

PRIORITY ACTION PLAN FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

1. The Participants from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, UNESCO, ICOMOS and CRATerre-ENSAG,
 - i. recognizing the significant work achieved since May 2000 when the five Central Asian experts agreed upon the priority needs in the field of world cultural heritage under auspices of UNESCO for the first time in Ashgabad and Merv in Turkmenistan;
 - ii. recalling that, following the request from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, UNESCO World Heritage Centre and CRATerre-ENSAG had elaborated the sub-regional programme "Central Asian Earth 2002-2012" to address the global strategy and conservation needs in the sub-region approved and financially supported by the World Heritage Committee since 2000;
 - iii. appreciating the numerous national initiatives taken to enhance the conservation process of cultural heritage in Central Asia, especially building upon the Regional Periodic Reporting Exercise and the West-Central Asian Concluding Recommendations adopted in March 2003, endorsed by the World Heritage Committee in July 2003, and integrated into "Action Asia 2003-2009 Programme" adopted and financially supported by the World Heritage Committee;
 - iv. noting that a Three-Year Action Plan for implementing the "Central Asian Earth 2002-2012" Programme had been developed by the Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO, and CRATerre-ENSAG in April 2004 in Khiva, Uzbekistan, following two years of assessment and analysis of the capacity building needs in the field of cultural heritage;
 - v. recognizing that there is still limited interest and involvement of national entities and decision makers to facilitate the development of capacity building in conservation and management of cultural heritage in the sub-region, compounded by the general limitation of financial and technical resources;
 - vi. noting that there has been valuable experience gained through in-situ projects, workshops on conservation focusing on technical practices, and experimental research within the sub-region;
 - vii. mindful of the existence of various educational initiatives within some universities and some of their correlated chairs of partial curricula addressing certain key issues of cultural heritage, but nevertheless noting the absence of a structured educational curricula on conservation and management for cultural heritage.
 - viii. appreciating the presence of several UNESCO Chairs in Central Asia which contribute to cultural heritage, whose activities and contributions must be shared through enhanced information dissemination;
 - ix. discussed priority follow-up actions necessary to continue and increase the application of the World Heritage Convention in the sub-region;
 - x. appealed to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, UNESCO Almaty, Tashkent, and Tehran Offices to continue supporting financially and technically, the implementation of the "Central Asian Earth 2002-2012" and "Action Asia 2003~2009" Programmes;
 - xi. adopted the following "Priority Action Plan 2006~2009" for cultural heritage within the framework of UNESCO's "Central Asian Earth 2002-2012" and "Action Asia 2003~2009" Programmes;

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COMM	Translation of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention	Correct application of the World Heritage Convention in the Central Asian States Parties	UNESCO & Russian Language speaking States Parties to the World Heritage Convention / Humanity and the World Heritage	World Heritage Centre's Regular Programme Budget	UNESCO World Heritage Centre	Before the end of 2006
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Cultural Heritage Protection Legislation Kazakhstan	Updating and harmonization of National Legislation to strengthen protection and conservation of World Cultural Heritage and potential World Cultural Heritage in Kazakhstan, including newly recognized types of cultural heritage	Kazakhstan / Humanity and the World Heritage	National Resources	Kazakhstan	Newly updated National Legislation will be adopted at end 2005. Special National Legislation for World Heritage and Tentative List properties to be elaborated thereafter.
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Cultural Heritage Protection Legislation Kyrgyz Republic	Updating and harmonization of National Legislation to strengthen protection and conservation of World Cultural Heritage and potential World Cultural Heritage in Kyrgyz Republic, including newly recognized types of cultural heritage	Kyrgyz Republic / Humanity and the World Heritage	National Resources	Kyrgyz Republic	Complete process of revising National Legislation at end 2006.
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Cultural Heritage Protection Legislation Tajikistan	Updating and harmonization of National Legislation to strengthen protection and conservation of World Cultural Heritage and potential World Cultural Heritage in Tajikistan, including newly recognized types of cultural heritage	Tajikistan / Humanity and the World Heritage	National Resources	Tajikistan	Adopt National Legislation in 2006.
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Cultural Heritage Protection Legislation Uzbekistan	Updating and harmonization of National Legislation to strengthen protection and conservation of World Cultural Heritage and potential World Cultural Heritage in	Uzbekistan / Humanity and the World Heritage	National Resources	Uzbekistan	New National Legislation adopted in 2001. Currently

