and peace, one of the key objectives of the World Heritage Convention.

3. CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 3RD CYCLE OF PERIODIC REPORTING EXERCISE FOR THE AFRICA REGION

A Francophone Workshop for African World Heritage Site Managers scheduled to take place in Meyomessala, Cameroon from 23 to 28 March 2020, was cancelled due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the cancellation of the meeting, the AWHF Coordination Team of the 3rd Periodic Reporting exercise, in partnership with the World Heritage Centre of UNESCO, continued to provide technical support to States Parties for completion of both Sections I (State Parties) and Section II (World Heritage Sites) of the Questionnaire. AWHF would like to congratulate State Parties to the World Heritage Convention, especially National Focal Points and Site Managers, for their dedication and for ensuring significant progress in the completion of Section I (96,6% as of June 2020) and Section II (99,7% as of June 2020) of the Questionnaire of the 3rd Periodic Reporting exercise for the African Region.



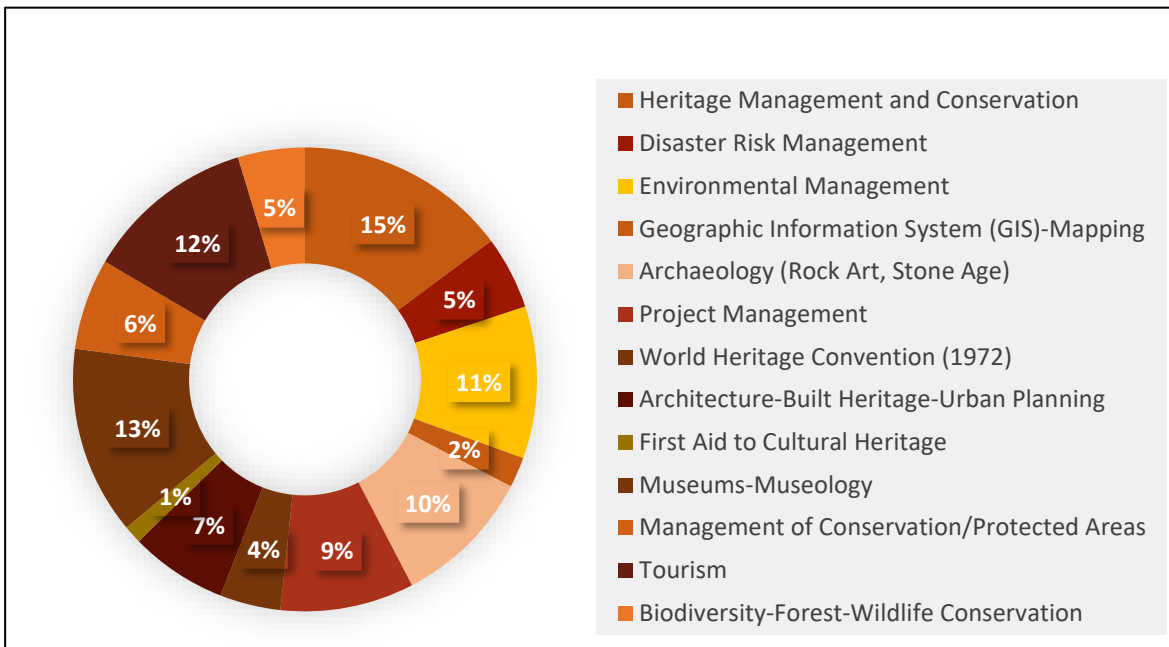
3.2 CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION GRANTS

True to its mission of assisting African States Parties to address the challenges they face in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, AWHF set up an annual Conservation Grants' system. On the 5th of May 2020 the AWHF launched calls for proposals for both Conservation and Moses Mapesa Research Grants. The Conservation Grants are awarded to institutions to help implement projects and activities which focus on improving the sustainability and state of conservation of World Heritage properties. The AWHF welcomes applications until **31 July 2020**. For more information visit AWHF's website: <https://awhf.net/awhf-call-for-grant-applications-2020/>

