

**ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals Working Group  
 2022 Brainstorming and Sharing Session 02 celebrating  
 The International Day of Monuments & Sites**

**16 April 2022**

**9pm Manila / 6:30pm Delhi / 3pm Paris / 7am Denver**

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**Heritage, Climate Action and Equity**



This Brainstorming and Sharing Session supports the investigation of ICOMOS on harnessing the potential of heritage to enable inclusive, transformative and just climate action through the safeguarding of heritage from adverse climate impacts, delivering climate resilient sustainable development and taking the perspective of equity and justice. The discussants will be providing examples from India and the Philippines, the first one taking a gendered lens of the intangible cultural heritage and climate action while the other will look upon the implications of just transition in the context of heritage. Some ideas on potential climate action for world heritage will also be shared during the session.

There will be a brainstorming of ideas after the presentations and other ideas from practitioners will be shared to trigger new ideas and co-create new solutions. This session is the contribution of the SDGWG to the [2022 International Day of Monuments and Sites](#). All are welcome to attend.

**Discussants**

**Shalini Dasgupta**, Secretary of ICOMOS India, Member of the SDGWG Task Team on Heritage and Gender Equality and National Focal Point of India to the Climate Change & Heritage Working Group

**Climate Change & the Eco-Cultural Landscape of Braj**



The Presentation will focus on the larger question of how cultural heritage can drive climate action using ‘Braj’ in Uttar Pradesh, India a case study. It will showcase the revitalisation of indigenous bio-culture and will showcase the traditional ecosystem of kunds (water bodies), forests, groves and hillocks of the Braj. These are components of the eco-cultural landscape which are revered by the communities. The Braj case study seeks to promote the cultural practice of maintaining water bodies, forests, groves etc and utilising the intangible cultural heritage and cultural skills for livelihood resilience. It also shows the important role of women artisans in the community in reviving the ancient art & craft practices while generating modern livelihoods and inspiring gender equality.

The case study intends to show that culture is closely connected to ecosystems. Sometimes scientific approaches undermine the traditional knowledge systems & living heritage, further undermining the contributions culture can make to climate action. It highlights the importance of enabling communities to be in charge of contributing & implementing climate actions to protect their own interests & livelihoods, cultural heritage and rights.

**Atty. Therese Guiao**, Member of ICOMOS Philippines, Environmental Lawyer, Managing Director of Parabukas

**Just Transition in the Context of Heritage**



The concept of just transition first gained popularity in relation to the labor movement in the late 20th century, but has been quickly gaining traction in the context of climate change. The Energy and Climate Change Directorate of the Scottish Government (2020) defines just transition in two ways – the first is derived from its roots in the labor movement, and pertains to *“the need to offer State support to workers and communities who will lose their livelihoods due to a deliberate shift away from the fossil fuel industry”*. The second definition is broader, calling for justice not just for workers, but for vulnerable groups or sectors as well. Here, *“justice and equity are understood to form an integral part of transition towards a low-carbon world,”* calling for *“an ambitious social and economic restructuring that addresses the roots of inequality.”* (Scottish Government, 2020)

This discussion explores the implications of just transition in the context of the intersection between climate change and cultural and natural heritage. It is meant to provide food for thought, spark ideas and identify areas of possible further research.

**Moderator**



**Lydia Loopesko**, Member of the SDGWG and US/ICOMOS, Program Coordinator of the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program.

In 2021, Ms. Loopesko initiated the SDGWG research with Gabriel Caballero entitled, *“Integration of Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Action at World Heritage Sites”* and the team is continuing the second phase of the research in the summer of 2022.

**About the Organiser**

Established as an interdisciplinary task force by the ICOMOS Scientific Council during the 18th General Assembly in 2014, the [Sustainable Development Goals Working Group](#) (SDGWG) coordinates the response and implementation by ICOMOS of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. The Working Group seeks to conserve, safeguard, steward and engage with all types of heritage while providing cultural, social and economic development to communities, limiting environmental impact of heritage, promoting peace among people and advocating for strategic partnerships in this UN Decade of Action.



The SDGWG has a dedicated Task Team focused on Heritage and Gender Equality. This Task Team highlights gender intersection in heritage narratives and engages with relevant actors to establish and enable gender-sensitive, gender-responsive and gender-transformative policies and practices in the heritage field. It is a collaborative task team with the [Rights Based Approach Working Group](#) of ICOMOS

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### Zoom Meeting Information



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