

Report for the 41st Session of the World Heritage Committee (Kraków, 2-12 July 2017)

1. General information

- **Name of the Centre:** African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)
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2. Institutional and operational structure of the Centre (Governing Board, Staffing, Operational funding and premises)

The Board of Trustees ordinarily meets twice a year in June and December. It's composed of 5 regional members (East, West, North, Centre and Southern Africa), 3 professional members, 3 institutional members (UNESCO, African Union and South Africa as host) and 2 ex-officio members. The Secretariat is currently composed of 11 staff including 2 interns and 1 seconded. The premise and part of the operation are funded by the host country. Contributions from other States Parties help to consolidate operation and implement programmes. The AWHF also has an Endowment Fund which returns on investment aim to sustain its work. The AWHF's offices are located in the premises of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA).

3. Updates on the management of the Centre – particularly on meetings of the Governing Board and key decisions adopted

The 20th Board meeting was held in December 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco. The meetings among others (1) Urged the Secretariat to initiate concerted advocacy actions with the World Heritage Centre on the use of African expertise in processes related to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Africa, (2) Took note of the limited fund raised during the period April-October 2016 and requested the Secretariat to identify champions from the private sector who can assist the fundraising activities (3) Took note of the AWHF 10h Anniversary implementation report in 2016, (4) Agreed that the 21st Board meeting will be held in June in South Africa.

4. Programs and activities implemented since April 2016 and planned for the current year

N.	Title of the activity	Reference to WHCBS ¹
1	BETTER REPRESENTATION OF AFRICAN CONTINENT ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST	
1.1	Study on properties with high potential	2.4, 3.1
1.2	Tentative Listing Expert workshop Francophone (Togo, Dec 2016)	2.3
1.3	Tentative Listing Expert workshop Anglophone (Kenya, January 2017)	2.3
1.4	Nomination workshop Anglophone (Nigeria, October 2017)	2.2
1.5	Expert workshop on OUV of the Genocide Memorial Sites in Rwanda (November 2016)	2.3
2	IMPROVING MANAGEMENT/CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES	
2.1	Grant assistance to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Madagascar</u> (Conservation of the Rainforests of Atsinanana) • <u>Niger</u> (Monitoring of the Ecology of the Air and Ténéré National Nature Reserves) 	4.9, 5.3, 6.1
2.2	Call for applications for WH Conservation Grants (July-Aug 2017)	4.9, 5.3, 6.1
2.3	Call for application for WH Research Grants (Apr-May 2017)	1.3
2.4	Call for application for WH Nomination Grants (2016-2017)	2.3, 2.8
2.5	World Heritage Buffer zone workshop (South Africa, October 2016)	4.3, 4.9
2.6	WH Committee African Experts meeting (Tanzania, Sept 2016)	4.9, 10.7
2.7	World Heritage Impact Assessment Training (Tanzania, Oct 2016)	3.3, 3.6
2.8	Risk management framework workshop (South Africa, Oct 2016)	4.5, 5.2, 5.3, 8.3
3	INCLUSION OF WORLD HERITAGE IN SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES	
3.1	Youth Forum on African WH Properties (Burkina Faso, Apr-May 2017)	10.1
3.2	Expert workshop on communities' involvement (Benin, Mar 2017)	5.3, 8.1
3.3	Workshop with traditional leaders network for protecting Comoe National park Integrity (Cote d'Ivoire, Feb 2017)	5.3
3.4	Workshop with local communities leaders for protecting Air and Tenere Reserve (Niger, March 2017)	5.3
4	PROMOTION, NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
4.1	Side event + photographic exhibition on " <i>African Heritage under threats</i> " at the 40th WH Committee meeting (Turkey, Jul 2016)	9.1
4.2	Side event + photographic exhibition on " <i>Slavery in Africa</i> " (Poland, Jul 2017)	9.1
4.3	Publication of annual report (April 2016-March 2017) and online Quarterly Reports (July, October, January and April)	9.1
4.4	Travelling photographic exhibitions of " <i>African Heritage under Attack</i> " (South Africa, 2016-2017)	9.1
4.5	Exhibition at the Festival de la Francophonie (South Africa, Mar 2017)	9.1
4.6	Fundraising event for private sector, Morocco, December 2016	10.8
4.7	Fundraising event for private sector, Namibia, September 2017	10.8
4.8	Celebration of African World Heritage Day (Burkina Faso and African States Parties, 5 may 2017)	9.1, 9.2
4.9	Participation to various meetings/events in Africa and abroad	7.4, 10.8

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