



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 3rd WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGERS' FORUM

The Republic of Azerbaijan and ICCROM, in cooperation with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and IUCN are delighted to announce that the third edition of the World Heritage Site Managers' Forum (WHSMF 2019) with the theme:

### **“Towards Sustainable Heritage Management”**

will take place in conjunction with the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee in Baku, Azerbaijan. World Heritage Site Managers from across the globe are invited to participate in this year's Forum, aimed at continuing to empower World Heritage Site Managers on the international stage.

Dates:	26 June - 4 July 2019
Location:	Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan
Language:	English and Azeri
Host:	Republic of Azerbaijan
Organizers:	Republic of Azerbaijan, ICCROM
Partners:	WHC, ICOMOS, IUCN

### Aims of the forum

The major objectives of the 2019 edition of World Heritage Site Managers' Forum are to:

- Promote international cooperation of World Heritage Site Managers and co-ordinate worldwide actions in favor of the protection and conservation of humankind's historical heritage through activities and interventions aimed at raising the awareness of States Parties to this heritage;
- To form an international network that defines, improves and promotes conservation principles, standards, research, responsible practice, innovation about the protection of worldwide heritage;
- to assist Site Managers through appropriate guidance, to harness the potential of World Heritage properties and heritage in general, to contribute to sustainable development and increase



the effectiveness and relevance of the World Heritage Convention whilst respecting its primary purpose and mandate of protecting the Outstanding Universal value of World Heritage properties;

- Strengthen the enabling environment by advocating policies, strategies, frameworks and tools that support sustainable tourism as an important vehicle for protecting and managing cultural and natural heritage of Outstanding Universal Value;
- Directly expose the Site Managers to the issues discussed during the World Heritage Committee sessions on the state of conservation (SOC) reports.

## Themes

Therefore, to address the stated objectives, the 2019 edition of the World Heritage Site Managers Forum will cover the following topics under the title “Towards Sustainable Heritage Management”.

- Principles and Objectives of the World Heritage Convention;
- Methodologies and Tools of Monitoring of World Heritage;
- Integration of a sustainable development perspective into the processes of the World Heritage Convention;
- Management systems and management plans;
- Management Effectiveness Assessment for World Heritage properties;
- Climate Change adaptation at heritage sites;
- World Heritage and Sustainable tourism;
- Networking and information sharing.

### Who Can Attend?

- Participants from all natural, cultural and mixed World Heritage properties may apply;
- The Forum is designed for a maximum of 100 participants present in Baku, Azerbaijan;
- For their application to be considered, participants should be able to demonstrate their involvement in ongoing management activities of the World Heritage properties they represent;
- There will be a limit of one (1) participant per World Heritage property to participate in the Forum. An exception will be made for transboundary or transnational serial properties, for which up to one (1) person per State Party involved may be accepted;



- Priority will be given to participants whose properties have state of conservation reports discussed at the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee. In addition, Site Managers who have not yet had the opportunity to attend a previous edition of the World Heritage Site Manager's Forum will be given preference;
- Selection will also be guided in view of balancing regional and gender distribution of participants as well as types of World Heritage properties represented;
- The working language of the Forum will be English and Azeri. English knowledge needs to be demonstrated in the application process.

## Travel, Accommodation and Living Expenses

Participants will be responsible for their round trip travel costs to and from Baku and their accommodation and living expenses. Specific Hotels close to the venue of the WHSMF 2019 (same location as for the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee) will be reserved for Forum participants.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek financial support from sources such as governmental institutions, employers and funding agencies.

The Host Country has secured limited funds to enable representatives from Least Developed Countries (as defined in the 1st bullet of Paragraph 239 point b. of the *Operational Guidelines*) and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) to participate in the Forum. A separate section of the online application form must be filled out to apply for financial support.

## Registration Process

Please note, that the following information will be requested as part of the registration process. All documents must be presented in English.

- Description of duty performed by the applicant at the World Heritage property in 150 words (max.)
- A professional Curriculum Vitae in 2 pages (max.) as PDF document
- A scan of the passport as pdf or jpg of max 1 MB in size
- Site Managers are invited to submit their application through the online registration form of the World Heritage Site Manager's Forum 2019, which is available at: <http://43whcbaku2019.az/en/forums/reg2/>



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The deadline to apply to the 2019 World Heritage Site Managers Forum is 26 April 2019 at 23:59 CET (Paris time).

Participants will be informed of the results of the selection process latest 6 weeks prior to the opening of the Forum.