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		Uzbekistan, including newly recognized types of cultural heritage				harmonizing Cultural Heritage Legislation with national laws concerning the safeguarding and utilization of cultural and natural heritage.
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Inventory Kazakhstan	Updating of Kazakhstan's National Cultural Heritage Inventory to include new concepts of cultural heritage following the World Heritage Convention's Operational Guidelines, to update national Tentative List	Kazakhstan / Humanity and the World Heritage	National Resources	Kazakhstan	On-going
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Inventory Kyrgyz Republic	Updating of Kyrgyz Republic's National Cultural Heritage Inventory to include new concepts of cultural heritage following the World Heritage Convention's Operational Guidelines, to update national Tentative List	Kyrgyz Republic	National Resources	Kyrgyz Republic	Overall review to be completed in end 2007.
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Inventory Tajikistan	Updating of Tajikistan's National Cultural Heritage Inventory to include new concepts of cultural heritage following the World Heritage Convention's Operational Guidelines, to update national Tentative List	Tajikistan	National Resources	Tajikistan	Overall review to be completed in end 2006.
CREDIB	Review and updating of National Inventory Uzbekistan	Updating of Uzbekistan's National Cultural Heritage Inventory to include new concepts of cultural heritage following the World Heritage Convention's Operational Guidelines, to update national Tentative List	Uzbekistan	National Resources	Uzbekistan	Overall review to be completed in end 2006.
CREDIB	Harmonizing Kazakhstan's Tentative List	Harmonization of Kazakhstan's Tentative List and official submission to	Kazakhstan	National Resources	Kazakhstan	Submitted in 1998. Updated in

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		UNESCO				2002. Continue updating to address two priority "serial nomination" themes.
CREDIB	Harmonizing Kyrgyz Republic's Tentative List	Harmonization of Kyrgyz Republic's Tentative List and official submission to UNESCO	Kyrgyz Republic	National Resources	Kyrgyz Republic	Updated in 2003. Further updated version to be submitted in 2006. Continue updating to address two priority "serial nomination" themes.
CREDIB	Harmonizing Tajikistan's Tentative List	Harmonization of Tajikistan's Tentative List and official submission to UNESCO	Tajikistan	National Resources	Tajikistan	Submitted in 2000. Updated version to be submitted before early 2007. Continue updating to address two priority "serial nomination" themes.
CREDIB	Harmonizing Uzbekistan's Tentative List	Harmonization of Uzbekistan's Tentative List and official submission to UNESCO	Uzbekistan	National Resources	Uzbekistan	Submitted in 1996. Updated version to be submitted before July 2006. Continue updating to address two priority "serial nomination" themes.

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CREDIB	Information exchange with China for the serial nomination "The Central Asian Silk Roads"	Participation by all Central Asian States Parties to the Chinese Silk Roads serial nomination meeting (Spring 2006 in Turfan or Kashgar) to exchange information and technical know-how on the large scale serial nomination.	All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO, China / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	Dutch Funds in Trust	UNESCO World Heritage Centre	themes. Spring 2006
CREDIB	Preparation of a serial nomination "The Central Asian Silk Roads" to be submitted by the five Central Asian States Parties.	<p>Organization of a Meeting in Samarkand to result with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation of background documentation based upon ICAS (Institute of Central Asian Studies in Samarkand) network of institutions and experts. 2. Definition of OUV for the serial nomination "The Central Asian Silk Roads" and a formal name; 3. Elaboration of a strategy for the trans-boundary nomination; 4. Adoption of a strategic action plan; 5. Political commitment affirmed by the States Parties 6. Establishment of a small Working Group with five experts from each State Party to coordinate execution of the Strategic Action Plan. 	All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	World Heritage Fund Preparatory Assistance USD 30,000 (Including funds for a Ministerial Meeting to endorse the sub-regional serial nomination.)	<p>ICAS to prepare the initial scientific foundation.</p> <p>UNESCO Silk Roads Unit to be requested by UNESCO World Heritage Centre to provide previous studies.</p> <p>All States Parties to contribute information.</p> <p>UNESCO Almaty, Tashkent, Tehran, World</p>	Preparation in 2005 and 2006 for the Meeting. Meeting to take place in September/October 2006

