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# 1. HIGHLIGHTS

## 1.1 SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT WITH MAURITIUS

The Government of Mauritius acting through its Ministry of Arts and Culture (MAC) signed an Agreement with the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) through the High Commission of Mauritius to South Africa with the High Commissioner H. E. Mr. P V Lutchmum on 14 December 2017. The purpose of the Agreement is to define the terms governing the annual financial contribution to AWHF by the Government of Mauritius acting through the Ministry of Arts and Culture. AWHF is very pleased with the collaboration and contribution and extends its appreciation to the Government of Mauritius for their continued support.



*Signing ceremony between AWHF and Mauritius: High Commissioner H. E. Mr. P V Lutchmum and Dr. Webber Ndoro*



## 1.2 EQUATORIAL GUINEA HOSTS THE 22<sup>ND</sup> AWHF BOARD MEETING

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Session of AWHF was held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea from 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The meeting was attended by Board Members representing the five African regions, professional Board members, representatives from AU and representatives from UNESCO, the Departments of Arts and Culture (DAC), Environmental Affairs (DEA) and Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) of South Africa, including some High Commissioners. The opening ceremony of the Board meeting was chaired by Hon. Rufino Ndong Esono Nchang, Minister of Culture and Promotion of Crafts of Equatorial Guinea.



*Left: AWHF Board of Trustees*

### 1.3 AWHF WELCOMES THE NEW CHAIRPERSON OF THE FUND, MR. VUSUMUZI MKHIZE

AWHF welcomed Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize to his new position as Chairperson of AWHF. Mr. Mkhize also holds the position of Director General (DG) in the Department of Arts and Culture, South Africa. Previously, he acted as DG in the Ministry of Home Affairs, South Africa.

As Chairperson of AWHF, Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize amongst his main duties will run the Board of Trustees and ensure the smooth operations of the work of the Fund.

He resumed his duties officially in October 2017.



*AWHF Chairperson: Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize @weeklyxpose*

### 1.4 RISK PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP ON WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES IN AFRICA



*Participants at the Risk Preparedness Workshop in Yaoundé, Cameroon ©AWHF*



The Francophonie risk preparedness workshop on World Heritage Properties in Africa was held at Yaoundé, Cameroon with the goal to promote conservation in and around World Heritage Properties in Africa. This is done by increasing preparedness and reinforcing resilience to risks and threats caused by natural and human-induced factors using a commonly agreed framework for all partners. AWHF collaborated with UNESCO World Heritage Centre and the Ministry of Forests and Wildlife of Cameroon to ensure the successful implementation of the workshop. The main objective of the workshop was to (1.) build the capacity and awareness of heritage practitioners, disaster risk professionals, (2) assist communities in developing integrated risk management plans and (3) establish a network for risk management of cultural and natural heritage. AWHF would like to thank all the partners, mainly, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, African World Heritage Fund and the Ministry of Forests and Wildlife of Cameroon. Six properties involving seven countries participated, namely: Mbanza Kongo (Angola), Dia Faunal Reserve (Cameroon), Sanga Trinational (Cameroon, Central African Republic and Congo),



Participants at the Risk Preparedness Workshop in Cameroon ©AWHF

### **Outcomes of the workshop**

- *Twenty (20) heritage professionals from heritage-related field to be trained in identifying the risks and disasters for all the participating sites and propose measures for their mitigation.*
- *Six (6) participating sites have developed risk resilience strategies;*
- *Twenty (20) heritage professionals and heritage-related professionals reinforcing the existing network for communication and professional exchange with regards to heritage and disaster risk management.*

Comoé National Park (Cote d'Ivoire), Njokolo Koba National park (Senegal) and Kutammakou, the Land of Batammaribe (Togo). The Resource persons included heritage experts in cultural and natural heritage conservation and management and GIS from Benin, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, and Senegal. There were also experts from IUCN which is an Advisory Body to the World Heritage Convention.



