Cultural & Natural Heritage

Vital for Sustainable Development

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
Target 11.4: Strengthen efforts to protect & safeguard the world’s cultural & natural heritage

Heritage is not just monuments: it is identity, social memory and ‘sense of place’

Heritage has a crucial, structural role within the urban development process:
Creating social cohesion / stimulating growth / reducing poverty / fostering socio-economic regeneration / increasing the density of urban cores and containing the anarchic spread of new buildings / enhancing tourism benefits by preserving cultural resources as a fundamental asset of long-term tourism development / strengthening social fabric and enhancing social well-being / enhancing the appeal and creativity of regions

We must take up the challenge of conserving this fragile, non-renewable resource for the benefit of current and future generations

Culture and cultural heritage should be declared the “4th pillar” for sustainable development


Localizing the SDGs

- ICOMOS is committed to the implementation of the UN Agenda 2030, in particular SDG 11.4, working for the positive integration of culture and cultural heritage into urban development plans and policies
- We are celebrating the 2017 UN International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, #IY2017
  - International Symposium ‘Cultural Heritage Conservation & Sustainable Tourism’, Florence, 18-19 May 2017
- We are focusing our actions on:
  - Advocacy (mobilizing our membership and building partnerships)
  - Localizing the Means of Implementation (guidance for stakeholders, showcasing good practice)
  - Monitoring (developing methodologies for the UN-designated indicator on ‘expenditure’* and other indicators**)

*Total expenditure (type of heritage (cultural, natural, mixed, World Heritage Centre designation), level of government (national, regional, and local/municipal), type of expenditure (operating expenditure/investment) and type of private funding (donations in kind, private non-profit sector, sponsorship and private) per capita spent on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage)

**Supplementary indicators in development (e.g. number of registered heritage sites, capacity building activities, participation and inclusion of NGO’s, employment inc. type of job, share of heritage in GDP, positive effect of heritage on ecological balance, social equity and economic vitality in cities and regions)

More info:
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About ICOMOS

ICOMOS is the only global non-government organisation of its kind, dedicated to the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places.

- Worldwide network of heritage professionals (architects, town planners, historians, archaeologists, art historians, geographers, anthropologists, engineers, economists, lawyers, etc.)
- Advisory Body for the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, involvement in several other UNESCO Conventions
- 10,500 Individual Members, 350 Institutional Members, in 152 countries
- 107 National Committees
- 28 International Scientific Committees:
  - Interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and expertise
  - Theory, methodology and scientific techniques of conservation of urban, architectural, archaeological and intangible heritage
  - Transmission and youth involvement, advocacy and leadership
  - Principles enshrined in the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (the Venice Charter) and 13 subsequent doctrinal texts

Culture, Nature, Cities: ICOMOS at the Culture Summit in Jeju

ICOMOS is pleased to participate in the 2nd Culture Summit of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in Jeju, Republic of Korea, 10-13 May 2017, as organizer of:

- Parallel session D4: ‘Developing a Multi-Stakeholder Platform for Localization of SDG 11.4 on Cultural and Natural Heritage’ (11 May, 16:30) with the participation of expert members of ICOMOS, IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC), UCLG, Europa Nostra and the World Urban Campaign (WUC), as well as representatives of the Cities of Malmö, Cuenca and Quito.

You can also listen to ICOMOS Members share their insights at:
- Parallel session B2: Building a “Culture2030Goal”? Discussion with cultural networks (11 May, 09:15)
- Parallel session B3: Evaluating Cultural Impacts (11 May, 09:15)
- Parallel session C1: Cities, heritage and sustainability (11 May, 11:15)
- Plenary session 2: Towards a Global Culture 2030 Goal? (11 May, 14:00)
- Parallel session D3: Cities, Culture and Climate Change (11 May, 16:30)