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	Arrival of participants				
1	Welcome and preliminaries				
1-1	Attendance and apologies Attendance and apologies	Attendance and Apologies presented by Deirdre Mc Dermott. Present: Board: Nils AHLBERG, Gustavo ARAOZ, Sofia AVGERINOU-KOLONIAS, Stefan BELISHKI, Sheridan BURKE, Alfredo CONTI, Alpha DIOP, Pierre-Antoine Gatier, Pamela JEROME, Rohit JIGYASU, Toshiyuki KONO, Gideon KOREN, Kirsti KOVANEN, Christoph MACHAT, Peter PHILLIPS, Lu QIONG (Jane Lu), Laura ROBINSON, Grellan D. ROURKE, Mario SANTANA QUINTERO Australia (Kerime DANIS), Belgium (Teresa PATRICIO), Brasil (Leonardo BARCI CASTRIOTA), China (Mingkang TONG), Costa Rica (Ofelia SANOU), Czech Republic (Josef STULC), Estonia (Riin ALATALU), Finland (Jula Ari Eemeli NEITOLA), France (Jean-François LAGNEAU), Greece (Sofia AVGERINOU KOLONIAS), Hungary (Tamas FEJERDY), Ireland (Deirdre MCDERMOTT), Israel (Irit AMIT-COHEN), Italy (Maurizio DI STEFANO), Japan (Yukio NISHIMURA), Korea (Hae Un RII), Lithuania (Marija NEMUCIENE), Macedonia (Lazar SHUMANOV), Malta (David MALLIA), Norway (Marianne KNUTSEN), Russia (Alexander KUDRIAVTSEV), Saudi Arabia (Mashary ABDULLAH), Serbia (Branka SEKARIC), Slovenia (Marko STOKIN), Sweden (Nils AHLBERG), Switzerland (Niklaus LEDERBERGER) Observers: Belgium (Bénédicte SELFSLAGH, Michèle CALLUT), Canada (Dinu BUMBARU), China (Yi WANG, Haiming YAN, Xinchao JONG, Li XIE, Jun ZHENG, Ye ZHU), France (Michel COTTE, Norbert STOFFEL), Germany (Jörg BREITENFELDT), Hungary (Peter KLANICZAY), Italy (Luigi PETTI), Japan (Yoshinori IWASAKI, Dowon KIM, Kiho YAOITA), Korea (Sang Sun JO, Kay KIM), Lebanon (Jeanine Abdul MASSIH, Rawya MAJZOUB, Jean YASMINE), Norway (Björg JAKHELLN), Romania (Irina IAMANDESCU), Russia (Nataliya M. ALMAZOVA, Serguey Borisovich GORBATENKO, Leonid KONDRASHEV), Saudi Arabia (Mhohammad Yosof ALAIDAROOS, Aktham M. ALBAKIR), Serbia (Dejan RADOVANOVIC), Turkey (Nezihat Kösklük KAYA, Eti Akyuz LEVI, Lucienne THYSSENOCAK, Nuran, Zeren GULERSPOY, Ali Isik AYDEMIR, Erol DOGAN, Deniz Gündogdu ATASAGUN, Mehmet UNAL, Meltem VATAN KAPTAN), United-Kingdom (Donald HANKEY), Christiane GARNERO MORENA	DMcD		

