

Report of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Baku, Azerbaijan, 30 June - 10 July 2019)

1. General information

Reporting period: June 2018 - June 2019

Name of the Centre: Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (IRPMZ)

Region: Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

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2. Institutional and operational structure of the Centre (Board of Directors, staff, operational and local funding).

The Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas aims to support and assist Mexico, the States Parties of Central America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention. For the fulfilment of its objectives and functions, the Institute is composed by:

- I. **An administrative Council**, chaired by the Governor of Zacatecas and composed by
 - A. One representative of the following institutions from the Federal Government:
 - a) Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE);
 - b) Secretariat for the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT);
 - c) Secretariat of Public Education (SEP);
 - d) Secretariat of Culture (SC);
 - e) The National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), and
 - f) The National Institute of Fine Arts and Literature (INBA)
 - B. Representatives from the following agencies of the Government of the State of Zacatecas:
 - a) Secretariat of Education (SEDUZAC);
 - b) Secretariat of Infrastructure (SINFRA);
 - c) Secretariat of Tourism (SECTURZ);
 - d) Secretariat of Water and Environment (SAMA);
 - e) Cultural Institute of Zacatecas "Ramón López Velarde" (IZC), and

- f) Board for the Protection and Preservation of Colonial Monuments and Traditional Places (JPCMyZT).
- C. Up to nine representatives of participating States of the Region, States Parties to the World Heritage Convention;
 - D. One representative of the Director-General of UNESCO;
 - E. One representative of each of the advisory bodies to the World Heritage Committee, who participate as observers:
 - a) ICCROM
 - b) ICOMOS
 - c) IUCN
- II. **An executive Committee;**
 - III. **An advisory Committee;**
 - IV. **Directorship and secretariat.**

3. Updates on the management of the Institute - In particular meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions taken.

During this reporting period, several activities have been undertaken. In the legal field, it is worth mentioning:

- a) Recovery of the status of Autonomous Organization, according to the Law of Public Administration of the State of Zacatecas (section VIII of Article 48), by means of a state decree from 20 June, 2018;
- b) Increase of the annual budget for the implementation of activities and maintenance of the Institute's staff;
- c) Approval of the Internal Regulations of the Institute on 13 June 2019;
- d) Approval of the 2019 Working Plan of the Institute on 13 June 2019;
- e) Approval of the Government Accounting Manual of the Institute on 13 June 2019;
- f) Approval of the previous 2017 and 2018 activities reports on 13 June 2019;

Regarding the objectives and functions of the Institute:

- g) Agreements and contacts with organizations, educational institutions and NGOs, such as CONAET, COLMICH, COAPEHUM, COBIOCOM, COLSAN, SMGE, INAH Centers, among others;
- h) Work meetings in Guatemala (with the participation of World Heritage stakeholders from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras) and Cuba (with the representative of UNESCO Office in La Havana) in January 2018, with the purpose of promoting the IRPMZ and interacting on World Heritage issues;
- i) Organization, in coordination with the Municipal Presidency of Zacatecas, of the online workshop "The city as cultural heritage: challenges and alternatives" from February to November 2018, and of the international symposium "The Habitability of Cities: From Survival to World Heritage" in September 2018. Activities held in the framework of the Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the inscription of the Historic Center of Zacatecas on the World Heritage List, such as:

- j) Work meetings in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama in order to: present objectives and functions of IRPMZ; update the dates of commitments and agreements related to the Sub regional Action Plan PAMAC 2018-2023; and socialize the 2019 Work Plan.

4. Programmes and activities carried out from June 2018 to June 2019.

No.	Title of the activity	Reference to WHCBS ¹
01	Participation in the Round Table "Zacatecas and the phenomenon of migration", Casa Cultural de Zacatecas, Mexico City, June 2018	3.3; 3.7
02	Working meeting with Dr. Marti Boada, Associate Ecological Expert and Earth Sciences, Science Division UNESCO Sector, for collaboration with IRPMZ, June 2018.	3.3; 3.7; 5.3, 1.4
03	Participation in the 1st National Encounter on University Cultural Heritage, convened by the Consortium of Mexican Universities, June 2018.	3.3
04	Meeting in Mexico City to fine-tune the lines of participation of IRPMZ in the VI World Forum on Mexican Gastronomy, July 2018.	3.3
05	Inter-institutional meeting in Mexico City, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to analyze IRPMZ's 2019 Work Plan, August 2018	3.3
06	Participation as Academic Program Coordinator in the VI World Forum of Mexican Gastronomy in Long Beach, California, August 2018	3.3
08	Organization of the International Symposium "The Habitability of Cities: From Survival to World Heritage", in September 2018, comprising a workshop "Elements to elaborate a Management Plan" and 8 working groups, as follows: 1. "World Heritage Cities and Governance". 2. "Monuments, Architecture and Historical Centre". 3. "Sustainability and Natural Environment". 4. "Sustainable Tourism and Development". 5. "History, Culture and Art in World Heritage Cities". 6. "Knowledge cities in World Heritage cities". 7. "Memory and Identity of Cities". 8. "The University and World Heritage".	4.5; 4.7; 5.2;
09	Participation in the Zacatecas State Consultation Forum and National Agreement on Education, with presentation on World Heritage and Education, September 2018.	3.3, 1.4
10	Assistance to the Alta Vista Archaeological Zone, located in the municipality of Chalchihuites, Zacatecas, for the preparation of a report on the possibilities of promoting this site for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List, September 2018.	2.2
11	Working meeting for the development and ongoing maintenance of the institutional website, October 2018.	1.1
12	Participation in the Sixth Academic Days of the State School of Conservation and Restoration of Zacatecas "Refugio Reyes", with the conference "Zacatecas World Heritage", October 2018.	3.3; 6.1

