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ICC-Angkor MEETING IN SIEM REAP

The 26th Technical Session meeting of the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor) will be held on 22 & 23 June 2016 in Siem Reap at the APSARA CONFERENCE HALL.

After Angkor was inscribed in the World Heritage list on December 14, 1992, an International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor) was established. The creation of this ICC-Angkor was one of the conditions given by the World Heritage Committee to accept the Angkor Site on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Since that time, the ICC-Angkor has convened regularly twice a year, thus consistently following up on all operations being carried out on the site. It is the international mechanism for coordination of assistances extended by different countries and organizations. It ensures the consistency of the different projects, defines, when necessary, financial standards and calls the attention of the concerned parties when required.

The ICC channels its efforts not only in favor of conservation but also with a view to sustainable development in follow-up to the Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development (September 2002). The ICC is aware of the need to develop ethical, sustainable tourism in the Siem Reap / Angkor zone that will provide a genuine tool for poverty alleviation.

The ICC-Angkor is co-chaired by France and Japan. UNESCO ensures the function of the Secretariat in cooperation with the APSARA National Authority. On the first day of the Technical Session (16 June), will be spent on a site tour at the Banteay Srey Temple, Baray Occidental; Ta Prohm temple; Phnom Bakheng temple; Angkor Vat , Lolei temple, Bakong temple and the Banteay Samrè temple.

On 22 & 23 June, there will be a number of presentations by specialists, focusing on various topics including restoration, archaeological research, tourism and sustainable development. The session will be opened by **Mr. Takahisa TSUGAWA**, the Minister/Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Japan. The Royal Government of Cambodia will be represented by His Excellency **Dr. SOK An**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for the Council of Ministers and Chairman of the APSARA National Authority. The closing session will be ensured by **Mrs. Anne LEMAISTRE**, Representative of UNESCO in Cambodia and the French Co-chairwoman, Ms. **Pascale TURQUET**, Cooperation Attaché, Embassy of France in Cambodia.

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