## 2. MEETINGS

### 2.1 AWHF HOLDS A CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

A high level meetings was held by the African World Heritage Fund delegation at the headquarters of the African Union Commission (AUC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 30 October 2017. The AWHF delegation was led by the Chairperson of the African World Heritage Fund, Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize. The delegation met with the new Commissioner for Social Affairs, H.E Ms. Amira Mohammed Elfadil and the Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology (HRST), H.E Pof. Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang Agbor. AWHF also met with the Director of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA) Mr. Godfrey Bahiigwa. The delegation also paid a courtesy call to the office of the Chairperson of the African union Commission and held discussions with the Deputy Chief of Staff Mr. Tordeta Ratebaya and the spokesperson to the Chairperson Ms. Ebba Kalondo.

The Chairperson, Mr. Mkhize introduced the Fund and its programmes to the new AUC team which they gladly welcomed. Possible areas of cooperation between the Fund and AUC were discussed at the meetings



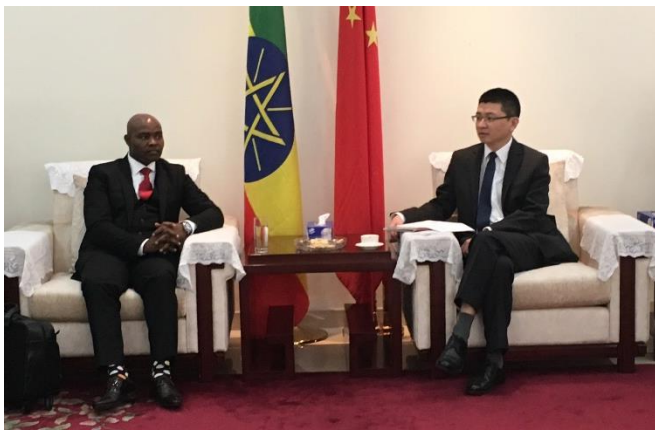
*From Left to right: Ms Angela Martins (Head of Culture - African Union Commission), Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize (AWHF Chairperson), H. E. Ms. Amira Mohammed Elfadil (Commissioner for Social Affairs - African Union Commission) Dr. Webber Ndoro (Executive Director of AWHF), Ms Sithole (South African Embassy in Addis Ababa), Mr. Vusithemba Ndima (Deputy Director General at Department of Arts & Culture, South Africa), Mr. Jacob Nyangila (AWHF Progamme Officer).*



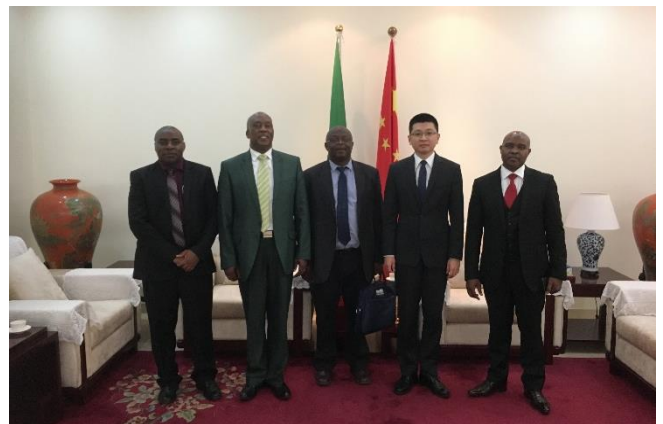
# 3. MEETINGS

## 3. 1 AWHF MEETS WITH AMBASSADORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMBASSIES OF NORWAY, CHINA AND NETHERLANDS TO ETHIOPIA

Whilst in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 30th October 2017, as part of the consultative meetings held, the African World Heritage Fund met with Ambassadors and Representatives of the Embassies of Norway (H.E Mr. Andreas Gaarder), China (Mr. Liu Tao) and the Netherlands (H.E. Mr. Bengt va Loosdrecht) to Ethiopia. At these meetings, the AWHF delegation introduced the Funds programmes and partnership opportunities. The AWHF delegation presented the current programmes and explored possible areas of collaboration with Norway, China and the Netherlands. AWHF was led by the African World Heritage Fund Chairperson, Mr. Vusumuzi Mkhize.



