

UNESCO: Cities as World Heritage

Description of event:

Roundtable and presentation by the World Heritage Centre (20 min.) on the World Heritage Cities Programme (objectives, issues and pilot projects). After this, discussion will focus on two main issues:

- 1) Urban Heritage Conservation as Social Process (5 minute presentations on case studies of Olinda and Galle preceding the debate)
- 2) Sustainability of Urban Heritage: Conservation in a Globalizing World (5 minute presentations on case studies of Vienna and Asmara).

After this 30 minute presentation by the the World Heritage Center, a panel of invited experts in the field of urban heritage conservation will reflect on the presentation and provide insights from their background and experience, in particular with regard to the two main issues. This side-event is intended to evolve primarily around discussion and debate, with an active participation of the audience, to provide for new ideas and input for participants and for UNESCO's World Heritage Cities Programme.

Name of organization:

World Heritage Centre (WHC)/Culture (CLT)

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The UNESCO World Heritage Centre was set up in 1992 by the Director-General to assure the day-to-day management of the Convention. It organizes the annual sessions of the World Heritage Bureau and Committee, provides advice to States Parties in the preparation of site nominations, organizes international assistance upon request, and co-ordinates both the reporting on the condition of sites and the emergency action undertaken when a site is threatened. It is also responsible for the administration of the World Heritage Fund.

Partner organizations:

ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property), IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects), IUA (International Union of Architects), IFHP (International Federation for Housing and Planning), OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities)

Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Francesco Bandarin, Director UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Paris
 Ms. Irene Von Wiese-Ofen, International Federation of Housing and Planning
 Mr. Denis Ricard, Organization of World Heritage Cities
 Mr. Eusebio Leal, City of Havana, Cuba
 Mr. Arnold Klotz, Vienna Municipality, Austria
 Mr. Ray Bondin, ICOMOS International
 Mr. Gustavo Araoz, US-ICOMOS
 Mr. Sylvio Mutal, Urban heritage specialist, Latin America
 Prof. Paolo Ceccarelli, Italy
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