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1. HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 28TH AWHF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – KINSHASA, DRC



Members of the AWHF Board of Trustees representing five (5) Africa regions (East, West, North, South, Central) led by Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize, Chairperson of AWHF ©AWHF

The 28th AWHF Board of Trustees meeting was held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on **3rd December 2020**. The meeting was hosted by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo through the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN). In attendance were Board Members representing the five Africa Union regions, representatives of the host country (South Africa), UNESCO, Observers and invited guests.

The meeting was designed as a face to face gathering which observed all the protocols and regulations of the COVID-19 pandemic. Three events were planned from **30th November – 4th December**, namely **1)** A Technical Workshop on the Implementation of World Heritage Convention in DRC, **2)** A Stakeholders' Event, and, **3)** The two-day Board meeting. The African Union Commission (AUC) was represented by **Her Excellency Mrs. Amira Mohammed Elfadil**, Commissioner for Social Affairs. The Commissioner expressed her gratitude to the Government and People of the DRC for the hospitality accorded to the AWHF Board as a good gesture by the DRC government in preparation for **the African Union (AU) Year (2021) for Arts, Culture and Heritage: Levers to building the Africa We Want"**.



28th AWHF Board of Trustees led by Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize with Honourable Mr. Claude Nyamugabo, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development -DRC ©AWHF

The meeting was opened by Honourable **Mr. Claude Nyamugabo**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development (MESD) of DRC, expressed his gratitude to the AWHF Board of Trustees for choosing DRC to host the Board meeting despite the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minister thanked the Fund for its efforts in the protection and promotion of the African heritage which is the greatest asset of the continent. The Minister further emphasized on the need to safeguard the cultural and natural heritage in Africa and mitigate the alarming threats arising from extraction and development activities across the continent. The Minister further stressed that DRC had made enormous efforts to protect its natural heritage.



Board Meeting proceedings in progress ©AWHF

1.2 STAKEHOLDERS EVENT AT 28TH AWHF BOARD MEETING



A formal Stakeholders Event took place on **1 December 2020** which was structured in the form of a gala dinner engaging private sector to strengthen interaction with AWHF. The Cultural fundraising gala dinner targeted among others, corporates and foundations with a footprint on the African continent. The aim of the even was to raise awareness on the importance of promoting World Heritage in DRC, Reinforce the engagement of high-level decision makers to support the protection of heritage as a driver of sustainable development in Africa and reaffirm the engagement of DRC as an African Union Member State to support the AWHF's programmes.

It is of great importance for private sector to get more involved on issues of heritage and maintain a partnership spirit to ensure growth, development and sustainability of this spectrum. Furthermore, an Award ceremony took place where AWHF recognized individuals for outstanding acts of service in conservation through **AWHF Awards of Excellence**. The recipients were, **Hon. Joseph Kabila**, Former President of the DRC which was accepted by his wife, **Mrs. Olive Lembe Kabila**, the Former First lady. The other two recipients were, **Her Excellency Mrs. Amira Mohammed Elfadil**, Commissioner for Social Affairs, AUC as well as Mrs. Angela Martins, Head of Culture Division, AUC.



Far Right: Mrs. Olive Lembe Kabila, Former First Lady ©AWHF

Center: Her Excellency Mrs. Amira Mohammed Elfadil, Commissioner for Social affairs – AUC ©AWHF

Far Left: Mrs. Angela Martins, Head of Culture Division – AUC ©AWHF

1.3 TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION IN DRC



Participants and representatives attending the Technical Workshop on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention in DRC ©AWHF

A Technical Workshop on the Implementation of World Heritage Convention in DRC was held on **30th November & 1st December**. Official authorities who attended the Opening Ceremony included, **Mr. Cosma Wilungula**, General Director of ICCN, **Mr. Souayibou Varissou**, Executive Director of AWHF, representative from UNESCO Office in DRC, General Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, DRC, General Secretary of Ministry of Tourism, DRC, General Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development, DRC as well as Experts and representatives of public Institutions and Services (National Site Managers , National Museum ,Tourism, University representatives). The objective of the workshop was to discuss the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in DRC most specifically to, **1.** Introduce the Convention and its Operational Guidelines; **2.** Assess World Heritage implementation in DRC in conjunction with *Agenda 2063: “The Africa We Want”* and **3.** Identify key actions forward to improve the current status.