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		No Response: Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahrein, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Chile, Cyprus, Colombia, Congo, Korea (Peoples' Rep. Democratic of), Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mauritius, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iceland, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Luxemburg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, panama, The Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Spain, Tadzhikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela, United Arab Emirates, United States of America,			
1-2	Opening remarks	International Secretariat: Marie-Laure LAVENIR, Maureen PELLETIER Background for the meeting presented by Deirdre McDermott.	DMcD		
1-2	Opening remarks	Separate NC meeting for NC Presidents to discuss common issues, arose out of the recommendations of the Dubrovnik-Valetta Principals adopted in 2009. The agenda was drawn up following a call the NC Presidents, to which there was little response. It is hoped that in future years, the identification of issues and initiatives in the Annual Report submitted in July will inform the agenda of the meeting in October of the same year.	DIVICE		
1-3	Approval of the agenda	Agenda amended and approved.			
1-4	Appointment of the Rapporteur	Marianne Knutsen (ICOMOS Norway) appointed rapporteur.	MK		
2	Issues arising from Fukuoka Advisory Committee meeting - October 2015	Issues to be taken further have been incorporated into the agenda of this meeting. In addition, all NC Presidents were asked to contribute items for the agenda.			
3	Regional meetings: Reports and Actions				
3-1	Europe Group Meeting	 41 participants from 20 nationalities.(ref Grellan Rourke) Very successful workshop on Reconstruction held in Athens, with the Regional meeting. Sub Group meetings in Sarajevo (SEE) and in Tallinn (Baltic States) have been held this autumn. European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018) is an important issue for the group. ICOMOS has been asked to report back to EU on ideas for common strategies and topics. Action: GR Arising out of the Athens Symposium, a Recommendation to be made to NC meeting: That 	GR		

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		ICOMOS support a call to the ERDF to require the completion of an HIA by competent persons, prior to the award of funding for restoration projects, which have seriously compromised / obliterated the heritage value of built heritage projects across Europe. This was not presented as a recommendation and may be progressed via the Europe Group. Action: GR - ICOMOS Belgium reported on reduced focus on and closure of special unit dealing with Illicit traffic in Cultural Heritage. Agreement of Europe Group to write a letter to the Belgian government about concerns of ICOMOS Europe. Action: GR - ICOMOS Israel reported on important lessons learned from their initiative on Young professionals. - ICOMOS expert database needs to be resurrected and improved. - ICOMOS needs to develop a common system for archives and digitalization. This recommendation to go to the Scientific Council in the first instance and to the International Secretariat. - ICOMOS Netherlands wishes to set up an ISC on Water and Heritage. - Suggestion to redefine role of ICOMOS to a more up to date definition on who we are and what we are aiming to protect. General agreement that continuity of name needs to be retained within broader redefinition. - Recommends the formation of small independent 'oversight' working group. The terms of reference are in the resolutions of Florence General Assembly and recommended for establishment under item 12.4 last year (Fukuoka). This isn't to have an auditor but to have someone from ICOMOS to work with Marie-Laure Lavenir to ask questions and see how things			
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3-2	Americas group meeting	 5 National Committees present. Canada, USA, Costa Rica, Brazil, and Argentina. (ref Alfredo Conti) The challenges relate to the difficulties for National Committees to participate at regional meetings. Agreed a need to look into the problem with the organization and the reporting (compliance) of NCs. Noted, new NCs are under creation in South Caribbean. There is a need to look at how NCs accept new members and particularly YPs. Brazil is an exemplar in this respect and has adopted criteria for welcoming new members. NCs are the mechanism whereby new members are introduced to ISCs. Obstacles include language and financial issues. 	AC		
		 Members from other regions urged to participate at conferences held in the Americas. Both Chile and Canada offering to host Regional meeting. Argentina offering to host the ADCOM & AGA in 2018. 			

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		 Shared culture and internal migration are important issues to the Pan American region. How to enhance the communication between members. FB is a success in the region, with many followers. Question remains, how can we make sure these followers also follow ICOMOS as ICOMOS members? 			
3-3	Asia group meeting	24 members, from several nations. (ref: Peter Philips) - Short presentations were made on activities of each NC Issues discussed included: - Reconstruction and young professionals Communication and appropriate media Existing restrictions in the region that may prevent participation in meetings for some members. Necessary to be aware of this How to facilitate attendance at more meetings in the region, including by grouping this with conferences Government issues were touched upon Exchange of interns between countries, provided practical problems of e.g. insurance can be resolved.	PP		
3-4	Africa group meeting	 2 African delegates present. (Laura Robinson, Alpha Diop) Difficult to get delegates to attend international gatherings and events. Lack of resources is an important reason. Professional level is high and cultural heritage of great interest in Africa. Discussions in a broader group last year – intention to hold a regional meeting which has not yet found a venue. NCs are not always working well, despite the large number of committees listed in Africa. 	LR & AD		
3-5	Arab group meeting	 Mashary Al Naim (Saudi Arabia) reported on the Arab group meeting that took place in Turkey. 3 delegates. Noted: minimum resources. Great problems exist in region. Have a project in progress: translation of ICOMOS documents to Arab. Aspiring to have English Arabic journal focused on Heritage at Risk in the Region. Architectural Charter has been approved in Arab states. MOU. Gustavo Araoz to sign MOU with ALECSO in December. Recommendation: ICOMOS int. assistance be requested to bring Arab delegates to at least one regional meeting. Intend to meet within the next six months, hopefully in Saudi Arabia. 	MAN		

