
Training Workshop on Disaster Risk Preparedness and Management

World Heritage site of Berat, Albania
19-24 November 2011

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Rationale

Natural disasters in diverse forms both natural and human induced, including the effects of climate change, are on the increase and their impacts on the life of people as well as our valued heritage resources have drawn the serious attention of many. Disasters do happen, and while most cannot be prevented, preparatory measures can mitigate or effectively reduce their impact. At the same time, investing in risk preparedness before the disaster can avoid spending large sums of money in post disaster recovery stage. Furthermore, it has been recognised through experience that the heritage itself can contribute towards reducing the effects of disasters in various ways. For example, traditional knowledge systems embodied in physical planning and construction can be useful for mitigation purposes, as can local management systems and ecological management, which not only prevent or mitigate the impact of disasters, but also provide sufficient coping mechanisms to deal with post-disaster situations. Cultural properties have proved to serve as safe havens for surrounding communities for their temporary relocation during emergencies. The World Heritage Committee, in particular, has adopted in 2007 a *Strategy for Reducing Risks from Disasters at World Heritage Properties* which encourages all States Parties to develop disaster risk

management plans for the World Heritage properties in their respective countries. However, disaster risk management is still at a preliminary stage among heritage professionals.

In coherence with this and under the framework of ONE UN Albania, the UNESCO Venice Office – ICCROM is proposing a training workshop aimed at bringing together heritage professionals from selected major heritage sites of Albania (Gjirokastra, Berat, Saranda-Butrint and Apollonia archaeological park) to introduce the disaster risk issue within the developing process of WHS disaster risk management plans. The workshop will be developed through a participatory methodology and upon the newly issued WHC-ICCROM World Heritage Resource Manual for disaster risk management. Special focus will be devoted to risk preparedness for earthquakes and fires, through the participation of highly qualified international experts on such fields of expertise.

Objectives

- To raise the awareness among professionals and responsible agencies for the need to develop appropriate disaster risk management plans;
- To raise capacity in developing appropriate regimes of risk management in major cultural sites of Albania;
- To lay the ground for the development of a disaster risk management plan in the selected cultural sites, *acting* as a model for other sites both in Albania and in the whole Region.

Methodology

The workshop intends to bring heritage professionals from Albania and provide them with the knowledge on current thinking, methods and tools available for the preparation of Disaster Risk Management plans. The World Heritage Manual on disaster risk management will also be introduced to the participants. Using the manual and analyzing the specific context of the selected sites, a broader framework will be developed. This will be done through team work methodologies that will form the basis for further developing a site management plan by the respective site management authorities to be delivered and presented to the *final workshop on disaster risk preparedness and management in cultural sites* to be held in Albania in spring 2012. Trainees will be able to rely on adequate coaching support after the end of the training and will be praised with personal certificate of attendance only upon delivery of a framework for draft management plan on risk preparedness at the above conclusive workshop.

Target audience

12-15 professionals (selected cultural sites managers, municipal and civil protection agency representatives);

Time period

19 - 24 November

Venue

Tomorri Hotel - WHS of Berat

Organizers/ Partners

MoTCYS Albania

UNESCO Venice Office

ICCROM

Resource Persons

International resource persons

- Gamini Wijesuriya - (ICCROM Sites Unit)
- Rohit Jigasu specialist in overall disaster risk and risk related to earthquakes
- Chris Marrion specialist in fire based risk disasters
- G.P. Cavinato, CNR-IGAG Rome specialist in Seismic risk in heritage sites

National Experts

- Iris Pojani (UNESCO consultant on cultural sites risks)
- Llambro Duni (UNESCO consultant on seismic risk)

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DRAFT AGENDA

19-11-2011 (Saturday)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
9.00	Registration	
	9.30 <i>Welcoming speeches</i> <i>Mr. Fadil Nasufi – Mayor of Berati Municipality</i> <i>Mrs. Zinev – Touimi – Benjeloun, United nations Resident Coordinator for Albania</i> <i>Mr. Ols Iafe/Gezim Halili, MoTCYS Representative</i> <i>Mrs. Zhulieta Harasani, UNESCO Venice Office - Antenna in Albania</i> Gamini Wijesuriya, ICCROM	
10.00-10.30	<i>Programme and trainers' introduction: General overview of UNESCO – ICCROM strategy in risk disaster and risk preparedness</i>	D. Poletto UNESCO Venice Office Science Unit G. Wijesuriya ICCROM Site Unit
10.30-11.00	An overview of WHS of Albania management plans development and risk preparedness-the case of Butrint	I. Pojani
11.00 -11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-12.00	An overview Seismic risk in selected cultural Heritage sites of Albania	L. Duni
12.00-12.30	Seismic risk assessment and prevention at the WHS of the city centre of Rome: lessons learnt from the <i>Palatino</i> case.	G.Cavinato-M. Moscatelli CNR-IGAG)
12.30-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Presentation of training team, selected participants and major issues in their sites	Training team/participants

15.30-16.00	Tea Break	
16.00-17.00	Presentation of training team, selected participants and major issues in their sites	Training team/participants

20-11-2011 (Sunday)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
9.30-13.00	Site visit at the case study of Berat	
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.00	Management requirements for World Heritage Properties	G. Wijesuriya ICCROM
16.00-16.30	Tea Break	
16.30-17.30	Disaster Risk Aspects Related to Fire (Lecture 1) Fires in Historic Buildings	G. Wijesuriya ICCROM

21-11-2011 (Monday)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
9.30-11.00	Introducing key concepts and principles for disaster risk management Key components of disaster risk management plan for heritage sites.	R. Jigyasu
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-13.00	How to use the Resource Manual? Introduction to Group work	R. Jigyasu & RP
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.00	Group work	Participants
16.00-16.30	Tea Break	
16.30-17.30	Group work/ Discussion	Training team/participants

22-11-2011 (Tuesday)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
9.30-11.00	Disaster Risk Aspects Related to Fire (Lecture II)	C. E Marrion

	& III) Disaster Risk Management Plans and Fire Fire/Life Safety Features and Systems	
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-13.00	Disaster Risk Aspects Related to Fire (Lecture IV) Analysis Methods/Tools Case Studies	C. E Marrion
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.00	Group work	Participants
16.00-16.30	Tea Break	
16.30-17.30	Group work/Discussion	Training team/participants

23-11-2011 (Wednesday)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
9.30-11.00	Preparation of final presentations	Participants
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-13.00	Preparation of final presentations	Participants
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.00	Final presentations	Participants & R. Jigyas
16.00-16.30	Tea Break	
16.30-17.30	Final presentations	Training team/participants

24-11-2011 (Thursday)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
9.30-11.00	Conclusions and Future actions	Participants & Trainers
11.00-11.30	Tea Break	
11.30-13.00	Evaluation and closing	Training team/participants
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.00	Departure of participants	

Logistic information

18 November 2011

14:00 Pick up and departure of Participants from Tirana. Venue Qemal Stafa Stadium

17:00 Arrival to Berati and accommodation at Tomorri Hotel
Participants from Gjirokastra and Saranda will organize their transfer individually to arrive to Berati around the same time.

24 November 2011

14:30 Departure of participants

Working language

English and Albanian - simultaneous translation will be provided

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