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Laura has served on the Board of ICOMOS for the past six years (two terms) in the position of Treasurer-General, 2011-2017.

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This serves to confirm that I am willing to serve as a Board member and make myself available to stand for the position of Treasurer-General of ICOMOS if elected.

I also confirm that I will attend the statutory meetings of the Executive Committee and Bureau of ICOMOS and if not elected to the position of Treasurer-General I will serve as a Board member.

I have served two terms in the position of Treasurer-General of ICOMOS and am very willing to continue in this position which will, in effect, be my last term of office. The complexities of the management of the financial matters of ICOMOS as they are embedded within the French legal system, are considerable, and continuity in the position is important. Similarly the responsible execution of the fiduciary duties of Treasurer-General (as of the rest of the Board members), as set out in the Statutes, is of the utmost importance in this position. I believe that I have demonstrated my ability, responsible and transparent approach, and experience in the financial management of ICOMOS. My previous experience in serving upon a number of Audit and Risk committees in my own country has stood me in good stead when dealing with the oversight of the financial statements of ICOMOS.

Should I be elected as Treasurer-General I would like to continue to explore opportunities to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the institution. This aspect is becoming increasingly important as we look towards the future of ICOMOS.

In terms of my involvement with the more general activities, I have participated actively at both Bureau and Board levels and I trust that my insight into matters of the conservation and management of heritage resources has been of value over the past six years. My particular input, apart from the duties of Treasurer-General, has been in dealing with the numerous MoU's (together with my colleague the Vice President from Europe, Grellan Rourke), serving on the World Heritage Panel, and assisting with matters relating to governance.

I commit to remaining an active proponent for the advancement of heritage on my continent and will continue to build capacity and assist my colleagues both in South Africa as well as the rest of Africa: to this end I shall continue to engage with the ICOMOS Africa group and hope that this will become more active in the upcoming triennium.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Qualified as an architect at the University of Cape Town, Laura now specialises in the field of heritage conservation, management and policy development. She has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Town Heritage Trust for the past 14 years.(the Trust is a leading non-governmental organisation whose mission is to conserve and promote the built environment and cultural landscape of the City of Cape Town).

Laura is a Past President of the Cape Institute for Architecture, a previous Board member of the SA Institute of Architects and has convened both the local and national Heritage Committees of the professional bodies. She is currently the Deputy Chairperson of the Robben Island Museum World Heritage Site.

As a founder member of ICOMOS SA, Laura has been active in World Heritage in South Africa and internationally where she has undertaken missions and reviews for sites in Australia, as well as Kenya, Tanzania, and Ethiopia. Currently she serves as Treasurer on the ICOMOS SA Executive; she is also a member of the working group guiding the review of the Tentative lists for Africa.

Particular interests include the built heritage of the 20th century, cultural landscapes and sites of memory and conscience such as Robben Island (for which she developed the nomination dossier for World Heritage Site status). Laura is currently part of the team working on the Cape Farmsteads Conservation Management Plan, a property which is in preparation for submission to the World Heritage List.