

## Resolution 20GA/19

### People-Centred Approaches to Cultural Heritage

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#### **The 20th General Assembly of ICOMOS,**

**Considering** the United Nations (UN) Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights;

**Considering** the UN 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as the global plan of action for People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace, and Partnerships, which acknowledges that resilient and sustainable communities depend on the safeguarding of cultural and natural heritage;

**Considering** the UN Framework and Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, which stresses the need for ambitious and early action to mitigate the causes of climate change and to adapt to its impacts, which are already affecting communities, cultures, and rights globally, threatening the survival of future generations;

**Considering** the UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (the 'World Heritage Convention'), which in its implementation celebrates the interactions between culture and nature of Outstanding Universal Value, and the fundamental need to preserve the balance between cultural and natural heritage;

**Recognizing** the necessity of ICOMOS' leadership in addressing today's social, economic, cultural, and environmental challenges through the contribution of its members to sustainable development strategies; climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions; safeguarding cultural diversity; the rights of past, current and future generations; Indigenous Peoples and local communities;

**Recalling** ICOMOS' founding principles expressed in the Venice Charter, calling for the safeguarding of cultural heritage for future generations, and the ICOMOS doctrine developed to date to address the above issues including the Paris Declaration on Heritage as a Driver of Development, the Buenos Aires Declaration on Rights-Based Approaches, and the respective General Assembly Resolutions on Our Common Dignity, Sustainable Development, Emerging Professionals, Climate Change and Heritage, and Indigenous Heritage;

**Acknowledging** the essential nature of cultural expressions to help humankind sustainably adapt to challenges particularly in times of uncertainty such as the global crisis of COVID-19 which has impacted human interactions and highlighted the vulnerability of human connections and access to places;

**Resolves to:**

- Support and seek to expand continuing cooperation of international scientific committees, working groups, and national committees in relation to the shared objectives of sustainable development; climate change action; cultural diversity; human rights based approaches; and the diverse forms of Indigenous Cultural Heritage.
- Further, to integrate the 'focus of that work into ICOMOS' theoretical and conceptual frameworks, as well as in its institutional operations, and best practices in a coordinated, collaborative, intergenerational, and transversal manner;
- Promote people-centered approaches, the connections of people with heritage and places; intercultural dialogue and understanding, sustainability and well-being when addressing local, national, and international heritage policies and practice. This will better realise the full potential of cultural heritage to deliver climate-resilient pathways to strengthen sustainable development, while promoting a just transition to low-carbon futures;
- Honour heritage communities and individuals' rights, taking into consideration past and future generations, acknowledge their role in developing and implementing resilience strategies in a rapidly changing world, and assist authorities to empower citizens to maintain and develop their values and livelihoods in a dignified, responsible, and sustainable manner;
- Work to sustainably synergize cultural heritage conservation and management with the diverse cultural, environmental, and socio-economic concerns of people and communities, through building partnerships with relevant sectors, such as social and health services; cultural and creative industries; nature and biodiversity conservation; tourism; urban and territorial planning and development; and infrastructure and energy provision.

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