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					Heritage Centre Uzbekistan Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan Turkmenistan	
CONSERV	Mobilize international technical and financial co-operation from specialized institutions (eg. Getty Conservation Institute) or existing frameworks (eg. TERRA) for increasing the sub-regional conservation process for the serial nomination "The Central Asian Silk Roads".	Establishment and application of effective conservation guiding principles including monitoring indicators. Contribution to the serial nomination dossiers for all potential properties to be included within "The Central Asian Silk Roads". Upgrading of conservation of cultural heritage properties. Enhancement of conservation planning process by the States Parties.	All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	To be mobilized.	UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS Ms Susan Denyer, CRATERRE-ENSAG	Before end 2006.
CREDIB	Preparation of a serial nomination "The Central Asian Silk Roads" to be submitted by the five Central Asian States Parties. Preparation of a serial nomination "Rock Art of Central Asia" to be submitted by the Central Asian States Parties. Strengthening at national and sub-	Ministerial Meeting to be organized to declare: - Political commitment to complement national initiatives with a sub-regional serial nominations "The Central Asian Silk Roads" and "Rock Art of Central Asia"; - Strengthening efforts in the application of the World Heritage Convention with particular	All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	World Heritage Fund Preparatory Assistance (combined with the earlier USD 30,000)	UNESCO Almaty, Tashkent, Tehran, World Heritage Centre All Central Asian States Parties	Before end 2006.

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	regional levels, the application of the World Heritage Convention, with particular emphasis on the comprehensive conservation process and capacity building.	emphasis on the comprehensive conservation process and capacity building.				
CREDIB	Mobilization of Turkmenistan's participation in the serial nomination "The Central Asian Silk Roads".	Better representation within the serial nomination "The Central Asian Silk Roads"	All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	Existing resources within UNESCO	UNESCO Tehran, UNESCO World Heritage Centre Turkmenistan	Before end 2006.
CREDIB	Share knowledge of the scope, extent and significance of traditional irrigation systems in Central Asia, particularly in association with settlements along the Silk Routes.	Comparative thematic study which highlight the traditional irrigation systems which need to be part of the serial nomination "Central Asian Silk Routes"	Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan UNESCO Tehran IOC MOS Ms Susan Denyer / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	National Resources	Co-ordinated initially by Kazakhstan	On-going
CREDIB	Preparation of a serial nomination "Rock Art in Central Asia" to be submitted by the five Central Asian States Parties as a possible extension to "Tamgaly" World	Preparation by Kazakhstan of the two rock art properties, and by Uzbekistan of one rock art property to be submitted to the World Heritage Committee.	Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan Uzbekistan /	National Resources and possibly extra-budgetary	Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan Uzbekistan	Delineation of zones and legal protection for 2 Kazakh properties before end 2008.

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	Heritage property.		UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	funding sources to be mobilized.		First three extensions from Kazakhstan possibly before 1 Feb 2009, & Uzbekistan before or on 1 Feb 2008.
CREDIB	Information sharing for Petroglyphs to enable comparative analysis for the serial nomination of "Rock Art in Central Asia" as an extension to "Tamgaly" World Heritage property.	CARAD (Central Asian Rock Art Database) established. Common approach to documentation of Rock Art in the region. Information essential for the serial nomination of "Rock Art in Central Asia" collected to enable a comparative analysis.	Azerbaijan Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Russian Federation Tajikistan Uzbekistan UNESCO Almaty / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	RP 33 C/5 Decentralized to UNESCO Almaty	Co-ordination by UNESCO Almaty Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan Uzbekistan	2006-2007
CREDIB	Dialogue and consultation between scientists for the serial nomination "Rock Art of Central Asia" as an extension to "Tamgaly" World Heritage property.	Definition of the Outstanding Universal Value of the serial nomination "Rock Art of Central Asia" as an extension to "Tamgaly" World Heritage property.	Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan UNESCO Almaty ICOMOS Ms Susan Denyer / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	National Resources	Co-ordination by Kazakhstan (Tamgaly) Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Tajikistan Uzbekistan	2006
COMM	Share information on all	Enhanced understanding of the	All Central Asian	Existing	UNESCO	Before end 2006.

