



# World Heritage Site Managers' Forum

26 June – 4 July, 2019 | Baku, Azerbaijan

## *Provisional Programme*

\*\* Please note that this is a provisional programme, which is subject to changes \*\*

### Wednesday 26 June

#### *Opening event (18:00)*

### Thursday 27 June (Day 1)

#### *Opening session of the Forum*

- Opening and welcome remarks by Organizers and Partners
- Aims and objectives of the Site Managers Forum within the scope of World Heritage and Capacity Building
- Roundtable session: Introduction of the participants

#### *Principles and Objectives of the World Heritage Convention*

- The World Heritage System: Processes, Key actors and their roles

#### *Methodologies and Tools of Monitoring of World Heritage (Part 1)*

- Periodic Reporting
- Periodic Reporting Case studies

#### *World Heritage Management in Azerbaijan*

- Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower
- Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape

### Friday 28 June (Day 2)

#### *Integration of a Sustainable Development perspective into the processes of the World Heritage Convention*

- World Heritage and Sustainable Development – An introduction to the 2015 Policy Document
- Case study of the Administration of State Historical Reserve “Icherisheher” on Heritage & Sustainable Development
- Management Systems and Plans – Managing Change and Continuity
- Impact assessments and heritage management

#### *Methodologies and Tools of Monitoring of World Heritage (Part 2)*

- Reactive Monitoring process and State of conservation reporting
- Reactive Monitoring Case studies
- Analyzing the highlights of the 2019 State of conservation reports

#### *Site Visit to the Walled City of Baku*

- Introduction to the concept of management effectiveness and the EoH Toolkit (including introduction to group work task on using Tool 1 (Identifying Values and Management Objectives) in relation to Baku
- Guided Tour of the Old Town

## Saturday 29 June (Day 3)

### ***Enhancing the effectiveness of World Heritage management***

- Case studies presentation on Tool 1a (Identifying values and attributes)
- Group work on applying Tool 1b (Identifying management objectives) in relation to the City of Baku
- Delivery of group work on Tool 1b
- Overview of other EoH tools followed by plenary discussion
- Connecting Practice survey

### ***Joint session with the Young Professionals Forum***

- Keynote presentation on cultural landscapes and integrated conservation practices of World Heritage properties
- Thematic Group work
- Delivery of Group work

## Sunday 30 June (Day 4)

### ***Towards the Forum's Statement (part 1)***

#### ***Extracting key issues on sustainable development and heritage management***

- Group work
- Sharing of results

### ***World Heritage Committee Orientation session and***

#### ***Official opening of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee***

## Monday 1 July (Day 5)

### ***Increasing resilience of heritage sites in the face of change***

- Thematic session on Climate Change Adaptation at heritage sites
- Thematic session on Sustainable Tourism (including outcomes of the UNWTO Board meeting)

### ***Towards the Forum's Statement (part 2)***

- Finalization of the Forum outcomes
- Field trip to Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape

## Tuesday 2 July – Thursday 4 July (Days 6-8)

### ***Presentation of the Forum's outcomes to the plenary session of the Committee and attendance of the Committee debates on state of conservation***

- Side event for both SMF and YPF (to be confirmed)