Moses Mapesa Educational Research Grants

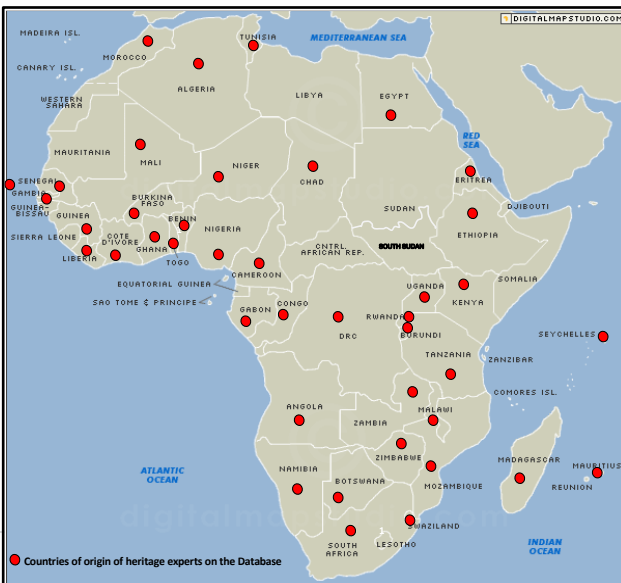
- Aims to encourage young heritage professionals undertaking Masters and Doctoral research in the field of natural and cultural heritage in Africa.
- Seeks to further research (mainly supporting fieldwork) on issues of conservation, management, and sustainability of World Heritage properties and sites on Tentative Lists in Africa.

3.3 DATABASE OF AFRICAN PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

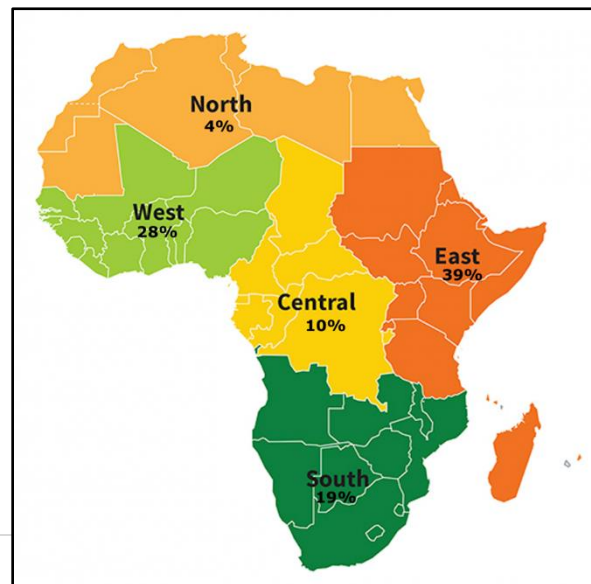


Existing distribution of areas of expertise covered by the AWHF Database ©AWHF

AWHF is proud to announce the completion of phase one of the development of a Database of African Professionals in the Field of Cultural and Natural Heritage. In its incipient stage, the Database comprises 141 professionals from forty (40) countries across the continent. This outcome follows a decision of the AWHF Board of Trustees in its 24th meeting held at the African Union Commission (AUC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the 5th December 2018. A major step forward consists to expand the existing Database and make it available to the general public through the AWHF website. We kindly invite professionals interested to be registered in the AWHF's Database to contact the Secretariat through: info@awhf.net.



