



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2nd WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGERS' FORUM

The Kingdom of Bahrain and ICCROM, in cooperation with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS, IUCN and the National Heritage Board of Poland are delighted to announce the second edition of the World Heritage Site Managers' Forum (WHSMF 2018) with the theme:

“World Heritage Site Manager: Role, Responsibility and Capacity-Building Needs”

in conjunction with the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee in Manama, Bahrain. World Heritage Site managers from across the globe are invited to participate in this year's Forum, aimed at continuing to empower World Heritage Site Managers on the international stage.

Dates: 21 - 28 June 2018

Location: Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Language: English (only)

Host: Kingdom of Bahrain

Organizers: Kingdom of Bahrain, ICCROM

Partners: WHC, ICOMOS, IUCN, National Heritage Board of Poland

Financial Partners: Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment through the ICCROM-IUCN World Heritage Leadership Programme

Aims of the forum

As a continuation of the initiative started in 2017 on the occasion of the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee in Kraków, Poland, the 2018 edition of World Heritage Site Managers' Forum objectives are to:

- ensure World Heritage Site Managers understand better their crucial role in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and their responsibilities within the World Heritage system;
- show and discuss the correlation between a Site Manager's activity and the Committee's decisions and vice versa, which shall influence the perception of the Convention as a real tool facilitating heritage protection;
- directly expose the Site Managers to the issues discussed during the World Heritage Committee sessions on the state of conservation (SOC) reports.



Themes

Therefore, to address the stated objectives, the 2018 edition of the World Heritage Site Managers Forum will cover the following three topics under the title “World Heritage Site Manager: Role, Responsibility and Capacity-Building Needs”:

- Basics of the World Heritage Convention and its operation
- Heritage and Environmental Impact Assessments
- Role, responsibility of Heritage Site Managers and their capacity building needs

Who Can Attend?

- Participants from all natural, cultural and mixed World Heritage properties may apply;
- The Forum is designed for a maximum of 200 participants present in Manama, Bahrain;
- Online participation will be made available for those who wish to participate but have not been selected to physically attend the Forum due to lack of travel funding, for example;
- For their application to be considered, participants should be able to demonstrate their involvement in ongoing management activities of the World Heritage properties they represent;
- There will be a limit of one (1) participant per World Heritage property to participate in the Forum. An exception will be made for transboundary or transnational serial properties, for which up to one (1) person per State Party involved may be accepted;
- Priority will be given to participants whose properties have state of conservation reports discussed at the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee. Preference will also be given if the property is currently undertaking or planning to undertake Heritage/Environmental Impact Assessments. In addition, Site Managers who have not yet had the opportunity to attend a previous edition of the World Heritage Site Manager’s Forum will be given preference;
- Selection will also be guided in view of balancing regional and gender distribution of participants as well as types of World Heritage properties represented;
- The working language of the Forum will be English (only). English knowledge needs to be demonstrated in the application process. If required, working group discussions may be facilitated in Arabic and French to encourage participation in other languages than English.

Travel, Accommodation and Living Expenses

Participants attending in person will be responsible for their round trip travel costs to and from Bahrain and their accommodation and living expenses. Specific Hotels close to either the venue of the WHSMF 2018 or the location of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee will be reserved for Forum participants.



Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek financial support from sources such as governmental institutions, employers and funding agencies.

The Host Country has secured limited funds to enable representatives from Least Developed Countries (as defined in the 1st bullet of Paragraph 239 point b. of the Operational Guidelines) and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) to participate in the Forum.

Registration Process

Please note, that the following information will be requested as part of the registration process:

- Description of duty performed by the applicant at the World Heritage property in 150 words (max.)
- A professional Curriculum Vitae in 2 pages (max.) as PDF document
- A scan of the passport as pdf or jpg of max 1 MB in size
- Site Managers are invited to submit their application through the online registration form of the World Heritage Site Manager's Forum 2018, which will be available soon at <http://42whcbahrain2018.bh/world-heritage-site-managers-forum-2018/>.

The deadline to apply to the 2018 World Heritage Site Managers Forum is 15 April 2018 at 23:59 CET (Paris time).

Participants will be informed of the results of the selection process latest 6 weeks prior to the opening of the Forum.