MEDIA

The event generated intense media coverage during all the events, contributing favourably towards promoting awareness on the need to protect and conserve heritage in DRC and the African continent at large.

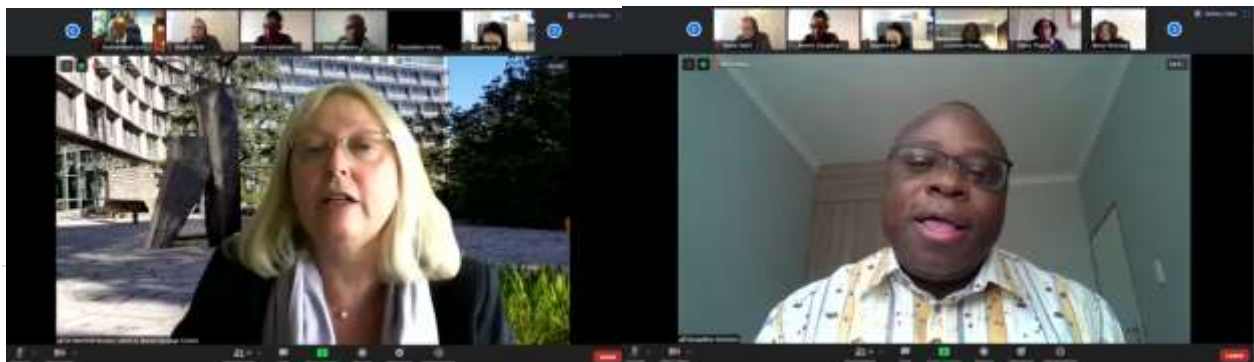


2. CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

2.1 DATA ANALYSIS WORKSHOP OF THIRD PERIODIC REPORTING FOR THE AFRICA REGION



Following the successful completion and submission of Sections I and II of the Questionnaires of the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for the Africa region by African States Parties in July 2020, the World Heritage Centre, in close collaboration with the African World Heritage Fund, organized a regional online Data Analysis Workshop. The meeting took place from the 28th – 30th October 2020 and was officially opened by the Director of the World Heritage Centre, Dr Mechtild Rössler and the Executive Director of the African World Heritage Fund, Mr Souayibou Varissou. The workshop brought together 38 heritage professionals from the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, ICCROM and IUCN), AWHF technical coordination team and experts from key institutions in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Africa. The workshop discussed the methodology for data analysis and the framework for developing the Action Plan for World Heritage in Africa between 2022-2027.



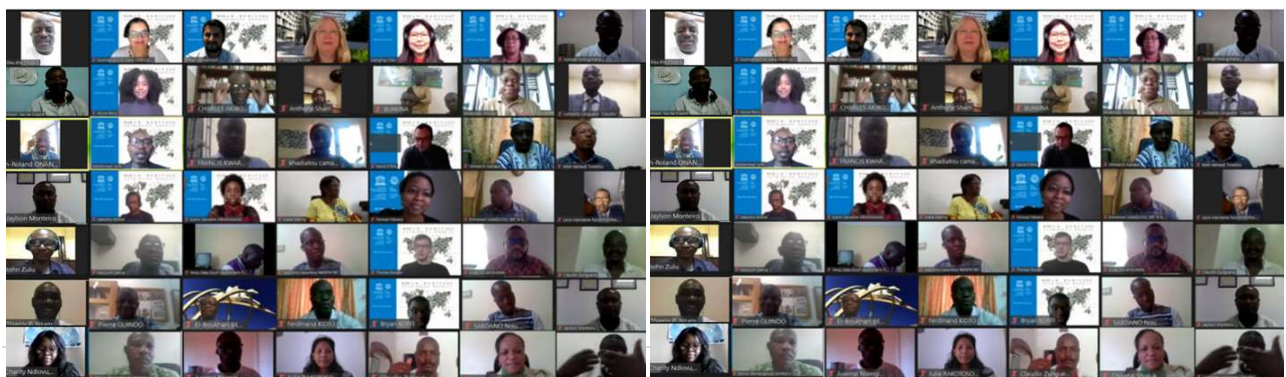
(Left) Dr Mechtild Rössler, Director of UNESCO World Heritage Centre, (Right) Mr. Souayibou Varissou, Executive Director of the African World Heritage Fund @AWHF

