



#SOSAfricanHeritage

Call for Project Proposals

Deadline for Submission 21 August 2020, 18:00h (6 PM) CAT

The German Commission for UNESCO herewith invites UNESCO World Heritage Sites and possibly other UNESCO designated sites such as Biosphere Reserves in Africa to submit proposals for financial support projects that help UNESCO designated sites to overcome an existing impairment due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Through this support, the German Commission for UNESCO contributes to a relief fund set up by the German Federal Foreign Office and the Goethe-Institut to respond to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic.

The short-term emergency financial and technical support to UNESCO World Heritage Sites and other sites such as Biosphere Reserves in Africa should help maintaining independent and sustainable organizational structures at these UNESCO designated sites, with the involvement and participation of civil society. Further, it should secure spaces dedicated to education for global citizenship, sustainability as well as cultural diversity.

The deadline for submission is 21 August 2020 at 18:00 (6 PM) CAT.

A jury of experts with experience on the African continent will evaluate the proposals by 1 of September 2020.

The funding period is 15 September until 31 December 2020.

Funds requested under this call must be submitted according to the following minimum and maximum amount: at least 10.000,00 EUR and up to 25.000,00 EUR

The German Commission for UNESCO will assist interested UNESCO designated sites with technical support and answers to any question linked to this Call for Proposals via sosafricanheritage@unesco.de

The German Commission for UNESCO reserves the right not to award available funds if applications submitted do not fill the selection criteria.

Guidelines

1) Eligibility

Eligible for support are the institutions officially designated as being responsible to the properties/sites inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List – from all African countries that are Member States of UNESCO, including those in North Africa. Biosphere Reserves as part of UNESCO's World Network and other UNESCO designated sites can be eligible as well, depending on the quality of the proposals and the overall number of support proposals.

In order to be eligible, applications must, first, demonstrate an existing impairment of the sites (e.g. through looting or poaching). Applications need to present, second, a convincing approach on how to counter the impairment and to strengthen resilience of the sites and/or in its vicinity.

Only one application per site is accepted.

The applications must emanate directly from those institutions responsible for the property/site and their management. Applying institution/site need to have a valid bank account registered under their legal name. The applications must be endorsed by the National Commission for UNESCO of the Member State concerned.

Applications must be submitted in English or French.

Duration: The project shall commence between 15 September and be concluded by 31 December 2020.

Type of eligible activities and costs: The following is a non-exhaustive list of activities for which an application may be made. An application can cover one or several connected activities.

- Monitoring and capacity building, e.g. to counter looting or poaching
- