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*Banc d' Arguin National Park - Mauritania ©Haiffa Abdulhalim*

# 1. SUSTAINABILITY

## 1.1 26<sup>TH</sup> AWHF BOARD OF TRUSTEES GATHERING IN BAMAKO – MALI (4<sup>TH</sup> TO 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019)



*Group photo: AWHF Board of Trustees representing five (5) Africa Regions: North, South, East, West and Central Africa, AWHF Advisory Bodies and Ambassadors ©AWHF*

The 26<sup>th</sup> AWHF Board of Trustees gathering was held in Bamako, Mali from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019. The two day gathering was attended by Board Members representing the five Africa regions (East, West, North, South & Central); Observers and representatives from, (UNESCO, African Union (AU), Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS), the South African Departments of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC), Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry & Fisheries (DEFF) and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) as well as Ambassadors. The Minister of Culture of Mali, *Honourable Dr. N'Diaye Ramatoulaye Diallo* attended the Opening Ceremony while the Chairperson of AWHF, *Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize* chaired the entire proceeding of the Board Meeting. The main purpose of this gathering was to formally welcome in the newly elected Board Members in particular to discuss the upcoming AWHF Advocacy Event happening at the African Union Assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Advocacy event will aim to profile the work of the Fund and ensure that the message of conserving cultural and natural heritage is shared by African Heads of State.



*Proceedings of the Board of Trustees meeting with Minister of Culture - Mali, Hon. Dr. N'Diaye Ramatoulaye Diallo and Chairperson of AWHF, Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize ©AWHF*

## SUSTAINABILITY

### 1.2 AWHF SIGNS A THREE (3) YEARS AGREEMENT WITH AFRICAN BUSINESS GROUP (ABG)



*AWHF signing the Agreement with ABG represented by CEO, Mr. Michael Sudarkasa ©AWHF*

AWHF signed a three-year (3years) Agreement with Africa Business Group (ABG) represented by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), **Mr. Michael Sudarkasa**. Agreement stipulates that various collaboration efforts will be enrolled, in a number of programmes and initiatives. Many areas of partnerships were also identified and highlighted and will be actioned jointly accordingly.

Both parties are delighted for this partnership and are ready to drive development and awareness in relation to the work of the Fund pertaining to heritage issues.

*Right: AWHF and African Business Group CEO ©AWHF*



## SUSTAINABILITY

### 1.3 AWHF MEETS WITH THE FRICAN UNION (AU) COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, HER EXCELLENCY MS. AMIRA ELFADIL MOHAMMED ELFADIL



*Group photo: AWHF with Her Excellency Ms. Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil and her Team ©AWHF*



*Meeting and update in progress ©AWHF*

AWHF concluded a fruitful engagement with the Commissioner of Social affairs of the African Union (AU), **Her Excellency Ms. Amira Elfadil Mohammed Elfadil** on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Pivotal to the discussions was the update on the preparation process and actions to be taken towards delivering a successful AWHF Advocacy Event at the African Union Assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## 2. CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

### 2.1 WORKSHOP ON PROTECTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE IN ROME – ITALY



*Group photo: Participants attending the Training Workshop on Protection of Cultural H*

A training workshop on the protection of cultural properties was carried out in Rome (Italy), from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019, organized by the Carabinieri Military Police (TPC) in conjunction with the African Union Commission (AUC), and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international Cooperation. The training workshop which targeted senior heritage managers, focused on the legislation and investigative techniques, covering several sub-themes including, illicit trafficking of cultural property; importance of heritage documentation/ cataloguing; engagement of police force and immigration officials in prevention of crimes related to the import and export of cultural property; operations of the judiciary system in protection of cultural heritage; and, database management. The main thrust of the training workshop was to equip African professionals dealing with cultural heritage and antiquities with basics in combating illicit trafficking of cultural heritage as provided for by international conventions. Institutions and African countries represented, were: **The African World Heritage Fund, African Union Commission, Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.**



*Participants had the opportunity to engage with the Director General of ICCROM, Dr. Webber Ndoro and were awarded Certificates at the end of the Training Workshop ©AWHF*

## CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

### 2.2 AWHF NOMINATION TRAINING COURSE AT UNIVERSITY OF IFE - NIGERIA



*Group photo: Opening Ceremony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle of Periodic Reporting Exercise for the Africa Region ©AWHF*

The AWHF Nomination Training workshop took place at Obafemi Awolowo University (University of Ife) in Nigeria from 21<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. The twelve-day (12) training workshop was aimed at having resource persons engaging with participants about reshaping the

nomination dossiers. AWHF Executive Director, Mr. Souayibou Varissou attended the Opening Ceremony of the training workshop which was chaired by His Excellency, the Governor of Osun State represented by the **Deputy Governor Mr. Adessogy Alabi**.