2.2 SUB-REGIONAL ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR SITE MANAGERS IN THE AFRICA REGION



Participants attending one of the online Workshop for Site Managers in Africa ©UNESCO WHC

The World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with UNESCO Field Offices in the African region (Abuja, Dakar, Harare, Nairobi, and Yaoundé) and the African World Heritage Fund, has organized a series of four sub-regional online workshops for site managers in the Africa region, between 27 November and 4 December 2020. The workshops gathered site managers of World Heritage properties from each of the African sub-regions (Western, Central, Southern and Eastern) to reflect on the preliminary outcomes of the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting in Africa. The workshops constituted an important platform for 96 site managers to directly contribute in the drafting of the Action Plan for the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting (2022-2027). This is a strategic tool for strengthening the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and promote sustainable development in Africa in line with the African Union Agenda 2063.



3. CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 CONNECTING PRACTISE PHASE III: VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON EMERGING KEYWORDS



Participants discussing the emerging keywords of the Connecting Practice Phase III project during the virtual workshop @AWHF

The African World Heritage Fund attended the virtual workshop Connecting Practice Phase III: Commentary on Emerging Keywords Session. Connecting Practice is a joint exploration by IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) and ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), which aims to learn about and develop new approaches to the recognition of the interconnected character of the natural and cultural values within heritage designation and management frameworks. Having included African World Heritage sites (Konso Cultural Landscape in Ethiopia, Maloti Drakensberg in Lesotho and South Africa, and Saloum Delta in Senegal) as case studies, this third phase (2017-2020) of the project focuses specifically on evolved cultural landscapes and explores how to best support and sustain traditional management practices and change management within the processes of the World Heritage framework. The project, which has been supported by the AWHF in the Africa region, is part of Advisory Bodies (IUCN and ICOMOS) efforts to improve outcomes for conservation and recognition of cultural diversity through the implementation of new working methods, including through the specific advisory processes that support listing and monitoring through the World Heritage Convention.

3.2 AWHF GRANTS EVALUATION PANEL MEETING



Experts attending AWHF Grants Evaluation Panel Meeting ©AWHF

Each year the African World Heritage Fund provides Conservation Grants to African State Parties to implement projects and activities which focus on improving the sustainability and state of conservation of World Heritage properties. The Fund also awards the Moses Mapesa Education and Research Grant to support young African Doctoral and Masters students in the field of natural and cultural heritage. Between 5 May and 31 July 2020, the AWHF received 27 applications for Conservation Grants from 18 African countries (Angola, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Gambia, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe) and 37 applications for Moses Mapesa Educational Research Grants from 16 African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe).

Following a rigorous evaluation of all the applications by three independent consultants, the AWHF Grant Evaluation Panel, comprised of nine heritage experts, gathered on 6 October 2020 to study the applications, analyse the evaluation reports and advise the AWHF Secretariat. The AWHF Grant Evaluation Panel's recommendations were submitted to the AWHF Board of Trustees for deliberation during its 28th Meeting held on the 3 December 2020 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

3.3 ONLINE TECHNICAL MEETING FOR LIBYAN PROPERTIES ON THE WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER



Within the framework of coordination between the African World Heritage Fund and Africa and the Arab States Units of the World Heritage Centre, the Fund participated in the Technical Meeting for Libyan Properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger on 25 November 2020. The Director of the World Heritage Centre and Member of the Board of Trustees of the African World Heritage Fund, Dr Mechtild Rössler, opened the meeting. The online meeting brought together representatives of Libyan authorities, site managers of the five World Heritage properties in Libya, ICOMOS, ICCROM, the UNESCO Office for the Maghreb, the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage, and experts of the project Managing Libya's Cultural Heritage. The meeting aimed at moving forward with the elaboration of the Desired State of Conservation for the Removal for several Libyan properties from the List of World Heritage in Danger, in line with the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention. This was the first online workshop and aimed at clarifying the process to representatives of the State Party of Libya and addressing the DSOCR proposal for the Old Town of Ghadames. As a follow-up, remote support will be provided, and a second online meeting will be organized to review and finalize the Desired State of Conservation for the Removal of the Old Town of Ghadames to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee.



