

Board draft resolution to amend the ICOMOS Ethical Principles

Background

The ICOMOS Ethical Principles were adopted by the 18th General Assembly (Florence, 2014). Article 7-d of the Ethical Principles requires the Board to review them at least every six years, and Article 10-d-9 of the Statutes requires the Board to present a report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Ethical Principles. The Board is therefore due to present this report to the 2020 General Assembly. The review process began with a decision of the Board in October 2019 to consult the ICOMOS membership on both the implementation of the Ethical Principles over the last six years, and suggestions for possible changes to the Principles. The Board carefully considered all of the submissions made in response to the consultation request at its meeting in March 2020, and agreed to submit to the General Assembly in 2020 a number of proposed amendments to the Ethical Principles.

Although no statutory timeframe is specified for amendments to the Ethical Principles, the Board is of the opinion that because the Ethical Principles are of similar statutory importance to the Rules of Procedure, it is appropriate to circulate the proposed changes four months before the General Assembly. The Board's report on the implementation of the Ethical Principles will be issued in due course as one of the working documents for the General Assembly.

Resolution

The General Assembly of ICOMOS, meeting virtually in December 2020:

Recalling General Assembly resolution 18GA 2014/11;

Noting that the Board has consulted the membership and reviewed the Ethical Principles in accordance with Article 7-d thereof;

Having examined the proposed amendments to the Ethical Principles and the review undertaken by the Board;

Adopts the following amendments to the Ethical Principles:

- (a) In **Article 3-c**, deletion of the words "They collaborate ..., cultural heritage" and substitution in their place of the words "They engage in an open and supportive dialogue. They contribute to building trust and to enabling transparent access to communication channels";
- (b) In **Article 3-e**, deletion of the words "including appreciation of, access to" and substitution in their place the words "participation and stewardship for the identification of, access to, enjoyment and management of";
- (c) Addition of a new **Article 3-f** as follows: "ICOMOS members support and contribute to conflict resolution processes in cases where there are conflicting heritage values.";
- (d) In **Article 4-c**, addition of the word "transparent" after "professional" and addition at the end of this sentence the words "and are open to public debate";
- (e) Addition of a new **Article 4-e** as follows: "ICOMOS, its members and Committees endeavour to conduct their activities sustainably.";
- (f) In **Article 5-a-2**, deletion of the words "of local or national authorities" and addition of the words "by those bodies" after the words "any decision";
- (g) In **Article 6-e**, deletion of the word "Hence" and substitution in its place the words "In particular", and deletion of the word "attached";
- (h) In **Article 6-f**, deletion of the word "association" and substitution in its place the word "organisation";
- (i) Addition of a new sub-**Article 6-f-2** as follows, and renumbering of subsequent existing sub-articles in Article 6-f accordingly: "ICOMOS members must not by their public statements or actions bring the organisation or any of its Committees into disrepute.".