



## CONCEPT NOTE AND PROGRAM

### '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

An event organized with the collaboration of UNESCO, UN-Habitat, the Government of Ireland, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Global Ecovillage Network (GEN), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and American Planning Association (APA)  
Event coordinated by International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

The UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) is 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 is also reviewing 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)<sup>1</sup>. 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 contribute to the exchange of knowledge and awareness on these themes, this special event, held in parallel with the HLPF, focuses on 'Implementing SDG 11.4 through Local Voices and Global Agendas for Cultural & Natural Heritage'. Bringing together both local and international stakeholders active in the protection of the world's natural and cultural heritage, the event seeks to illustrate the vital connections between integrated heritage protection and sustainable development, while showcasing exemplary efforts on how SDG11 can be implemented from the perspective of 11.4, i.e. 'Heritage for Sustainability'.

#### **Basic Reference Documents:**

- UNESCO Moving Forward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002477/247785e.pdf>
- UNESCO: Culture Urban Future Report: <https://en.unesco.org/creativity/publication/culture-urban-future>
- IUCN and the Sustainable Development Goals: [https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/sdgs\\_-\\_iucn\\_-\\_web\\_-\\_eng.pdf](https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/sdgs_-_iucn_-_web_-_eng.pdf)
- IUCN World Heritage Outlook 2 - A conservation assessment of all natural World Heritage sites: <https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/documents/2017-053-En.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](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](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](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>
- Europa Nostra: Cultural Heritage Counts for Europe: <http://www.europanostra.org/our-work/policy/cultural-heritage-counts-europe/>
- 'Getting Cultural Heritage to Work for Europe': Report of the Horizon 2020 Expert Group on Cultural Heritage: [https://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/2015/0427-heritage-2020\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/2015/0427-heritage-2020_en)

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

## **PROGRAMME**

**6:30-7pm: Reception and Check-in**

**7-7:40pm: Part 1- Welcoming Remarks and Interventions by International Organizations**  
*(Introductions by Ege Yildirim, ICOMOS)*

Jyoti Hosagrahar, UNESCO  
Laura Petrella, UN-Habitat  
Ko-yung Tung, Japan Society  
Maximilian Mueller, IUCN  
Jordi Pascual, UCLG (video presentation)  
Rob Wheeler, GEN  
Douglas Comer, represented by William Pencek, ICOMOS

**7:40-8:30pm: Part 2- Panel with Interventions by US Stakeholders**  
*(Moderated by Andrew Potts, ICOMOS)*

### **Public Sector (National/ State/ Local)**

Lisa Kersavage, New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Shanon Miller, San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation  
Sakina Khan, Washington DC Office of Planning  
James Lindberg, National Trust for Historic Preservation

### **NGO/ Academic/ Private sector**

Nilda Mesa/ Erica Avrami, Columbia University  
Eve Baron & Cristina Pastore, Pratt Institute  
Kate Brown, Hawaii Green Growth  
Larry Coben, Sustainable Preservation Initiative  
Chris Marrion, Marrion Fire & Risk Consulting/ ICOMOS-ICORP

**8:30-8:45pm: Part 3- Respondents and Free Discussion**  
*(Moderated by Erica Avrami, ICOMOS)*

**8:45-9:30pm: Closing Reception**