*Opening Ceremony Celebration & Training Workshop in progress ©AWHF*

## 3. PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

### 3.1 AWHF ATTENDS THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN BAMAKO – MALI



*Group photo: His Excellency, Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of Mali with participants attending the Advisory Committee Meeting in Bamako, Mali ©AWHF*

AWHF made an important attendance to the Advisory Committee meeting on Arts, Culture and Heritage in Bamako, Mali which ran for two days, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The Opening Ceremony of the Advisory Committee Meeting was presided over by the President of

Mali, **His Excellency, Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita**. AWHF's aim with this attendance was to create a base with the President of Mali for the AWHF Advocacy Event happening on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which will be championed by the President of Mali.



*His Excellency, Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of Mali presiding over the Advisory Committee Meeting in Bamako, Mali ©AWHF*



## PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

### 3.2 SIGNATURE OF NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN AWHF, ICCROM AND THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN HERITAGE (EPA)

AWHF officially signed a tripartite Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with the *School of African Heritage (EPA) and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)* on a ten year (10years) African Youth Programme in heritage.



The new Agreement was finalised on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the premises on EPA in Porto - Novo, Benin. This signals a great partnership ahead that will benefit the African youth in a tremendous way.



*Executive Director of AWHF, EPA & ICCROM shake hands on signed Agreement ©AWHF*

### 3.3 AWHF ENGAGES WITH TRADE AND INVESTMENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) IN MALI



*AWHF Executive Director, Mr. Souayibou Varissou and Mali Trade and Investment CEO, Mr. Moussa Toure ©AWHF*

AWHF met with **Mr. Moussa Toure**, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Trade and Investment in Mali, to urge him to work together with AWHF on the upcoming Advocacy Event on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

AWHF further alluded to various collaborations on business to business (B2B) sessions between Mali and the South African private sector during the Advocacy event at the African union Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

## PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS: MEETINGS

### 3.4 AWHF MEETS WITH CEO OF NELSON MANDELA FOUNDATION

AWHF engaged in a valuable introductory meeting in South Africa with the CEO of Nelson Mandela Foundation, **Mr. Sello Hatang** on discussions of collaborating on a number of possible programmes to benefit the preservation of natural and cultural heritage in Africa.



### 3.6 AWHF MEETS WITH CEO OF BURSON COHN & WOLF (BCW) - AFRICA

AWHF engaged in an introductory meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BCW, **Mrs. Robyn de Villiers** on collaboration with AWHF around awareness creation of the work of the Fund to greater Africa.



### 3.5 AWHF MEETS WITH EMBASSY OF THE STATE QATAR TO SOUTH AFRICA

AWHF met with the Embassy of the state of Qatar in South Africa. Fruitful discussions took place between AWHF and **Her Excellency, Mrs. Sana Ibrahim Al. Maki**, who shares good suggestions on how to bring the State of Qatar to assist AWHF in getting funding.



### 3.7 AWHF MEETS WITH AFRICAN UNION (AU) COMMISSION HEAD OF CULTURE

AWHF was honored to be visited by the AU Commission, Head of Culture, **Mrs. Angela Martins** to assist AWHF on consultation of the preparation of the AWHF Advocacy Event happening at the AU Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020.



## PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS: MEETINGS

### 3.8 AWHF MEETS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN WOMEN IN MINING ASSOCIATION (AWIMA)

AWHF enjoyed a fruitful visit from the President and Founder of African Women in mining Association (AWIMA), **Ms. Melody Kweba** on issues of collaboration as well as working towards developing viable opportunities for heritage within the mining sector and private sector in general.



AWHF with Ms. Melody Kweba ©AWHF

### 3.10 AWHF ATTENDS THE 17<sup>TH</sup> NELSON MANDELA LECTURER IN SOWETO

AWHF was pleased to attend the insightful 17<sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela Lecture invited by Mr. Sello Hatang, CEO of Nelson Mandela Foundation. The Lecture took place at the University of Johannesburg, Soweto Campus.