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	international and national activities, demonstrative good case studies, lessons learnt, related to the conservation of cultural heritage in the sub-region, in particular earthen architecture and the specific conservation problems faced in the sub-region, already identified and reaffirmed in May 2000, March 2003, and April 2004.	conservation challenges and problems common to Central Asian cultural heritage, and identification of possible solutions.	States Parties, UNESCO / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	resources within UNESCO	Almaty will upload the information on the existing web-link. All States Parties, UNESCO concerned offices, CRATERre-ENSAG to transmit information to UNESCO Almaty.	
CB	Mobilize significant financial resources on a sub-regional level for the implementation of the "Central Asian Earth 2002-2012" Programme.	<p>Project briefing to present to potential donors.</p> <p>Significant donor support / impetus for the implementation of the "Central Asian Earth Programme 2002-2012" Programme.</p> <p>Co-ordination of the various international and UNESCO efforts for the conservation and capacity building for Central Asian cultural heritage.</p> <p>Better representativity of the World Heritage through successful nominations (individual, serial, extensions).</p> <p>Capacity building for the conservation</p>	All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	IA Request from World Heritage Fund to be requested for three consecutive years for USD 30,000 per year, following the "Africa 2009" Programme.	States Parties, CRATERre-ENSAG, UNESCO Almaty, Tashkent, Tehran, World Heritage Centre	Between January 2006 ~ 2008.

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		<p>of Central Asian cultural heritage, especially for conservation planning, sound management, and sustainable presentation of the World Heritage or Tentative List cultural heritage properties.</p> <p>Translation into Russian and dissemination of key cultural heritage conservation literature to Central Asian conservation authorities.</p>				
CB	<p>Define and develop a strategy, at sub-regional level to facilitate the implementation of regional courses, regional thematic seminars and workshops that would benefit from previous international experiences developed in the field (references "TERRA", "Africa 2009"). Establish framework for implementation of strategy.</p>	<p>This strategy would contribute to establish the necessary conditions for an adaptation of this background to the Central Asian context (political, cultural, educational and technical, economical constraints and potentials).</p> <p>Establishment of an executive committee to guide and implement the strategy.</p>	<p>All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage</p>	<p>Same source as above.</p>	<p>UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Central Asian Field Offices, CRATerre-ENSAG</p> <p>All States Parties</p>	<p>2007~2012</p>
COMM	<p>Collect data on all existing UNESCO Chairs benefiting cultural heritage in Central Asia: their field of activity, hosting institutions, educational activities</p>	<p>Sub-regional mapping on existing UNESCO Chairs especially in the priority fields. Thereafter, create a network of UNESCO Chairs for the conservation and management of earthen architecture, traditional architecture, and sustainable development, building upon the existing UNESCO Chair for Earthen Architecture at Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Grenoble [CRATerre-ENSAG].</p>	<p>All Central Asian States Parties, UNESCO</p> <p>UNITWIN Network / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage</p>	<p>Existing resources</p>	<p>UNESCO Tashkent to co-ordinate.</p> <p>UNESCO Education Sector's Division of Higher Education to be contacted regarding UNITWIN</p>	<p>June 2006</p>

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CB	Establish institutional agreements between existing national education institutions and vocational centres in the field of cultural heritage, in particular for architectural heritage.	Develop educational and scientific co-operation programmes / projects to strengthen capacity building for conservation and management of cultural heritage within existing national educational institutions and vocational centres.	CRATerre-ENSAG UNITWIN Network All Central Asian States Parties / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	IA Request from World Heritage Fund to be requested for three consecutive years for USD 30,000 per year, following the "Africa 2009" Programme.	States Parties, CRATerre-ENSAG, UNESCO Almaty, Tashkent, Tehran, World Heritage Centre	2006-2007
CB	Integrate more rigorously and systematically, capacity building workshops within in-situ projects (eg. Uzbekistan) desirably with sub-regional participation.	Increased capacity in specific conservation issues (humidity, monitoring, preventive interventions, laboratory testing, etc.)	All Central Asian States Parties / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	Existing or new extra-budgetary funds for new projects.	UNESCO All States Parties	Continuous
CB	Sub-regional training course on cultural heritage management with Central Asian experts and international resource experts (ICOMOS, CRATerre-ENSAG, UNESCO, ICCROM)	Increased capacity in management planning.	All Central Asian States Parties / UNESCO World Heritage Committee, Humanity, World Heritage	RP 33 C/5 Decentralized to UNESCO Almaty	UNESCO Almaty – to organize in co-ordination with other UNESCO Offices/HQ. All States Parties	2006-2007