4. SUSTAINABILITY

4.1 RETHINKING HERITAGE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK, LOCAL IMPACTS



The African World Heritage Fund has partnered with the University of Kent to address World Heritage and Sustainable Development issues in Africa. One of the initiatives supported by the AWHF is the project "Rethinking Heritage for Development: International Framework, Local Impacts," led by Professor Sophia Labadi, which included case studies in the World Heritage sites of the Island of Mozambique in Mozambique and Saloum Delta in Senegal. This project aims to understand why heritage was marginalised from the Sustainable Development Goals (2015-2030), drawing lessons from past mistakes and presenting recommendations for the greater inclusion of heritage into development frameworks. On 4 of November 2020 Professor Labadi presented the preliminary results focusing on some of the key issues and contradictions preventing intangible and tangible heritage from contributing fully to sustainable development. The presentation also discussed the danger of Sustainable Development Goal 11.4 and its focus on the protection and safeguarding of heritage, which contributes to the continued opposition between heritage and development. A series of meetings targeting international organisations, national governments, civil society and NGOs in Africa will widely disseminate and discuss these conclusions and recommendations in April 2021.

4.3 OUR WORLD HERITAGE INITIATIVES: PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY OF WORLD HERITAGE



The African World Heritage Fund has proudly joined forces with concerned citizens and organizations from across the globe through **OurWorldHeritage**. This is an open, strategic initiative that raises general awareness about the opportunities and threats that natural and cultural World Heritage sites encounter in the 21st century, precipitated by, among others, increasing development pressures, industrial and mining operations, climate change, unsustainable tourism and conflicts. The systematic involvement of civil society is elementary in finding sustainable solutions. **OurWorldHeritage** was launched on the 48th birthday of the World Heritage Convention, 16th of November 2020, during an hour-long live global broadcast to highlight the key issues World Heritage is facing today and kick-off a yearlong debate which will address the critical issues of World Heritage conservation and management through a series of **12 monthly Thematic Debates in 2021**. True to its mission to provide support and assistance for the conservation and management of heritage sites in Africa, AWHF coordinates the mobilization of African stakeholders in the initiative through their engagement and contribution in any of the 12 thematic areas. **OurWorldHeritage** firmly advocates that to be sustainable, development processes can and should fully reflect the contribution of heritage conservation. An important tool for this end is to fully incorporate sustainability into the criteria and processes to inscribe and manage World Heritage. **The AWHF is a partner in the theme "Sustainability"**. The Sustainability Thematic Debate Team invites heritage management bodies, NGOs, local community representatives (incl. traditional authorities and Indigenous community groups), universities and experts to submit case studies illustrating the relationship of heritage and sustainable development.

4.5 A CULTURE OF RESILIENCE: MOBILISING ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE TO WIN THE RACE TO ZERO IN AFRICA

**A CULTURE OF RESILIENCE:
MOBILISING ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE TO WIN THE RACE TO ZERO IN EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

Showcasing the role that arts, culture and heritage can play in achieving a climate-resilient, carbon-neutral world.

**18 NOVEMBER 7:00AM – 9:00 AM GMT
(ONLINE EVENT)**

FEATURED SPEAKERS

 HRH Princess Dana Firas, Petra National Trust President and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural Heritage	 Nigel Topping, UK High-Level Climate Action Champion		
 Dr Albino Jopela, African World Heritage Fund	 Dr Ewan Hyslop, Historic Environment Scotland		
 Roseanne Watt, Poet, Filmmaker and Musician	 Mercy Mdogriah, Ruins of Kilwa Kiswani and Ruins of Songo Mnara World Heritage Sites, Tanzania	 Claire McGuire, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions	 Zoyd Minty, Cultural Management Researcher, South Africa
 Élodie Hébert, Centre de ressources pour la réhabilitation responsable du bâtiment ancien (CREBA)	 Ayela Wangusa, Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA)	 Amílcar Vargas, Responsible of World Heritage, Cerro Batón, "Winds of Antón Gaudí" World Heritage Site, Spain	

Speakers at the session on A Culture of Resilience: Mobilising Arts, Culture and Heritage to Win the Race to Zero in Europe, Africa and the Middle East ©AWHF

The African World Heritage Fund participated in the Culture x Climate 2020, a virtual global forum for arts, culture and heritage-based climate action presented from mid-October to the end of November 2020. The AWHF was represented by Dr Albino Jopela, who co-chaired with Dr Ewan Hyslop (co-chair of Climate Heritage Network) a session on "A Culture of Resilience: Mobilising Arts, Culture and Heritage to Win the Race to Zero in Europe, Africa and the Middle East" on **18 November 2020**. The meeting began with a praise and ululation performance delivered by Dr Fikile Vilakazi, a South African healer and scholar, followed by keynotes by HRH Princess Dana Firas, Petra National Trust President and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural Heritage and Mr Nigel Topping, High-Level Champion for Climate Action at COP26.