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4	Engaging with Young Professionals: Successes and Opportunities	Gideon Koren gave an update on the work of the Board on Young Professionals. Focal point is each National Committee. NCs are important in the engagement of the YP and they therefore need to be more involved in the discussion. Issues that arose from the questionnaire circulated in 2016 by the Board YP Working Group include: - Who are the YPs? Is it defined by age or on basis of early years of professional activity? - Financial issues are important. An overview of what are the economic conditions for the YP is needed. - Communications through social media needs to be explored. - The Board asked for feedback from the NC on the status of YP representation in NCs. - Board proposed to oform a working group for YPs with representatives nominated by the NCs. organize courses in the regions on an annual basis. The need to identify finances is a challenge. NC response to the presentation and the proposals agreed it is important to involve YP and recommended YPs should also be provided with mentoring opportunities on WH missions. There is already a successful precedent for this. Suggested that the Raymond Lemaire Fund might assist to facilitate this YP involvement. The resistance of some NCs to YP involvement was also noted. Mentoring urged on a wider basis than WH alone, as well as greater collaboration with universities.	GK		
5	National Committees: Successes and Opportunities				
5-1	Australia ICOMOS	 ICOMOS Australia provided an overview of their NC activities for YPs: Mentoring Program – a 6-month long program, launched in 2010 in Canberra, 2011 in VIC and 2014 in NSW, links early career professionals with highly experienced cultural heritage professionals Dedicated events/drinks at annual conferences or other event provide networking opportunities YPs encouraged to participate at US-Internship program & Getty Institute programs YPs invited to ICOMOS Sessions (ICOMOS Talks) A dedicated webpage for Young/Early Career Professionals has been created Proactive consideration given to involvement of YPs in Australia ICOMOS activities including to apply to the Executive Committee, Working Groups and National/International Scientific Committees. Australia ICOMOS 2016 Initiatives: 	KD		

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		 Issue 28, Vol. 3 of Historic Environment – Conflict and Compassion – dedicated to emerging practitioners President's Award for Young/Early Career Professionals established Establishment of Facebook or similar social media forums for Young Professionals being investigated / trialled A YPs Working Group established to look into increasing their engagement & communication 2016 People's Ground Conference Coordinator was a YP. Board member also a YP. Current NC president also youthful. Full details of their presentation is available at: http://australia.icomos.org/wp-content/uploads/Australia-ICOMOS-2016-Presidents-Award-powerpoint.pdf 			
5-2	ICOMOS Argentina	ICOMOS Argentina reported on good experience in involving YP in practical work or missions in Argentina. A question asked was if YP participating on WH missions should be ICOMOS members.	AC		
5-3	US ICOMOS	It was noted that US ICOMOS has had an exchange program on-going for many years.			
5-4	Conclusions	It was concluded that while there are noted successes, in parts of the world some NCs are still excluding young professionals so we still have a long way to go.			
6	Reconstruction Policy				
6-1	Update on global events	Presentation by Toshiyuki Kono, VP, ICOMOS: Introduction: Focus on reconstruction this year is a prioritized initiative responding to the concern of many NCs as well as to catastrophic and shocking events around the world. A questionnaire was sent to all NC and ISCs over the (northern hemisphere) summer, requesting feedback. More than 13 events have been held world-wide. Conferences have been organized in various regions. A Colloquium was held on post-trauma reconstruction in Paris in March and another in WH in September. Various experts form different work fields were included. Outcomes will be distributed and available on-line. Upcoming workshop on all kinds of cultural heritage, with participants from different backgrounds to enlarge the experience and discussion, as a collaboration with the Universities. Purpose is to draft guidance on what needs to be considered by affected stakeholders.	TK		

