

Name of Institute/Centre	Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (Mexico)
Year of creation	2010
UNESCO focal point	Nuria Sanz WHC/LAC
Statutes and agreements	<p>The agreement for the creation of the Center was signed during the 34th session of the World Heritage Committee in Brasilia, in July 2010.</p> <p>The objectives of the Centre are to promote research and undertake capacity-building activities to collaborate in the implementation of the 1972 Convention. The Centre will assist countries in the region in the creation or strengthening of national capacity for the management of heritage and to enable other stakeholders to participate in heritage endeavors.</p>
Thematic specialization	Heritage Management
Geographic coverage	Central America and the Caribbean
Is the agreement in compliance with UNESCO's integrated comprehensive strategy (35 C/22 and Corr.) adopted at the 35 th session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2009?	The final official agreement between the National Government and the Government of Zacatecas will be signed in Spring 2012.
Governing Board	<p>The Centre comprises: a Governing Board, an Executive Committee, an Advisory Committee and a Secretariat.</p> <p>The Governing Board is composed of the following representatives:</p> <p>(a) Government representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the President of the National Council for Culture and Arts (CONACULTA) or his/her appointed representative; • the President of INAH or his/her appointed representative; • one representative of the Federal Secretariat of Foreign Affairs; • one representative of the Federal Secretariat of Public Education; • one representative of the Federal Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources ("SEMARNAT");

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Governor of the State of Zacatecas, who shall chair the Governing Board; • one representative of the State Government of Zacatecas; <p>(b) up to nine representatives of Member States, which have sent to the Centre notification for membership, in accordance with the stipulations of Article 14, paragraph 2 of this Agreement;</p> <p>(c) one representative of the Director-General of UNESCO;</p> <p>(d) one representative of each of the Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee (ICCROM, ICOMOS, IUCN), as observers with no right to vote.</p> <p>The Executive Committee is composed of the Chairperson of the Governing Board, one to three representatives of the participating Member States that are members of the Governing Board, and of the representative of the Director-General of UNESCO. The Director of the Centre participates in the Committee without the right to vote.</p> <p>The Advisory Committee provides technical advice for planning, execution, review and monitoring of the programme of the Centre and is composed of scientific, technical and legal experts recommended by the competent government authorities of Mexico, Member States of the Region, by the UNESCO Secretariat and by the advisory bodies to the World Heritage Committee so designated under the World Heritage Convention (ICOMOS, IUCN, and ICCROM).</p> <p>The Director is appointed by the Governing Board and acts as head of the staff, which comprises a scientific supervisor, a technical coordinator, an operational coordinator, a general assistant and two administrative assistants. Other staff could be seconded by the Government of Zacatecas, INAH or other institutions.</p>	
UNESCO staff detached	None	
Financial contributions	2010-2011	
	Regular programme (please provide details, i.e. cost of undertaking the feasibility study, activities, implemented through contractual arrangements, costs of participating in the governing boards, other)	<p>No financial contribution from UNESCO has been requested.</p> <p>Feasibility study covered by the State Party.</p>

	Extrabudgetary (please provide details)	State Party financed missions undertaken by the World Heritage Centre.
	Total	
	Centre or Institute's Budget and sources of financing	<p>The Government of the State of Zacatecas ensures financial support through a separate budget of approximately \$1 million, on an annual basis, through the modalities that are established in the State Law.</p> <p>The annual budget covers the costs of the operations of the Centre, including facilities to house the institute, and all equipment, utilities, services, and staff salaries. It also covers the costs of a certain number of "regular activities", as defined by the Governing Board.</p>
	Has the Institute or Centre been audited, if yes by whom and what were the results?	Not yet
Contribution to UNESCO's programme results at the Main Lines of Action (MLA) level in the 35 C/5	<p>MLA 1: Protecting and conserving immovable cultural properties and natural properties, in particular through the effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention</p> <p>The category 2 centre in Zacatecas has played an important supporting role in the organization of the sub-regional meetings for the preparation of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the Latin America and Caribbean region (LAC) and will also play a fundamental role in the implementation of the process.</p> <p>The primary objective of the sub-regional meetings was the training of representatives (Focal Points, site managers and national authorities) from all the States Parties of the region on the activities related to the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise, which are: Analysis of all retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value which have been submitted; the decisions of the World Heritage Committee concerning policies affecting the LAC Region; the preparation of guidelines for advances made in the Retrospective Inventory process; the training of participants in the completion of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire (Sections I and II) and the establishment of thematic discussion groups. The first sub-regional meeting for Mexico and Central America was held in Zacatecas (Mexico) from 6-10 September 2010 which coincided with the inauguration of the category 2 centre at Zacatecas. 80 participants from 7 countries took part in this meeting and in the inauguration of the Centre. Representatives of heritage institutions from Cuba and the Dominican Republic participated as observers. Mexican Authorities in charge of heritage protection such as the National Council for Culture and Arts (CONACULTA), the National Institute of Anthropology and</p>	

	<p>History (INAH), the National Institute of Fine Arts (INBA), and the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP) also participated. The three- day meeting was organized by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in close cooperation with the category 2 centre of Zacatecas, the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), and the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP).</p>
<p>Does the institute or centre contribute to the implementation of a UNESCO sector strategy, if yes, please indicate how?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Heritage Global Strategy • Conservation • Research collaboration in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention
<p>Was a review carried out by UNESCO on the Centre/Institute's contribution to the Strategic Programme Objectives of the Organization prior to the expiration of the Institute/Centre's agreement? If yes, please provide a short synopsis of the results of this review (no more than 100 words max)</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Last external evaluation</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Has this centre/institute promoted best practices in promoting South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, if yes, please provide a brief synopsis (100 words max)</p>	