### 3.9 AWHF MEETS WITH MINISTER OF TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE, BENIN

AWHF engaged in a valuable meeting with **Hon. Babalola Jean-Michel H. Abimbola**, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Benin to which AWHF Executive Director, Mr. Souayibou Varissou informed the Minister about the work of the Fund and upcoming AWHF Advocacy Event in Ethiopia.



Hon. Minister Babalola Jean-Michel H. Abimbola ©AWHF

### 3.11 AWHF ATTENDS THE LAUNCH COLLOQUIUM BY MINISTER NATHI MTHETHWA

AWHF attended the Launch and Unveiling Colloquium of the General Hashim Mbita Publication at the Constitution Hill, South Africa. The unveiling was done by Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture South Africa, **Hon. Mr. Nathi Mthethwa** and Ambassador of Tanzania to South Africa, **His Excellency Mr. R. Lupembe**.



## PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS: MEETINGS

### 3.12 AWHF MEETS WITH AMBASSADOR OF MALI TO ETHIOPIA

AWHF met with Ambassador of Mali to Ethiopia, **H. E. Mr. Fafre Camara** on further preparation discussions of the AWHF Advocacy event happening in Addis Ababa. He further relayed his strong support to the success of the Advocacy event as the championing country through their President, **His Excellency, Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita**.



H. E. Mr. Fafre Camara ©AWHF

### 3.13 AWHF MEETS WITH AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL TO ETHIOPIA

AWHF paid a visit to **H. E. Mr. Baye Moctar Diop**, Ambassador of Senegal to Ethiopia to brief him about the upcoming AWHF Advocacy event at the AU Assembly. AWHF further expressed its appreciation for the support of the work of the Fund in the African continent.



H. E. Mr. Baye Moctar Diop ©AWHF

### 3.14 AWHF MEETS WITH AMBASSADOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO TO ETHIOPIA

AWHF conducted a valuable introductory meeting with **H. E. Mr. Ngadu ILunga Jean Leon**, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo and Permanent representative to the African union & ECA to Ethiopia. AWHF wanted to garner support for the AWHF Advocacy Event.



### 3.15 AWHF MEETS WITH THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF BENIN TO ETHIOPIA

AWHF met with **H. E. Mr. Rodrigue Akohou**, Charge d' Affaires at the Embassy of Benin to Ethiopia. AWHF introduced the work of the Fund and discussed possibility for Benin to renew its support to AWHF, especially during the AWHF Advocacy Event at the African Union Assembly.



## 4. COMMUNICATION

### 4.1 AWHF IS INTERVIEWED ON CLIFF-CENTRAL NATIONAL RADIO STATION



*AWHF with Gareth Cliff and Mpumi on Cliff-Central National Radio Station ©AWHF*



*AWHF Cliff-Central interview in progress ©AWHF*

AWHF had the pleasure of being invited for an informative radio interview & Podcast at Cliff - Central National Radio Station on all heritage related aspects, for the benefit of educating the public about our work. The public wanted to know about any opportunities available within the heritage sector and the role they can play to help preserve our rich heritage. More and more interest is displayed on the work of the Fund.



*Ganvie Village in Benin (on Tentative List) ©AWHF*

## 5. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

N°	EVENT	PARTNER	DATE/VENUE
1.	AWHF Fundraising Event at African union Assembly	African Union Commission President of Mali	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
2.	Conservation Field project	UNESCO, WHITRAP	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020, Sao Tome Principe
3.	Workshop of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Periodic Reporting Exercise for Africa - Anglophone	Government of Kenya, UNESCO	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February, Nairobi, Kenya
4.	Entrepreneurship Field Project at World Heritage Sites	Government of Gabon, UNESCO, AUC	24 <sup>th</sup> February – 6 <sup>th</sup> March, Lope Okanda, Gabon
5.	Regional Tentative Listing Workshop	Government of Rwanda, UNESCO	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March, Kigali, Rwanda
6.	Regional Experts Meeting on Sites of Memory and World Heritage Convention	Government of South Africa, UNESCO, ICOMOS	11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March, Pretoria, South Africa
7.	Francophone Workshop of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Periodic Reporting Exercise for Africa	Government of Cameroon, UNESCO	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> March, Yaounde, Cameroon