



CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAM, 19 June 2018:

‘Heritage for Sustainability- Implementing SDG 11.4 through Local Voices and Global Agendas for Cultural & Natural Heritage’

a Panel and Cocktail Reception on the Occasion of the UN High-Level Political Forum 2018

Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 18:30-21:30, Japan Society, New York City

Organizer and co-organizers: International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), UNESCO, UN-Habitat, the Government of Ireland, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Global Ecovillage Network (GEN), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

The UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) will be convening in New York City, on July 9-18, 2018 to undertake their annual review of progress made on Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, under the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies". The HLPF 2018 will also review SDG11: The Urban Goal; this is where the UN has explicitly recognized the fundamental role of culture and heritage in sustainable development, i.e. Target 11.4 to “protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage” in order to “make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable” (Goal 11)¹. Both cultural and natural heritage sites, while under immense pressure from the impacts of urbanization, climate change and degradation due to other natural and human factors, play a crucial role supporting local economies, livelihoods and quality of life in human settlements.

To celebrate and contribute to the exchange of knowledge and awareness on these themes, a special event focusing on ‘Implementing SDG 11.4- Local Voices And Global Agendas For Cultural & Natural Heritage’ will be held in parallel to the HLPF. The event will bring together both local and international stakeholders active in the protection of the world’s natural and cultural heritage, illustrating the vital connections between integrated heritage protection and sustainable development. Through speakers’ interventions and poster presentations, the event will also showcase exemplary efforts on how SDG11 can be implemented from the perspective of 11.4.

Programme:

(Timing details to be removed in final program booklet.)

- 6:30-7pm (30 min): **Reception and Check-in** (Food and beverage served, Posters viewing)
- 7-7:40pm (9x=35min plus 5 min for transition to next Part): **Part 1: Welcoming Remarks and Interventions by Co-Sponsors**
 1. Introduction of programme: ICOMOS: Ege Yildirim (3 min)
 2. Japan Society (TBC) (3 min)
 3. Government of Ireland (TBC): Leslie Carberry (3 min)
 4. UN-Habitat: Laura Petrella (speaker TBC) (3 min)
 5. UNESCO: Jyoti Hosagrahar (5 min)
 6. IUCN: Max Müller (5 min)
 7. GEN: Rob Wheeler (5 min)
 8. UCLG: video presentation by Jordi Pascual (3 min)
 9. US/ICOMOS: Doug Comer (5 min)
- 7:40-8:30pm (9x5min=45min plus 3 min for moderator and 2 min for transition to next Part): **Part 2: Panel with Interventions by US Stakeholders:**

¹ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>

- Moderator: ICOMOS: Andrew Potts (3 min)
- **Public Sector (National/ State/ Local):**
- Moderator: ICOMOS: Andrew Potts (3 min)
- 1. New York City LPC: Lisa Kersavage (+Office of Mayor message?)
- 2. San Antonio OHP: Shanon Miller
- 3. Washington DC Office of Planning: Sakina Khan
- 4. National Trust for Historic Preservation: Seri Worden
- **Interventions by NGO/ Academic/ Private sector:**
- 5. Columbia University: Nilda Mesa
- 6. Pratt Institute: Eve Baron
- 7. Hawaii Green Growth (TBC): Kevin Chang (speaker TBC, remote participation)
- 8. Sustainable Preservation Initiative: Larry Coben
- 9. ICOMOS-ICORP/Marrion Consulting: Chris Marrion
- 8:30-8:45pm (15min) **Part 3: Respondents and Free Discussion:**
 - Moderator: ICOMOS: Erica Avrami
- 8:45-9:30pm (45min): **Closing Reception** (Food and beverage served, Posters viewing)

Basic Reference Documents:

- UNESCO Moving Forward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:
<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002477/247785e.pdf>
- IUCN and the Sustainable Development Goals: <https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/sdgs - uicn - web - eng.pdf>
- ICOMOS Concept Note: Cultural Heritage, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the New Urban Agenda:
<http://www.usicomos.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Final-Concept-Note.pdf>
- ICOMOS Action Plan, Cultural Heritage and Localizing the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
<https://www.icomos.org/images/DOCUMENTS/Secretariat/2017/ICOMOS Action Plan Cult Heritage and Localizing SDGs 20170721.pdf>
- ICOMOS Information Leaflet on the SDGs:
<https://www.icomos.org/images/DOCUMENTS/Secretariat/2017/ICOMOS Leaflet SDGs 20171205red.pdf>
- UCLG: Culture in the Sustainable Development Goals, A Guide for Local Action:
http://www.agenda21culture.net/sites/default/files/culturesdgs_web_en.pdf
- UCLG: good practices “OBS” on cities, culture and the SDGs: <http://www.obs.agenda21culture.net>