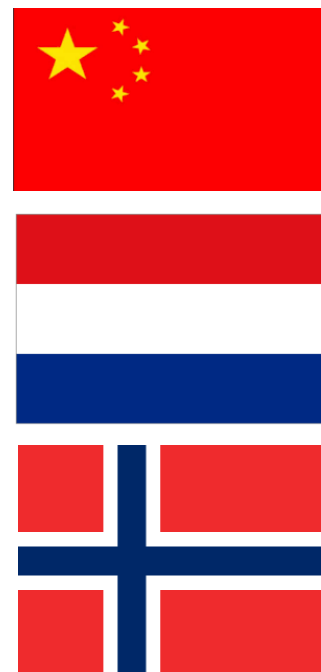
*Above: AWHF Chairperson with the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Ethiopia*



*Above: AWHF delegation with the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Ethiopia*



*Above: AWHF with the Embassy of Netherlands  
Right: flags of (1) China, (2) Netherlands and (3) Norway*



## 4. ACTIVITIES

### 4.1 NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION IN SWAZILAND

The Swaziland National Trust Commission (SNTC), the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) and with the support of the UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA) jointly convened in a three day national workshop on the implementation of the World Heritage Convention from 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 in Zulwini, Swaziland. The workshop gathered 20 participants comprising of 6 females and 14 males from various line ministries responsible for heritage, national museum, heritage agency professionals, policy makers, and actors.

The objective of the workshop was to help participants gain a broader understanding of the Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Even though Swaziland has ratified the World Heritage Convention in 2005, the State Party has not nominated any site on the World Heritage List yet. Its Tentative List contains only one site, the “Ngwenya mine” submitted in 2008 by the Swaziland National Museum.

The proceedings of the workshop were opened officially by the Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs of Swaziland, Mr. Christopher Gumedze. He applauded the Swaziland National Commission (SNTC) for the role it plays in conserving the country’s natural and cultural heritage. He further stated that the ministry is aware of the challenges SNTC faces in its attempts to achieve positive results. He extended his appreciation for the support the African World Heritage Fund and the UNESCO Regional Office provides for Southern Africa, and believes that it will enable the SNTC to implement the programmes and activities as reflected in its strategic plan.

The Minister concluded that the ratification of the Convention by Swaziland is to be materialized with the engagement with stakeholders, strategic consultations, raising public awareness on the necessity to domesticate the convention.



*Did you know?*

*Swaziland currently has no World Heritage Site.*

*The Ngwenya Mines are listed on the Tentative List which was submitted by the Swaziland National Museum in 2008.*

*Swaziland is known for its wilderness reserves and festivals showcasing traditional Swazi culture.*



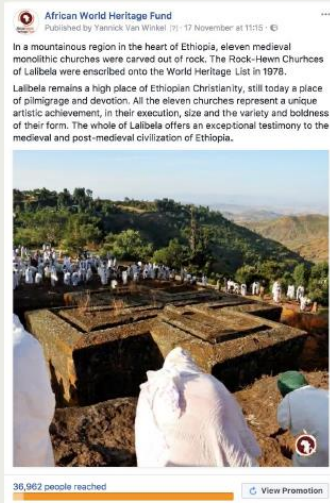
# 5. COMMUNICATIONS

## 5.1 DIGITAL STRATEGY

A new digital strategy was implemented from October which resulted in the growth of the AWHF followers on Facebook due to the digital awareness created.



### Top 3 reach for November



We can observe that the three posts with the highest reach all come from the 'Heritage Sites' content pillar. This is another proof of the fact that use of high quality visuals finds its way to the public much easier than low quality content. Furthermore, video has a much higher reach than images. (37k vs 14k)

### Page growth



As soon as the digital strategy was implemented, we've observed a steep growth of the Total Page Likes. While before November, the total page likes stagnated at around 2600, we now have almost 3200.