This dialogue showcased the role that arts, culture and heritage can play in achieving a climate-resilient world and highlighted culture-based strategies between cultural actors and stakeholders across sectors. The event formed part of the High-Level Climate Champions Race to Zero November Dialogues in advance of the 2021 UN Climate Summit in Glasgow Scotland (COP26). This event was also part of the Climate Heritage Week 2020 (16-22 November), designed to unite all those interested in enhancing the capacity of the arts, culture and heritage sectors to help build a climate-neutral and resilient world in the time of COVID-19.

5. PARTNERSHIPS

5.1 AWHF QUARTERLY FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING

AWHF held its Quarterly Fundraising Committee Meeting on 21 October 2020. It aimed to review the progress of the fundraising strategy and reflect on the milestones for the year. **His Excellency Tebogo Seokolo**, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of South Africa to UNESCO chaired the meeting and ensured brainstorming of strategic intervention for the rest of the year.



5.2 AWHF MEETS WITH MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - DRC

AWHF met with **Hon. Mr. Maitre Claude Nyamugabo Bazibuhe**, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development in DRC on **12th November** in preparation of the 28th AWHF Board of Trustees Meeting which took place from 30th November to 4th December 2020 in Kinshasa. AWHF extended gratitude to the Minister for the support and explored areas of collaboration in World Heritage in DRC.



5.3 AWHF MEETS WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA 2 SOUTH AFRICA

AWHF held a fruitful meeting with **Ms. Balbina Nchama Nvo**, Counsellor in Charge d'Affaires of Equatorial Guinea to South Africa. Discussions touched on possible heritage development programmes and actions of President H. E. **Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo** as AU Co-Champion for Arts, Culture and Heritage.



5.4 ICOMOS AFRICA REGIONAL GROUP MEETING



Participants attending the ICOMOS Africa Regional Group Meeting ©AWHF

Following the discussions at the Annual Meetings of ICOMOS in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 12 to 18 October 2019, the AWHF joined the ICOMOS Africa Regional Group Meeting in October 2020. The meeting gathered 35 African professional members of ICOMOS, representatives of the International Secretariat and other ICOMOS members partners of the Africa Initiative. The meeting was chaired by ICOMOS Vice-President, Mr Alpha Diop, and discussed the (i) finalisation of the Africa Initiative Three-Year Action Plan, (ii) the revitalization and creation of National Committees of ICOMOS in Africa, (iii) participation and contribution from Africa Group members to ICOMOS Scientific Committees and Working Groups, (iv) strategies for mobilizing African skills and resources for protection and promotion of Africa's heritage. Participants agree on the key areas to improve and finalize the Action Plan to be implemented within the framework of the existing Memorandum of Understanding between AWHF and ICOMOS.

Groupe de travail 3: Plan d'actions pour l'ICOMOS Afrique

Activités	Membres	Bénéficiaires attendus	Indicateurs de réussite	Sources de financement	Responsabilités	Calendrier				
						2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<p>Activité 1</p> <p>Encourager la création de Comités Nationaux africains, l'engagement de l'ICOMOS pour la coopération africaine et renforcer l'engagement africain dans la planification de patrimoine mondial.</p>	<p>Membres en place de comités Nationaux africains</p> <p>Renforcement des Comités Nationaux africains</p> <p>Membres en place des Comités Régionaux africains</p>	<p>Augmentation de l'engagement et de la participation de la communauté.</p>	<p>Nombre de comités en activité</p>	<p>Financement des activités</p> <p>Rapports</p> <p>Nombre de comités régionaux en place</p>	<p>Président Afrique</p> <p>Présidents des Comités Nationaux</p> <p>ICOMOS</p> <p>AFPA</p> <p>ICOMOS</p> <p>ICOMOS</p> <p>ICOMOS</p>					
	<p>Membres en place des Comités Régionaux africains</p> <p>Membres en place des Comités Régionaux africains</p>									
	<p>Mettre en place un réseau d'experts africains spécialisés sur la base des listes existantes d'ICOMOS, de l'ICOMOS et de l'AFPA.</p>									
	<p>Renforcer les capacités des experts africains pour participer aux sessions de l'ICOMOS.</p>									