¹ World Heritage Capacity Building Strategy (<http://whc.unesco.org/archive/2011/whc11-35com-9Be.pdf>).

13	Attendance at the Forum "Conservation of Cultural Heritage in a Contemporary Context", organized by the National Institute of Anthropology and History in Durango, October 2018.	3.3
14	Attendance at the ICOMOS training course, "Towards the Journey of Culture and Nature", in Mexico City, where the impacts of earthquakes on cultural heritage and theoretical concepts related to the Cultural Landscape were addressed, November 2018.	4.5
15	Working meeting between the Director General of the INAH and the IRPMZ, for proposals for the work plan for 2019.	3.3
16	Participation in the meeting to elaborate the Municipal Development Plan of the Municipality of Zacatecas 2018 - 2021, in the table of the axis 5 "Zacatecas World Heritage", November 2018.	3.3
17	Participation in the "First meeting of ASPnet school coordinators" with the conference "Intercultural learning and appreciation of diversity and cultural heritage", December 2018.	3.3, 1.4
18	Working meetings in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador represented by Dr. José Francisco Román Gutiérrez and Architect Erika Rentería Ruiz: a) To disseminate the mission, objectives and functions of the IRPMZ; b) Socialize the Action Plan for World Heritage in Mexico and Central America (PAMAC) 2018-2023 and; c) To collect proposals to integrate the 2019 Work Programme of the IRPMZ. January 2019.	1.6
19	Working meetings in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama represented by Dr. José Francisco Román Gutiérrez and Dr. Daniel Hernández with the purpose of: a) To disseminate the mission, objectives and functions of the IRPMZ; b) Socialize the Action Plan for World Heritage in Mexico and Central America (PAMAC) 2018-2023 and; c) To collect proposals to integrate the 2019 Work Programme of the IRPMZ. January 2019.	1.6
20	Working meeting with Mayors Ulises Mejía Haro, of Zacatecas, Mexico, and Emilio Bascuñana Galiano, of Orihuela, Province of Alicante, Spain, to promote collaboration agreements with the IRPMZ on World Heritage. There is a request for support for capacity building. February 2019.	5.3
21	Working meeting in Mexico City with the Anthropologist Diego Prieto Hernández, Director General of INAH, for the proposals of the 2019 Work Plan of IRPMZ. February 2019.	3.3
22	Working meeting with M. en C. Ing. Luis Fernando Maldonado Moreno, Secretary of Water and Environment, on environmental and World Heritage issues in Zacatecas, with a view to signing a letter of intent. February 2019.	3.3
23	Participation in the Zacateca Forum for the elaboration of the National Development Plan 2019-2024, proposing that Mexico's World Heritage be incorporated into public policies as a means for sustainable development. March 2019.	3.3
24	IRPMZ presented its objectives and functions to the Foreign Relations Commission of the National Congress, aimed at having institutional support. March 2019.	3.3.
25	Attendance at the First Ordinary Session of the Technical Group for Evaluation and Follow-up of COBIOCOM, in the City of Zacatecas. March 2019.	5.3
26	Organisation of a public hearing in the City of Zacatecas on the theme "World Heritage and Development", to present the objectives and functions of IRPMZ and collect proposals and concerns of citizens around World Heritage. April 2019.	2.7; 8.3
27	Participation in the 7 th Coordination meeting of Category 2 Centres under the auspices of UNESCO, held in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrein. April 2019.	4.8;5.3,10.4

28	Organisation of public hearings in several cities of the state of Zacatecas on the theme "World Heritage and Development", to present the objectives and functions of the IRPMZ and collect proposals and concerns of citizens around World Heritage. May 2019.	2.7; 8.3
29	Extraordinary session of the IRPMZ Administration Council for the approval of : a) its Internal Regulations; b) the 2019 Working Plan ; c) the Government Accounting Manual ; d) its previous 2017 and 2018 activities reports. June 2019	3
30	Participation in the Citizen Consultation Forum for the elaboration of the Management Plan of the Historical Center of the City of Zacatecas. June 2019	4
31	Organisation of public hearings in the states of San Luis Potosí and Durango on the theme "World heritage and development", to present the objectives and functions of the IRPMZ and collect proposals and concerns of citizens, authorities, educational institutions and cultural managers around the World Heritage. June 2019.	2.7; 8.3