

**CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF ICOMOS  
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Pascall Taruvinga holds a PhD in Archaeology (UCT), Masters in Heritage Studies, Honours Degree in Archaeology and Bachelor of Arts (UZ). Born in Zimbabwe and currently residing in South Africa. Recent positions: Chief Heritage Officer (South Africa), World Heritage Specialist (South Africa), Programme Manager (AFRICOM), and Director Research and Development (Zimbabwe). Positions held in ICOMOS: Secretary General [2002-2008] and 13<sup>th</sup> ICOMOS GA Secretariat (ICOMOS Zimbabwe), President [2013-2016] and Executive Member [2017-present] of ICOMOS South Africa.

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**PLATFORM / PLATE-FORME / PLATAFORMA**

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**Professional Path and Areas of Expertise acquired**

I hold a PhD in Archaeology, several professional qualifications and has over twenty-five years of experience in various positions at national, regional and international levels in research, conservation, interpretation, heritage management and World Heritage. Hold experience in heritage management, museology, archaeology, world heritage, research, sustainable development, knowledge management (including collections management), intangible heritage, sustainable and responsible tourism, project management, stakeholder management, community engagement and involvement, capacity building, disaster risk mitigation, heritage impact assessments, monitoring and evaluations. Borne out of this is analytical, qualitative and quantitative technical competence, evaluation and monitoring capacity, as well as executive skills-sets allowing me to adapt to varying conditions and operational environments. I have over twenty referred publications on heritage issues. In addition, has acquired management, governance and financial management competences, strategic planning and adaptive management skills.

**Experience with the 1972 World Heritage Convention**

Extensively involved World Heritage since 1995 and broadened my understanding of World Heritage Becoming by becoming a member of ICOMOS Zimbabwe (Executive Member) and ICOMOS International. I am a past President and currently, a member of ICOMOS SA. I have participated in many national, regional and international expert and thematic activities of ICOMOS and World

Heritage, including organising the 13<sup>th</sup> ICOMOS General Assembly (Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe). Currently serving as an expert on evaluations, monitoring, desktop evaluations and advisory missions for ICOMOS. I have also represented ICOMOS and UNESCO in regional programmes and activities. In the process, I have interacted with culture and nature experts, hence becoming part of regional and international networks of professionals.

### **Desire to become a Board Member of ICOMOS**

Firstly, I will bring enrichment and diversity to the decision making process of ICOMOS as an Advisory Board. This includes offering sound and technical advice to the ICOMOS Board based on upholding conservation principles, policies and ethics given my experience in heritage management and World Heritage.

Second, being a board will be an opportunity to assist the Board in its annual evaluations of nominations, state of conservation reports and advisory missions, including any other thematic evaluations aiding the implementation of the vision and statues of ICOMOS given my experience and capacity, as well as reporting to the World Heritage Committee. This includes identifying upcoming experts that can be nurtured by ICOMOS for various functionalities relating to its advisory role and advancing community engagement and involvement.

Third, I can easily tap into national, regional and international networks of professionals to further ICOMOS vision of expansion, in particular in Africa where there are fewer and active National Committees. This is critical to the growth of ICOMOS in Africa. Currently developing a forum for World Heritage Site Managers in Africa in partnership with World Heritage Centre (Africa Unit), AWHF and Africa Group. This shall include the ambitious vision to have a Regional ICOMOS Forum largely deriving from the World Heritage Site Managers Forum for Africa. Emphasis will be on the young generation in order to close the glaring intergenerational gap in skills and knowledge that exists at the moment.

Fourth, I will be able to assist the ICOMOS Board in recommending practical and pragmatic approaches without compromising policies, as well as creative and innovative approaches, which are cost-effective but effectively delivering on both caring for heritage and the well-being of society. This includes dealing with the perception that ICOMOS is an enemy to State Parties. This requires awareness and engagement programmes foregrounded in the activities of National Committees. Also this includes advocating for localisation of International Guidelines and Policies by State Parties to aid the implementation of the World Heritage and advancing crowd funding for national and regional activities.