Ms Alice Biada (ICOMOS Cameroon) presenting the Action Plan during the ICOMOS Africa Group Regional Meeting ©AWHF

5.5 STRENGTHENING COORDINATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION IN AFRICA

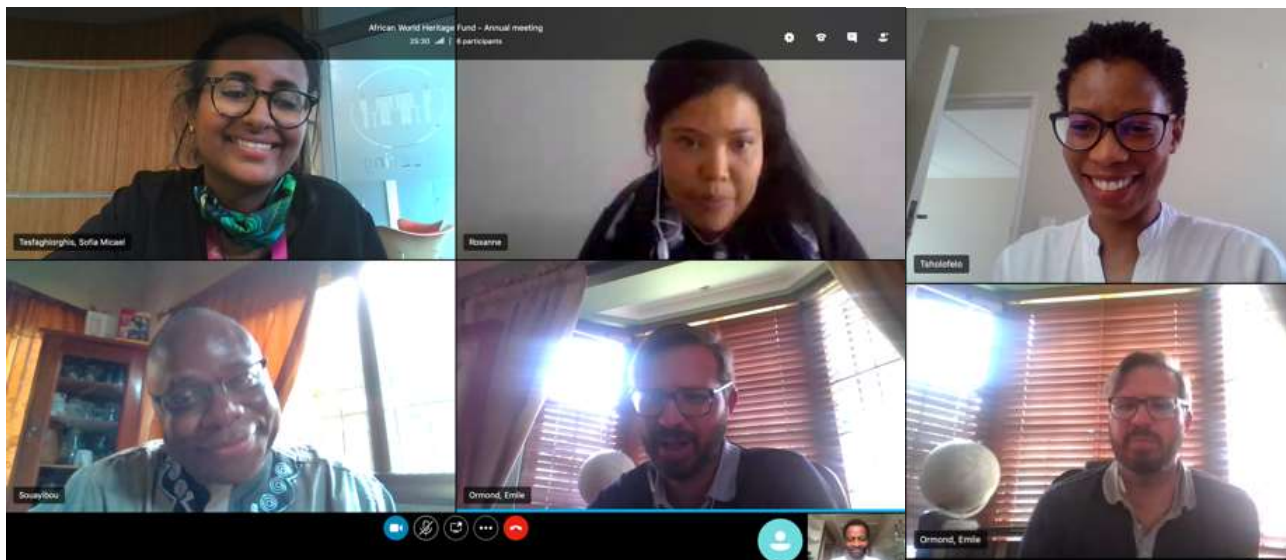


UNESCO (World Heritage and Field Offices) and AWHF officers attending the coordination meetings ©AWHF

True to its mission to offer support to African countries in implementing the World Heritage Convention, the AWHF – category 2 centre under the auspicious of UNESCO - held coordination meetings with UNESCO World Heritage Centre (Africa and Arab Region Units) and the UNESCO Field Offices in Africa. These Quarterly meetings aimed at strengthening partnership and coordinate efforts to leverage resources, expertise and competencies in the promotion and support of the World Heritage Convention in Africa.

The meeting also discusses main joint projects aiming to (i) identify and list African Heritage sites on the World Heritage List, (ii) implement effective conservation and management strategies at World Heritage sites in Africa, (iii) rehabilitate sites inscribed on the World Heritage List in Danger, (iv) build capacity (training of heritage experts and site managers) and (v) involve local communities in decisions concerning their heritage and ensuring that tangible benefits accrue to them. Participants also discussed how specific projects contribute towards achieving the strategic goals of Priority Africa at UNESCO, the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2063 “The Africa we want”. The meeting also discussed the preparation of AWHF and UNESCO joint activities as part of the celebration of 2021 as the Year of Arts, Culture and Heritage in Africa as declared by African Union.

