

UNESCO: Rivers and Urban Culture

Description of event:

Half day event based on the presentation of five case studies on different sites, located in different continents, and representatives of the various issues to be addressed including (i) Rivers and the origin of human settlements, (ii) Rivers as the avenue of communications, exchange and cultural accumulation, (iii) Rivers as a focus of urban identity and heritage, (iv) Rivers as a source of danger – the culture of risk, and (v) Sustainable urban development through heritage protection. These presentations shall be followed by a roundtable discussion.

Name of organization:

UNESCO Culture Sector /Direction of Special Projects.

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Within the UNESCO Culture Sector, the Direction of Special Projects is the focal point for the establishment of joint cultural projects with local authorities. It has been involved in various city-to-city partnerships for the enhancement of urban heritage. Along this strategy, a project on Rivers and Heritage has been launched in cooperation with international partners and a three-day-congress on “Great Rivers of the World: from Crisis to a Risk-management Culture” has been organized as part of the Virtual Congress, in 2002.

Partner organizations:

Mission Val de Loire, UNESCO Sector of Science – International Hydrological Programme, University College of London (UCL), UNESCO IHE Institute for Water Education (Delft University), France-UNESCO Cooperation Agreement (Ministries of Culture, Environment and Foreign Affairs), Forum-UNESCO University and Heritage.

Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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