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**Journeys to Africa & Arab Heritage**

**Shared Cultures. Shared Heritage. Shared Responsibilities**

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I n t e r n a t i o n a l C o u n c i l O n M o n u m e n t s A n d S i t e s

REPORT

of webinar

on

**Journeys to Arica and  
Arab State Héritage :  
Shared Cultures,  
Shared Héritage,  
Shared Responsabilités**

*Organiser*

**ICOMOS-EPWG (Africa and  
Arab States Regions)**

*Date*

**18 April 2020**

as part of the International Day of  
Monuments and Sites (IDMS) 2020

## Views about the webinar

I will like to congratulate you all on this initiative. It is absolutely fantastic, and I am very much encouraged

*Toshi Kono (President, ICOMOS International)*

It's great! So interesting. It's really good to have lots of short presentations from so many different places. Also really great to have the presentations in French and English to make it more accessible to more people. Loved it.

*Participant from ICOMOS, UK*

It is a really great opportunity to share the different views and situations. Thanks a lot for your organization!

*Participant from ICOMOS, Denmark*

It is a very relevant topic to the theme of 18th April, seeing many examples from Africa and Arab regions improve my knowledge about the African and Arab heritage.

*Participant from ICOMOS, Turkey*

It is a good initiative because it is an opportunity to meet and share our experiences.

*Participant from ICOMOS International*

It was a very interesting event to share and exchange different views on the heritage conservation and practice in the African and Arabian region, while reflecting on the possibilities to foster the sustainable development of communities. There is always something new to learn from our shared experiences.

*Participant from ICOMOS Peru*

Great idea. Wonderful to attend and chat. Great short presentations. Very good that it was also in the two official languages of ICOMOS and balanced in terms of disciplines, regions, themes, issues, view points.

*Participant from ICOMOS Canada*

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## Purpose of the event

This event focused on understanding issues and influence of heritage (tangible/intangible, cultural/natural/mixed and movable/immovable) on sustainable development of communities in Africa and Arab States Regions. As a matter of fact, heritage is experienced both at personal and collective scales. In essence, individuals and communities in Africa and Arab States regions are connected to heritage, while also many of these heritage are shared across persons, groups and communities. Beyond the existence value of heritage, heritage can also be leveraged as soft power within the community to bring about social inclusion, development and communal understanding and dialogue. In view of this, the advantage of understanding the heritage of different communities in these regions is not only limited to having knowledge about the heritage but also to appreciate the peculiarities such as culture and art of our communities and across generations to bring about intercommunal and intergenerational dialogue.

The event will run for 2 hours with each participant presenting on any heritage within Africa and Arab States regions. Participants will also proffer responses to the following questions:

- i. What would you define as your heritage?
- ii. What are the values and significance of the heritage?
- iii. Why do you think this is heritage?
- iv. What does it (response to Q1) means to you?
- v. What is the current state of the heritage? How is the heritage used/practiced and managed?
- vi. What are the threats and risks facing the heritage?
- vii. How can the heritage be leveraged for sustainable development within the community?

## Participation

The event had a total of 15 presentations (see Figure 1) from ICOMOS Emerging Professionals, talking about heritage in the region, cultural, tangible, intangible, and natural heritage, from Nigeria, Algeria, Syria, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Tunisia, Cameroon, Niger, etc. The event has been running in two languages, English and French, to allow larger participation.

1. **Olufemi Adetunji:** *Rethinking Difficult Heritage for Sustainable Development: Lessons from Badagry Community (Nigeria)*
2. **Sanaa Niar:** *Les valeurs techniques et territoriales dans le patrimoine défensive, le cas d'Oran (Algérie)*
3. **Nader Al Noury:** *Church of Saint Simeon*
4. **Frank Privat Gonné:** *Les lieux de Mémoire: Conservation de la Mémoire Collective et Construction des Identités*
5. **Godwin Ehis Okonigene:** *OSUN-OSOGBO SACRED GROVE, our Heritage our pride.*
6. **Samson Faboye:** *Nigerian colonial architecture: a bridge between the past and future*
7. **Dalia Nabil:** *Heritage: Meaning and Significance (Egypt)*
8. **Khansa Bouaziz:** *Le Patrimoine Berbère Bati en Tunisie Exemples des Villages de Crêtes et les Ksours de Montagne*
9. **Bounouioua Ferial :** *Exceptional site-Composed heritage, is Constantine facing future challenges ?*
10. **Yazan Al Ghunaimi:** *Church of Qalb Lawzeh*
11. **Avenir Gérardine:** *Gestion du patrimoine culturel au Cameroun: cas du paysage culturel des chutes de la Lobé*
12. **Alice Marquis:** *Patrimoines partagés dans un contexte du développement durable au Cameroun*
13. **Aliyu Adamu:** *The Surame Cultural Landscape*
14. **Abubakar Abdulqadir Muhammad :** *Luxury objects heritage*

Figure 1: List of presenters and topic of presentations

Total of participation in the webinar ranges around 70 persons from various countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, South America and North America. The webinar ended with more that 30 minutes of Questions and Answers to allow for fruitful conversation where participants asked their questions in English and French. Also, a short survey was circulated among the participants for feedback purposes.

## Feedbacks

Most of the feedbacks collected focused on having subtitles in languages other than the language of presentation and technical difficulties. One of the participants from stated that *the only problem for me is half of the presentations are in French and I don't know French, so I could only see the photos. Maybe, in the future, some other solutions could be found like subtitles.*

## Lessons Learnt

- i. Future webinars will be conducted using Zoom Webinar platform as alternative to Zoom meeting platform.
- ii. Translated version (English and French) of the presentation will be presented as overlay during presentation.

## Screen Grabs of Some of the Participants