5.6 ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING WITH THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN SOUTH AFRICA



Participants of the Annual Coordination Meeting between the African World Heritage Fund and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Pretoria ©AWHF

The Annual Coordination Meeting between the African World Heritage Fund and the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa, was held online on **11th December 2020**. Chaired by the Executive Director of the AWHF, Mr Souayibou Varissou, the meeting was attended by AWHF Officers (Dr Albino Jopela, Head of Programmes; Ms Roxanne Skosana, Programmes Specialist; and Ms Tsholofelo Legae, Finance Officer) and the Norwegian Embassy representatives: Ms Sofia Micael Tesfaghiorghis, Second Secretary and Mr Emile Ormond, Political and Programme Officer. The meeting focused on reporting the Grant Agreement RAF-18/0026: Improved Implementation of the World Heritage Convention. This 3-year programme is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and it is developed following the needs identified in the Action Plan 2012-2017 for World Heritage in Africa which resulted from the Second Periodic Reporting exercise in Africa. This project uses on-site capacity building and networking activities to reinforce and sustain the framework for World Heritage conservation and management in Africa.

The meeting focused on the report of activities implemented by AWHF between January and December 2020. Despite the disruptions caused by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in the cancellation and rescheduling of individual projects, the implementation of the activities during the reporting period was guided by the Strategic Plan of the AWHF (April 2019-March 2022) and contributed to strengthen the operational framework of World Heritage on the African continent.

6. AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE SITES PROFILED



Thugga/Douga WHS – Tunisia ©AWHF



Okapi Wildlife Reserve WHS – DRC ©Tom Muller



Kahuzi Biega National Park WHS - DRC ©Didier Byaombe



Saramba National Park WHS – DRC ©AWHF



Virunga National Park WHS – DRC ©AWHF



Tai National Park WHS – Ivory Coast ©AWHF



Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani & Songo Mnara WHS – Tanzania ©Mercy Mbogelah



Asante Traditional Buildings – Ghana ©AWHF



Tsodilo Hills WHS – Botswana ©AWHF

6. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

AWHF CALENDAR OF EVENTS (JANUARY – JUNE 2021)

Nº	EVENT	PARTNER	DATE/VENUE
1.	Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) in Africa	DFFE, QUB, ICOMOS, CHN	January – June (Physical)
2.	Final Workshop of 3 rd Periodic Reporting Exercise for Africa Region	GZ, NATCOMZ, WHC, ROSA, ICOMOS, IUCN, EPA, AWHF-CT-PR	7 – 9 February (Virtual)
3.	Conservation Field Project in Sao Tome e Principe	GSTP, WHC, ICOMOS, IUCN, ESG, UNESCO-FO	15 – 26 February (Physical)
4.	Evaluation Workshop – AWHF World Heritage Nomination Programme	EPA, ABs, WHC, RP, former participants	17 – 18 February (Virtual)
5.	5 th African World Heritage Youth Forum	ICCROM, ABG, UCT, Private Sector, WHC-UNESCO, IUCN	22 – 25 February (Virtual)
6.	Upstream Support (Guine-Bissau, Gabon, Sudan)	SP, EPA, ABs, Mentors	28 – February (Virtual)
7.	Professional Immersion Fellowship	African Universities + States Parties	February – March (Physical)
8.	Regional Tentative Listing Workshop (Phase II)	GR, WHC, NATCOMR, EPA, IUCN, ICOMOS	1 – 4 March (Physical)
9.	Strengthening World Heritage Professionals in Africa	GSA (DFFE), RIM, ICCROM, WHC, EPA, IUCN, ICOMOS	15 – 25 March (Physical)
10.	World Heritage Nomination Workshop for Advanced Dossiers	WHC, UNESCO-FO, EPA, IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM	10 – 21 May (Virtual)
11.	Expert Meeting on Sites of Memory and WH Convention in Africa	GSA (DSAC, DEFF), WHC, ICOMOS, African Experts	13 – 15 April (physical)
12.	Workshop on Conceptualizing Modern Heritage of Africa (MoHoA)	UCT, African Universities, ABs, WHC	2 April (Session 1) 9 April (Session 2) - Virtual
13.	Thematic Framework Workshop for Modern Heritage of Africa (MoHoA)	GCI, UCT, WHC, ABs, African Universities	25 - 26 May (Virtual)
14.	Curricula Development on Heritage and Sustainable	UB, UGZ, UCT, Private Sector, WHC, ABs, UNESCO	24 – 28 May (Physical)
15.	5 th Meeting of African Experts on World Heritage Committee (Uganda)	GU (UWA), WHC, ABs, SP on WH COM	14 – 18 June (Physical)