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		What comes next? A 'toolkit' needed to provide guidance. A large number of cases will be assembled to inform a list of best practice examples, acknowledging their unique set of circumstances. TK suggested a small working group be formed to set the brief, and a larger group of focal points be sought from / identified by each NC, to develop this list. Timescale one to three years. Needs recommendation to ADCOM. Grellan Rourke (VP Europe) also reported on the reconstruction seminar in Athens in June, hosted by ICOMOS Hellenic, after the Europe group meeting, with 52 participants and 14 presentations from different parts of Europe. Second part of the seminar was a Round table discussion. Detailed report will be distributed in English and French and will be presented on the web site. He also reported briefly on the meeting in Sarajevo in the sub group in south east Europe. Six countries were represented. This work will continue and results will be available online.	GK		
6-2	Comments from National Committees	Comments were made on the need for a common vocabulary in both French and in English, to understand what we mean by reconstruction versus reconstitution. List of terminology will be made and presented end of 2016. Recommendation to Advisory Committee 6. Reconstruction Activity has been high on the topic this year and the need for a common toolkit - a guidance - was agreed. Establishment of a small working group is recommended, to prepare terms of reference for a larger reference group of focal points from the National Committees to develop a list of Case Studies. The National Committee meeting recommend that ADCOM: Establish a working group. Identify the NC focal points to form an extended 'reference' working group.			
7	Report from the National Committees Review and Facilitation Committee on Compliance	A 'Review and Facilitation' (Compliance) Committee was established by ADCOM 2015 in Fukuoka and augmented by the (NC) ACOs and Gideon Koren (Board oversight member), a committee of six, chaired by Deirdre McDermott, has been working on a review of a list of all NCs, created and maintained by the International Secretariat. This list has been graded into three levels of 'compliance' based on the three criteria of annual reporting, statutory amendments to uphold Dubrovnik-Valletta Principles and financial compliance. The list has been divided into regions, contact points established and Board oversight members (Regional VPs identified). Letters have been sent to the committees with a single issue outstanding, encouraging them to	DMcD		

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		address this issue, offering 'twinning' assistance if relevant. A list of committees which have failed to respond to repeated approaches by the International Secretariat was recommended to be deconstructed and reconstituted. Montenegro to be removed from this list. Board to be asked also to identify international members and encourage them to reform NCs. Questions seeking information on National Committees prepared to offer / needing assistance have been added to the new Annual Reporting template and NCs are encouraged to respond as appropriate. Arab committees will be taken into consideration in future work. Special challenges in the Arab region were pointed out in the meeting and the acceptance of individuals as International members pending the re/formation of NCs in their own country. Recommended that a Board member be appointed to the Arab region to work to encourage the formation or strengthening of NCs.			
8	Challenges for National Committees	ICOMOS Costa Rica expressed deep concern connected to land use planning and management of heritage sites and in particular World Heritage Sites. ICOMOS Costa Rica has been working on a recommendation to ADCOM, but the NC meeting was not able to formulate a clear recommendation based on the presentation within the limited time of the meeting. The title of Ofelia Sanou's presentation is Regional experiences on the support of the National Committees to technicians and authorities responsible for the conservation of heritage site, located in the country and in the region (PDF) http://www.icomoscr.org/doc/SANOU-01-Presentation-Text.pdf ICOMOS Cost Rica through Ophelia Sanou, suggested that ICOMOS look into guidance for Buffer zones and pointed at Costa Rica's legislation for the national protection of cultural/natural landscape as a model for a graduation of buffer-zones. A strategy to meet this challenge may be the increased use of Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment. More hard work is needed by specialists in land planning and management, in pursuit of technical proposals that would achieve defined buffer zones around conservation and cultural heritage sites. This should lay down clearly what economic and scientific activities and exploitation of natural resources (and service partner) can be performed in each buffer zone and what are the patterns and levels of conservation to be seen in every one of them. Additional consideration needed for this item, in conjunction with the appropriate ICOMOS Board members.	OS		

