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## **AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE FUND (AWHF) STAKEHOLDERS RECEPTION 2019**

### **AWHF HOSTS A STAKEHOLDERS EVENT AT THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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 5<sup>th</sup> May celebration declared African World Heritage Day by UNESCO in 2015. Additionally, it was also to share relevant statistics pertaining to issues affecting the conservation and preservation of natural and cultural heritage in Africa.



**AWHF Board Member, Mrs. Relebohile Malahleha @AWHF**



**AWHF with H. E Mr. Andrzej Kanthak, Ambassador of Poland to South Africa @AWHF**



**AWHF with Advisor to DBSA CE, Mr. Mohammed Bhabha and Ms. Cristina Argüelles from Embassy of Spain @AWHF**



**AWHF with Head of Mission, Embassy of France @AWHF**

On behalf of the Chairperson of the Board, Mrs. Relebohile Malahleha, expressed her passion for heritage and the commitment of the Board members towards the work of the Fund. She remembered the 15<sup>th</sup> April disaster at Notre Dame Cathedral in France and having showed the fragility of heritage and the spontaneous generosity to the rescue. She further elaborated on the delicate position of the African continent as underrepresented (12%) on the World Heritage List and over represented (40%) on the List in Danger. She thanked all the partners and called for more support to AWHF through technical and financial means.



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## KENYA REAFFIRM THEIR PLEDGE OF US\$ 1.5 MILLION

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**

## OUTCOME OF THE STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT SESSION

The Stakeholders engagement session was based on how to improve partnership and awareness within heritage. Some of the questions and discussion raised included:

- How are African countries ready to come together to address challenges related to site protection/restoration?
- Challenges about insecurity at heritage sites is becoming alarming. More creativity is required around this issue and with African World Heritage Day – 5<sup>th</sup> May celebrations.
- AWHF needs to work towards more agreements to protect African heritage.
- Explore the Tourism Sector more for partnerships and programmes.
- Engage with private sector and rich individuals about fundraising.



**His Excellency, Mr. E. F. M. A. Saizonou, Ambassador of Benin to South Africa ©AWHF**



**Participation during the Engagement Session ©AWHF**



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**Ms. Marie Gabrielle & Mr. Serge Armand Oula, Embassy of Cote d'Ivoire and Mr. Toufik Koudri, Embassy of Algeria ©AWHF**



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**Representatives from Embassy of Burkina Faso and Embassy of Mexico to South Africa ©AWHF**



**AWHF with Mr. Pascall Taruvunga from Robben Island Museum & Mr. Raditshaba Mahasha from Department of Arts and Culture, South Africa ©AWHF**



**AWHF Team at the first AWHF Stakeholders Reception 2019 ©AWHF**



**AWHF with Mr. Andre Vorster from Europlaw ©AWHF**



**AWHF with Ms. Chisiza Matebe, Foreign Policy Advisor from Embassy of Switzerland ©AWHF**



**AWHF with Mrs. Maya Walet Mohammed, Consultant from Mali ©AWHF**



**AWHF with Ms. Thembisile Khoza, Programme Manager: Stakeholder Strategic Partnerships from DBSA ©AWHF**