Fifth, I have adaptive management capabilities and team-work ability which requires a minimum push as an individual. My research experience and analytical skills shall benefit ICOMOS Board. From an analytical perspective, I will be able to contribute to upstreaming processes, policy reviews, and research initiatives or represent ICOMOS.

### **Support as a Board Member of ICOMOS**

My institution has agreed to support the Board Tenure if successful. In addition, and where necessary, ICOMOS South Africa will fundraise and support Board Tenure if successful.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr Taruvinga holds a PhD in Archaeology (UCT) and several professional qualifications cutting across leadership, administration and management of heritage institutions (refer to the summative table below).

Item	Description
Most recent position(s) – employment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chief Heritage Officer:</b> Robben Island Museum (South Africa), 2013-present.</li> <li><b>Part time Lecturer:</b> Archaeology, Heritage management, collections, sustainable development: University of Cape Town, University of Western Cape etc</li> <li><b>Senior Independent Consultant (AWHF):</b> June 2012-August 2013, (South Africa):</li> <li><b>World Heritage Specialist:</b> National Heritage Council June 2010 –May 2012 South Africa;</li> <li><b>Programme Manager:</b> International Council of African Museums (AFRICOM): March 2009– May 2010, Nairobi, Kenya</li> <li><b>Director Research and Development:</b> National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe, January 2004- April 2009,</li> <li><b>Principal Curator/Head of Archaeology Department:</b> Employer: National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe): December 1994 – December 2004, Zimbabwe</li> </ol>
Academic or Professional training.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD (Archaeology), University of Cape Town, July 2019</li> <li>Finance for Non-Financial Managers, University of Stellenbosch (USB), 2018,</li> <li>MA (Heritage Management) -Merit, University of Zimbabwe, 2004: Thesis Title:</li> <li>BA Hons (Archaeology), University of Zimbabwe, 1995</li> <li>BA (Archaeology/Geography), University of Zimbabwe, 1993</li> <li>GCE (Advanced Level), Cambridge, Sandringham High School (Zimbabwe), 1990</li> <li>GCE (Ordinary Level), Cambridge, St Paul’s Mission (Zimbabwe), 1988</li> </ol>
Positions held in ICOMOS.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICOMOS Zimbabwe: Secretary General [2002-2008]:</li> <li>ICOMOS Zimbabwe Executive Member [2002-2008]:</li> <li>13<sup>th</sup> ICOMOS GA: ICOMOS Zimbabwe Secretariat</li> <li>ICOMOS South Africa: President [2013-2016]</li> <li>ICOMOS South Africa: Executive Member [2017-present]</li> </ol>

Pascall Taruvinga is the Chief Heritage Officer of Robben Island World Heritage site (South Africa). He graduated with degrees of PhD in Archaeology, with specialisation in World Heritage, Masters in Heritage Studies, Honours Degree in Archaeology and Bachelor of Arts. His research combines techniques from archaeology, conservation, geography, history and social sciences. Has over twenty-five (25) years of experience in heritage management in various technical, leadership and executive positions in the public sector, regional and international arena. Among them: Senior Consultant (African World Heritage Fund), World Heritage Specialist (National Heritage Council of South Africa), Programme Manager (AFRICOM-Kenya), Director Research and Development (Zimbabwe) and Head of Department (Archaeology)-Zimbabwe. Has strong experience in museums, archaeology, heritage sites, research and development, world heritage, sustainable and responsible tourism, archival (including collections) management, disaster risk mitigation, sustainable development, knowledge management, and interfacing with protected areas with cultural heritage. Additionally, has extensive experience community engagement and involvement, capacity building, lecturing, mentorship, administration and governance, policy formulation and operationalisation, impact assessments, monitoring and evaluations. An active member of ICOMOS, ASAPA, ICOM and many other professional associations. Expert Advisor to Advisory Bodies (ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN) on World Heritage issues, including bilateral and multilateral engagements. Has over 20 referred articles on heritage management in international journals and books. Has a desire in contributing to the evolving

and decolonizing heritage landscape of Africa in a creative and innovative manner, addressing issues of climate change, sustainability and building resilient bridges for conservation and sustainable use of heritage.