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International Workshop

22nd and 23rd November 2018

Brussels

**World Heritage FOR Sustainable Development:
New Networks for Transformation**

Free Registration

As part of an international networking project - 'World Heritage FOR Sustainable Development' - funded by the UK's Arts and Humanities Research Council, the Ironbridge International Institute for Cultural Heritage, University of Birmingham, is holding a two-day workshop to explore creative ways in which World Heritage Sites located in countries receiving Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) can be supported so that they may mobilise their World Heritage Sites to better assist in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The workshop will present the interim findings of the networking project, hear from World Heritage Sites as to how they are engaging with the sustainable development agenda and the challenges they face and importantly, identify ways in which Sites in the developing world can be assisted so as to contribute to wider social and economic development. In line with the policy adopted at the 2015 Bonn Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (40 COM 5C), it is recognised that a Sustainable Development Perspective should be integrated into the processes of the World Heritage Convention. This opens up new challenges and possibilities for World Heritage Sites which this workshop will explore.

The workshop seeks to generate a dialogue between the World Heritage Sites of Europe and those in the developing world. While there are clear differences in terms of access to resources, systems of governance and management practices, there are also commonalities shared through the status of World Heritage and also importantly, opportunities for developing new supportive networks and ways to engage with one another.

The workshop will focus upon creative approaches to addressing the relationship between World Heritage Sites and Sustainable Development taking into account the challenges of sites in the developing world. We wish this workshop to be a space for creative thinking and to generate ideas that can be taken forward through policy and research but specifically practice. Ideas we would like to consider include:

- Models of governance that will widen the stakeholder communities of World Heritage Sites and engage with the fullest range of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Requirements for education regarding the potential and possibilities World Heritage Sites can offer the sustainable development agenda;
- Opportunities to develop networks, associations and routes that can build constituencies amongst World Heritage Sites in ODA countries;
- Ways of clustering and theming World Heritage Sites across national boundaries;
- Partnering / twining of Sites between Europe and the developing world.

Draft Programme

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Thursday 22nd November	
9.45 -10.15	Registration and coffee
10.15 – 10.30	Welcome, Agenda and Tour de Table
10.30 -11.30	Overview of Project Findings — Mike Robinson and Ioanna Katapidi
11.30-12.00	Marielle Richon – World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Nepal
12.00-12.30	Laura Kraak – World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Myanmar
12.30-13.00	Anne Grady – DG Education, Culture, Youth and Sport (tbc)
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-14.30	Suleiman Farajat – World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Jordan
14.30-15.00	Wided Majdoub - World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Tunisia
15.00-15.20	Tea Break
15.20-15.50	Ana Pereira Roders — World Heritage and Sustainable Cities
15.50-16.50	Discussion: Clarifying the Challenges
Thursday 23rd November	
9.30 –10.00	Challenges, Issues and Questions for the Day
10.00 -10.30	Oriol Matalonga - World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Afghanistan
10.30-11.00	Willem Derde - World Heritage and Sustainable Development in India
11.00—11.30	Gamal Abdelmonem - World Heritage and Sustainable Development in Egypt
11.30-12.00	Kerstin Manz — German Commission for UNESCO
12.00-12.30	Chloe Campo — Association of French World Heritage Sites
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Round table discussions — Pushing Policy — Creating Actions
15.00-15.20	Tea Break
15.20-16.20	Round table discussions — Recommendations
16.20-16.30	Concluding remarks

The Workshop is free to attend including lunches and coffee

To register your place please contact:

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Venue

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The venue is easily accessible by public transport, only within couple of minutes walking distance from Bruxelles-Schuman metro station

