

Meeting Organization of Centres and Institutes Category 2

The seventh annual coordination meeting of the Category 2 Centres and Institutes related to UNESCO World Heritage was held from 22 to 23 April 2019 in Manama, Bahrain. The Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH) organized the meeting at its facilities. The meeting was attended by the World Heritage Centre, ICCROM and ICOMOS, the Authority of Culture and Antiquities of Bahrain (BACA), as well as the following C2C of UNESCO:

- African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)
- Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH)
- International Space Technologies Centre for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST)
- World Heritage Institute of Training and Research-Asia and Pacific (WHITRAP)
- Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas
- Management of the world's natural heritage and training for the Asia-Pacific region
- Indian Wildlife Institute
- Regional Centre for Training in Heritage Management 'Lucio Costa'
- International Rock Art Centre and World Heritage Convention.

This year's meeting focused on major issues related to improving the implementation of the World Heritage Convention by strengthening collaboration among UNESCO C2Cs and creating more synergies with the advisory bodies and the World Heritage Centre. He also addressed the role of UNESCO C2Cs and their collaboration in the field of the World Heritage Convention as key partners for the protection, promotion and conservation of World Cultural and Natural Heritage sites.

At the end of the Conclusion session, the participants recommended to organize the next 8th Annual Coordination Meeting of the Category 2 Centres and Institutes related to the World Heritage of UNESCO in Latin America. The meeting could be organized jointly by the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas and the Lucio Costa Centre, or organized exclusively by one of the centres. This will be an opportunity for the other C2Cs to discover the context for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Latin America.