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9	Contributions of National Committees to the Triennal Plan	A workshop was held at the NC, the results of which will be analysed by the year end. No recommendations were tabled for ADCOM.	KK		
10	Communications plan and strategy				
10-1	Setting the scene for Annual Report changes	DMcD introduced the new annual report format and noted that it is hoped that in future years, the identification of issues and initiatives in the Annual Report submitted in July will inform the agenda following ADCOM meetings in October of the same year. Additional questions have been added to the new Annual Reporting template on: Young professional involvement, Collaborative events, Strategic plan initiatives Requests or offers of assistance to boost the activities / compliance of NCs The new annual report template will be reissued within the next few weeks and is also available online.	DMcD of the		
10-2	Use of other forms of communication and collaboration through social networks	Ofelia Sanou passed a Presentation and two Power Points to Maureen Pelletier in Istanbul. These were not presented to the meeting in her absence for health reasons, due to difficulties in programming, but are available below: Report on NC: Experience using Facebook ICOMOS America (PPT) http://www.icomoscr.org/doc/SANOU-02-Experience-Facebook-ICOMOS-America.ppt ICOMOS Communications (Including social media) (PPT) http://www.icomoscr.org/doc/SANOU-03-ICOMOS-Comunications-Social-Media.ppt	OS		
10-3	Discussion	In response to a query on the Rules of procedure for the timings of communications, Peter Phillips noted that: Presentation and discussion of Rules of procedure will take place at AdCom. Teresa Patricio noted the importance of languages in the communications strategy and suggested that additional attention be given to appropriate translation. In preparing working groups there is a need to take into account cultural diversity.			
11	Closing				
11-1	Recommendations to the Advisory Committee	Recommendations from the Regional Groups via NC			

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		R 3-1-2 Recommends the formation of small independent 'oversight' working group. The terms of reference are in the resolutions of the Florence General Assembly and recommended for establishment under item 12.4 last year (Fukuoka). This isn't to have an auditor but to have someone from ICOMOS to work with Marie Laure Lavenir, to ask questions and see how things may be presented. This is not an auditing function. Passed			
		Americas: 2 recommendations: R 3-2-1 To open the doors to the new members for YPs R 3-2-2 To achieve Spanish and Portuguese translations – Both Passed			
		Arab Regional: 3 recommendations R 3-5-1 There are a number of international members and the establishment of new NCs is sought, with the assistant of the Secretariat. (There are already local NCs and these should be encouraged to reactivate, or form where there is no committee.)			
		R 3-5-2 & R 3-5-3 NC recommends ADCOM to ask the Board to explore and bring Arab delegates to at least one regional meeting and to draw its attention to the need/aspiration to translate all ICOMOS documents to Arabic.			
		The National Committee meeting recommend that:			
		Young Professionals R4-1 YPs should also be provided with mentoring opportunities on WH missions.			
		Reconstruction R6-1 Establish a Reconstruction working group. R6-2 Identify the NC focal points to form an extended 'reference' working group.			
		National Committee Compliance R7-1 The National Committee meeting recommend that the Arab region is represented and considered in future meetings to discuss and address their specific issues R7-2 Request ADCOM to endorse the Recommendation that the Board take appropriate action to disband and reconstitute unresponsive and fully non-compliant NCs, as identified by the International Secretariat and presented to those in attendance.			

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		Annual Reporting R10-1 Annual (and triennial) Templates to be sent out to NC in spring (Feb-March) and returned in summer (June-July). In English and French.			
11-2	Any other business				
11-3	Vote of thanks to ICOMOS Turkey	Vote of thanks to ICOMOS Turkey. DMcD thanked ICOMOS Turkey, Marianne Knutsen (rapporteur), NC ACOs and all participants for generous and timely engagement in the new NC meeting as part of the ADCOM processes and looks forward to receiving feedback on the format.	DMcD		