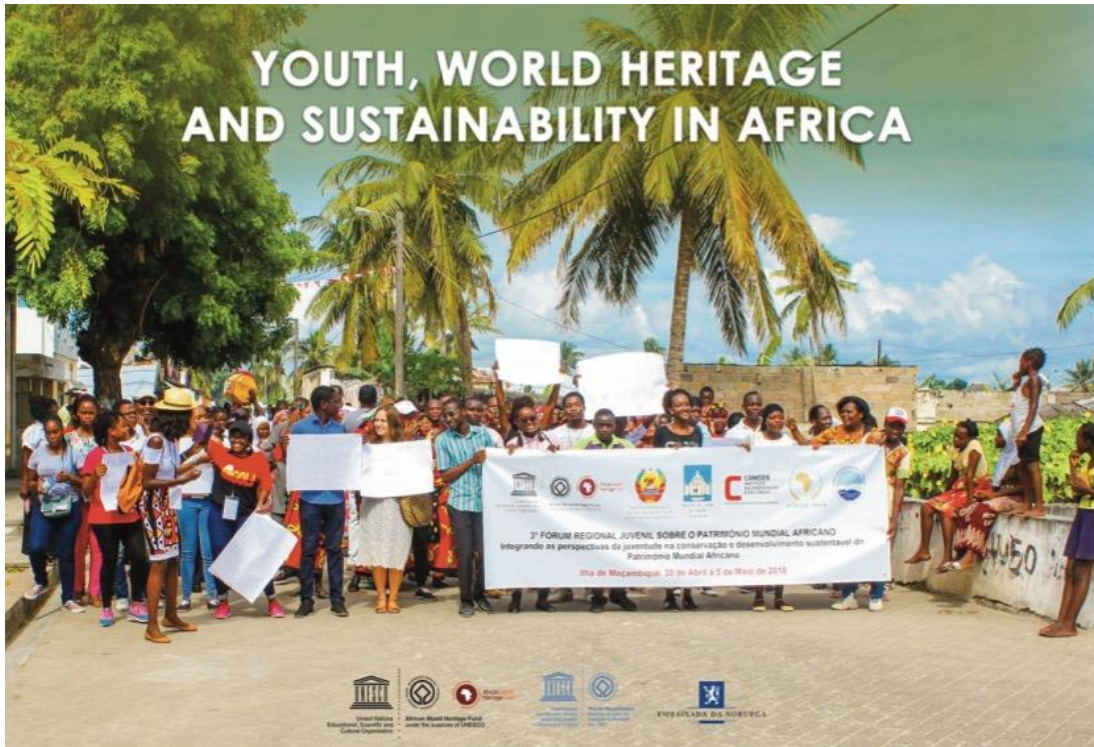
Map illustrating the countries of origin of heritage experts on the AWHF Database ©AWHF



Regional distribution of African experts on the AWHF Database ©AWHF

4. SUSTAINABILITY

4.1 PUBLICATION OF BOOKLET ON “YOUTH, WORLD HERITAGE AND SUSTAINABILITY IN AFRICA”



Cover page of the booklet on “Youth, World Heritage and Sustainability in Africa” ©AWHF

AWHF in partnership with UNESCO-Maputo Office produced a booklet on “Youth, World Heritage and Sustainability in Africa”, thanks to the financial support of the Embassy of Norway in Mozambique. Published in English, French and Portuguese, the booklet presents the summary and highlights of the four editions of the African World Heritage Youth Forum since 2016.

Since the first edition in 2016, the AWHF Regional Youth Forum on World Heritage has become one of the flagship projects in the annual work plan of the African World Heritage Fund. Over 138 young people from 46 African countries were trained and mobilised for the promotion and preservation of World Heritage in Africa. The close cooperation between AWHF, UNESCO (World Heritage Centre, Regional and Country Offices), host countries (South Africa, Burkina Faso, Mozambique and Ethiopia) and the Embassy of Portugal in Mozambique has ensured the successful implementation of the past four (4) editions of the African World Heritage Youth Forums.

1. **Anglophone Youth Forum in 2016** (Robben Island, South Africa)
2. **Francophone Youth Forum in 2017** (Gaoua and Loropeni Ruins, Burkina Faso)
3. **Lusophone Youth Forum in 2018** (Island of Mozambique, Mozambique)
4. **Anglophone Youth Forum in 2019** (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).

5. PARTNERSHIPS

5.1 AWHF SIGNS A 5-YEARS TRAINEE PROGRAMME AGREEMENT WITH THE FLANDERS GOVERNMENT

The AWHF and the Flanders Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs concluded the renewal of a five (5) Years Memorandum of Agreement for internships at AWHF by diploma holders from the Flanders. The Programme is financed, subsidised and recognised by the Flemish Government, for candidates to undertake traineeships offered by the Fund. The renewed Agreement will be with effect from **1st September 2020**.



