



**A Partner in World Heritage
Conservation and Capacity
Building**

The United Nations Foundation (UNF) is the creation of Ted Turner, the Founder of CNN, The Worldwide Communications Network

The UNF Works Through:

- Grantmaking
- Building New and Innovative Partnerships
- Educating about the Vital Work of the United Nations

The Foundation Has Four Priorities:

- Children's Health
- Women and Population
- Peace, Security, and Human Rights
- Environment: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Energy

The UNF World Heritage Partnership is a Win-Win Arrangement

- The World Heritage Convention provides UNF an international platform that makes on-site intervention to protect biodiversity possible
- UNF raises and provides funds and private-sector partnership opportunities to help the Committee and the Center address serious conservation issues

UNF Commitment to World Heritage

- Grants totaling more than \$47 million
- Parallel funds totaling more than \$26 million
- Projects in more than 50 World Heritage Sites

The Partnership is Building Capacity

- At UNESCO
- In the Field
 - Local Communities and NGOs
 - Local Governments

World Heritage Partners Bring Value to Conservation Work

- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
 - Wildlife Conservation Society
 - Flora and Fauna International
 - Conservation International
- Governments
- Private Sector
 - Vodafone

UNF in the DRC: Protecting Biodiversity in Danger

- Catalyzing a commitment to the ground during armed conflict
- Building infrastructure to assist park authorities
- Supporting the Yaounde Declaration for sustainable forest management in Central Africa
- Sounding the alarm to encourage future conservation investment
- Supporting unique, focused working relationship between all actors involved



UNF in the DRC: Continuing Investments

- UNF: almost \$7 million in funds to conservation projects in the DRC and Central Africa
- Facilitating more than \$15 million for DRC's protected areas

The Road Ahead

- Public-private partnerships for a sustainable World Heritage Centre
 - 2002 Budapest Declaration – the “4 C’s”
 - Credibility
 - Conservation
 - Capacity-building
 - Communication
 - UNF-UNESCO Memorandum of Understanding
- On-site management and improved links among all stakeholders
- Communicating the story—still a challenge
- Governments and NGOs must be open to new ways of doing business
- “Holistic” interventions