## 6. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

EVENT	DATE/VENUE
Category II Centre Meeting	11 – 14 February 2018/ Robben Island, South Africa
Community Involvement Workshop	5 – 9 February 2018/ Abomey, Benin
Tourism Indaba	16 – 18 May 2018/Durban ICC, Durban, South Africa
Tentative Listing Workshop	March/ Algiers, Algeria
Digital Documentation Workshop	04 – 06 February Accra/Ghana
Regional Youth Forum	TBC/ Mozambique
African World Heritage Day	5 May 2018

## 7. AWHF NEWS

### AWHF TO HOST THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CATEGORY II CENTRE MEETING AT ROBBERN ISLAND, CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA



AWHF in partnership with Robben Island Museum, Sanparks and the South African Government is set to host the annual coordination of the Category II Centre meeting from 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January at Robben Island, Cape Town in South Africa. The meeting aims to provide the C2Cs with a platform to interact and discuss issues of common interest. The expected results include, better understanding of the role and obligations of C2Cs for the implementation of World Heritage Convention especially the Capacity Building Strategy and an interregional thematic framework and action plan to be developed for C2Cs.

The main objective of the meeting is to contribute to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention through the enhancement of interregional cooperation. In 2017 the annual coordination meeting was hosted in India. Amongst the expected attendees will be representatives from UNESCO, the World Heritage Advisory bodies namely, ICCROM, ICOMOS and IUCN and various Ambassadors. The South African government will also be represented as well as other institutions and experts. The Director of UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Ms. Mechtild Rössler has confirmed her attendance and will provide a talk. The UNESCO World Heritage-related Category II Institutes and Centres will include: China, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, India and Spain and Bahrain (Arab Regional World Heritage Centre).





## 8. OTHER



AWHF meets with UNESCO in Paris, France ©AWHF



The AWHF Board of Trustees showed their appreciation to Dr. Webber Ndoro by honouring him with a Service Award at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea



AWHF meets with the Minister of Culture of Equatorial Guinea in Malabo and an interview is conducted with Dr. Webber Ndoro



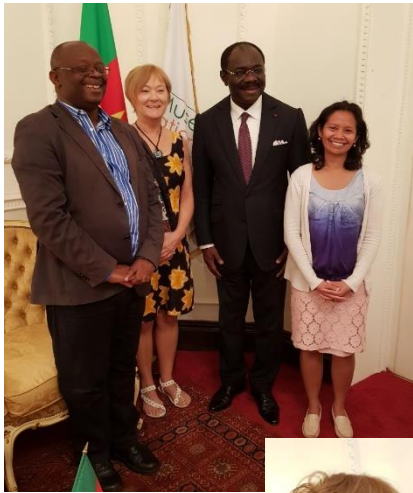
AWHF with Minister of Culture of Benin in Cotonou on 17<sup>th</sup> October



AWHF meets with the Ambassador of Equatorial Guinea to South Africa



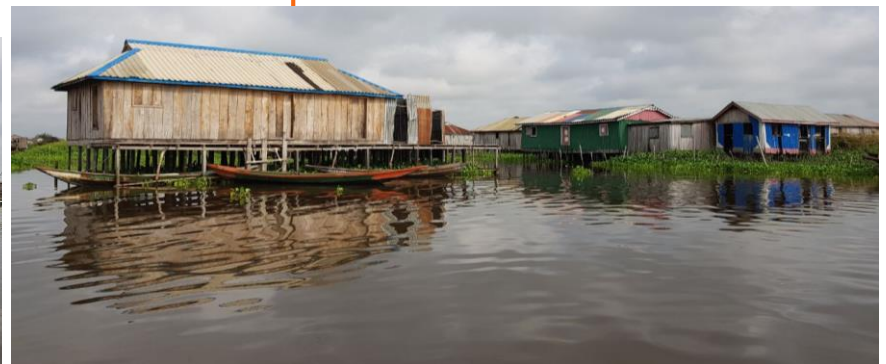
## 9. OTHER



*AWHF meets with the Minister of Culture of Cameroon in Yaounde on 12<sup>th</sup> October.*



*AWHF meets with the Deputy Minister of Culture of Gabon in Libreville on 11<sup>th</sup> October*



*AWHF undertakes a Site visit to Ganvie in Benin which is currently on the Tentative List on 17<sup>th</sup> October*

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