5.2 AWHF RENEWS A 3-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

AWHF is proud to announce the signature of another three (3) Years Funding Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Namibia through the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture. This Agreement once again re-affirms Namibia's commitment to continue to pledge continued support to the operations of the Fund since 2014. We are delighted for this consistent partnership and extend our sincere gratitude to the Government of Namibia for playing a critical role in the preservation of heritage in Namibia and on the African continent at large.



5.3 VALUE-BASED CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ASSEMENT: PILOTING THE CLIMATE VULNERABILITY INDEX FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE IN AFRICA

The AWHF has joined forces with ICOMOS and other heritage organisation members of the Climate Heritage Network (CHN) in developing a project centered on piloting in Africa a new prototype heritage management methodology known as the Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI). The project aims to support African countries to respond effectively to the challenges for cultural heritage resulting from climate change. The AWHF serves as one of the Co-Chairs of CHN, a voluntary, mutual support network of arts, culture and heritage organisations committed to aiding their communities in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement (2015). For additional information visit <http://climateheritage.org>



5.4 COORDINATION MEETING WITH THE ARAB REGIONAL CENTRE FOR WORLD HERITAGE (ARC-WH)



Within the framework of the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the AWHF and the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH), a coordination meeting took place on **30th June 2020**. The meeting was aimed at discussing the calendar of activities of each of these Category 2 Centres under the auspicious of UNESCO and strengthening coordination mechanism to support the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in the African and Arab Regions. The AWHF and ARC-WH agreed to reinforce their collaboration in the planning and implementation of joint capacity-building projects. Both institutions will undertake quarterly coordination meetings.

6. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

AWHF CALENDAR OF EVENTS (JULY – DECEMBER 2020)

Nº	EVENT	PARTNER	DATE/VENUE
1.	Thematic Study and Gap Analysis of Proposed African Properties for the World Heritage List	EPA, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN, ICOMOS, African Universities	July 2020
2.	27 th Board of Trustees Meeting of AWHF	Government of South Africa	23 July 2020 (Online)
3.	World Heritage Nomination Workshop for Advanced Dossiers	ICCROM, WHC-UNESCO, EPA, IUCN, ICOMOS	3 – 14 August 2020 (Online)
5.	AWHF Grants Evaluation Panel Meeting	IUCN, EPA, African Experts	6 September 2020 (Online)
7.	World Heritage Nomination Training Course	Government of Benin, ICCROM, EPA, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN	5 – 23 October 2020, Porto-Novo, Bénin
8.	3rd Periodic Reporting in Africa - Analysis and Synthesis Workshop	WHC-UNESCO, Coordination Team of PR	29 – 31 October 2020 (Online)
9.	5th Regional World Heritage Youth Forum	ICCROM, ABG, UCT, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN	2 – 20 November 2020 (Online)
10.	Regional Field Workshop on Entrepreneurship around World Heritage Sites in Africa	Government of Malawi, ABG, WHC-UNESCO	16 – 27 November 2020, Dedza District, Malawi
11.	Publication of e-book on “World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Africa: Implementing the 2015 Policy”	RIM, University of Kent, IUCN, ICOMOS	November 2020
12.	Study on Curricula Development: World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Africa	African Universities, WHC-UNESCO, AUC	November – December 2020
13	5 th Meeting of African Experts on the World Heritage Committee	Government of Uganda, African WH Committee Members	Kampala, Uganda, TBC
14.	Events at the 44th Session of the World Heritage Committee	Government of China, WHC, ICCROM	Fuzhou, China, TBC
15.	Expert Meeting on the Implementation of World Heritage Convention in Central Africa + Stakeholders Event	Government of DRC, ICCN, WHC-UNESCO, AUC	30 November – 2 December 2020, Kinshasa, DRC
16.	28 th Board of Trustees Meeting of AWHF	Government of DRC, ICCN	3 -5 December, Kinshasa, DRC