

ACTION PLAN FOR WORLD HERITAGE IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA (PAMAC)

2018-2023



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During the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee (Phnom Penh, 2013), the **Latin America and Caribbean** community (LAC) presented the results of the 2nd Cycle of Periodic Reporting for LAC (2019-2013). In Decision **37 COM 10A**, the Committee requested the World Heritage Centre (WHC) to develop a regional Action Plan in collaboration with the States Parties of the region.

In response to Decision **37 COM 10A**, the **Regional Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (PARALC), 2014-2024** was developed by the States Parties during the regional meeting in Brasilia in April of 2014, in collaboration with the WHC, Advisory Bodies – ICOMOS, IUCN and ICCROM – and the Category 2 Centres. This Plan was adopted in Decision **30 COM 10B.4** (Doha, 2014) with the objective of serving as a guide for action in the three sub-regions of LAC.

Following the regional strategy, the present **Action Plan for World Heritage in Mexico and Central America (PAMAC), 2018-2023** is the result of a reflection on the key challenges and opportunities related to World Heritage in the sub-region, and proposes a series of actions and activities focused on the principal threats and potential of the sub-region, taking into consideration the diverse realities of each country.

The *PAMAC 2018-2023* will serve as a reference for the future actions that the States Parties will need to implement in order to reach the Expected Results, which have been defined and agreed upon within a framework of sub-regional collaboration and cooperation.

The present document is an Executive Summary of the original Spanish-language version of the **Action Plan for World Heritage in Mexico and Central America (PAMAC), 2018-2023** analyzed and approved for its effective application by the States Parties conforming the sub-region of Mexico and Central America during the sub-regional meeting that took place in Zacatecas, Mexico from 23 to 25 April 2018.

I. Action Plan for World Heritage in Mexico and Central America (PAMAC), 2018-2023

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Overall Objective	Activities	Expected Result of the Plan
Strengthen the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.	4 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE1: Improved implementation of the Convention through effective national policies and actions of diffusion and training related to the protection, conservation and participative management of World Heritage.
Increase the representation of properties in the sub-region on the World Heritage List, taking into consideration the under-represented categories and typologies.	3 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE2: Increase in the processes underway for the inscription of properties on the World Heritage List considering the under-represented categories and typologies , by means of the updating and harmonization of Tentative Lists and the presentation of new nominations.
Establish and improve the communication and coordination among public institutions , civil society, local communities and indigenous peoples in mechanisms for management of World Heritage properties.	4 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE3: Effective mechanisms for inter-institutional and participative management of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.
Develop and implement participative policies and strategies for sustainable tourism in accordance with the preservation of the OUV of World Heritage properties, and promote them within national tourism management frameworks.	4 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE4: Effective integration of sustainable tourism policies and strategies founded in the preservation of the OUV into management mechanisms in World Heritage properties, and whose objectives contribute to the development of local communities.
Review and reinforce the legal framework and technical capacity for the development of Environmental and Heritage Impact Assessments of projects or initiatives that could affect the OUV of World Heritage properties.	4 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE5: Adequate legal framework and trained professionals for the effective elaboration of Environmental and Heritage Impact Assessments, before the implementation of projects that could affect the OUV.
Develop and implement efficiently disaster risk management plans in World Heritage properties and their surroundings.	3 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE6: Disaster risk management plans implemented effectively in all World Heritage properties.

II. Capacity-Building Strategy for World Heritage in Mexico and Central America (EFCAMAC)

CAPACITY-BUILDING STRATEGY FOR WORLD HERITAGE IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA (EFCAMAC)		
PAMAC Expected Result	Activities	EFCAMAC Expected Result
RE1: Improved implementation of the Convention through effective national policies and actions of diffusion and training related to the protection, conservation and participative management of World Heritage.	7 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE1.1: Increased knowledge of the Convention and its processes among the different national actors.
RE2: Increase in the processes underway for the inscription of properties on the World Heritage List considering the under-represented categories and typologies , by means of the updating and harmonization of Tentative Lists and the presentation of new nominations.	5 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE2.1: Elaboration and application of tools that allow for the development of Tentative Lists and new nominations in a participative manner, and increasing the sub-region's representation in the under-represented typologies.
RE3: Effective mechanisms for inter-institutional and participative management of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.	5 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE3.1: Establishment of communication channels among the diverse actors involved in the management of World Heritage properties, and increase in the capacity for the development of participative management plans.
RE4: Effective integration of sustainable tourism policies and strategies founded in the preservation of the OUV into management mechanisms in World Heritage properties, and whose objectives contribute to the development of local communities.	6 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE4.1: Increase in sustainable tourism practices among the different actors involved in the management of World Heritage properties.
RE5: Adequate legal framework and trained professionals for the effective elaboration of Environmental and Heritage Impact Assessments, before the implementation of projects that could affect the OUV.	3 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE5.1: Technical personnel identified and trained in the development of Impact Assessments and the implementation of activities to incentivize the correct application of the recommendations of these assessments.
RE6: Disaster risk management plans implemented effectively in all World Heritage properties.	4 Activities identified by the States Parties	RE6.1: Personnel trained in the development of Disaster Risk Management Plans that reflect the contribution of the different authorities and actors responsible for actions during these types of events in World Heritage properties.

III. Pilot Projects Programme for Mexico and Central America (PPPMAC)

PILOT PROJECTS PROGRAMME FOR MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA (PPPMAC)							
Activity Identified in PAMAC	Project	Country	Propulsor	2018-2019	2020-2021	2022-2023	PAMAC Expected Result
RE1-A1.2: Integration into public policies the principles and guidelines for the conservation and management of natural and cultural heritage of the World Heritage Convention .	Project 1: Ancient Maya City and Protected Tropical Forests of Calakmul, Campeche	Mexico	CONANP	X	X		RE1: Improved implementation of the Convention through effective national policies and actions of diffusion and training related to the protection, conservation and participative management of World Heritage.
	Project 2: Historic Centre of Oaxaca and Archaeological Site of Monte Albán	Mexico	Secretariat of Culture/INAH	X	X		
	Project 3: Talamanca Range—La Amistad Reserves / La Amistad National Park	Costa Rica Panama	Binational Commission SINAC/ Ministry of Environment	X	X		
RE3-A3.4: Development, strengthening and/or efficient application of participative management plans in all World Heritage properties, with appropriate mechanisms that contribute to the sustainable development of local communities.	Project 1: Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve	Honduras	Ministry of Environment ICF INAH	X	X		RE3: Effective mechanisms for inter-institutional and participative management of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List.
	Project 2: Archaeological Site of Panamá Viejo and Historic District of Panamá (not confirmed by State Party)	Panama	INAC				
	Project 3: Tikal National Park	Guatemala	Vice-Ministry of Cultural and Natural Heritage	X	X		
	Project 4: Aqueduct of Padre Tembleque Hydraulic System	Mexico	Secretariat of Culture/INAH	X	X		
	Project 5: Luis Barragán House and Studio	Mexico	FAT INBA	X			
	Project 6: Antigua Guatemala	Guatemala	Vice-Ministry of Cultural and Natural Heritage	X	X		
	Project 7: León Cathedral	Nicaragua	INC	X	X	X	

PILOT PROJECTS PROGRAMME FOR MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA (PPMAC)

Activity Identified in PAMAC	Project	Country	Propulsor	2018-	2020	2022-	PAMAC Expected Result
				2019	2021	2023	
RE4-A4.4: Development and implementation of strategies for the participation and training of communities , if applicable, in the tourist management of World Heritage properties, with emphasis in the improved quality of life of these populations and the conservation of the properties.	Project 1: Mayan Site of Copan	Honduras	IHAH	X	X	X	RE4: Effective integration of sustainable tourism policies and strategies founded in the preservation of the OUV into management mechanisms in World Heritage properties, and whose objectives contribute to the development of local communities.
	Project 2: Joya de Cerén Archaeological Site	El Salvador	Ministry of Culture	X	X	X	
	Project 3: Coiba National Park and its Special ZOne of Marine Protection	Panama	Ministry of Environment	X	X		
RE6-A6.3: Efficient implementation of national and/or regional cooperation mechanisms with governmental, non-governmental and educative institutions, and experts, in topics related to disaster risk management , especially for properties that share similar characteristics/vulnerabilities.	Project 1: Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco	Mexico	Secretariat of Culture/INAH	X			RE6: Disaster risk management plans implemented effectively in all World Heritage properties.
	Project 2: Mayan Archaeological Sites	Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador	Secretariat of Culture/INAH Vice-Ministry of Cultural and Natural Heritage IHAH Ministry of Culture	X	X	X	
	Project 3: Cocos Island National Park (to be confirmed by State Party)	Costa Rica	SINAC				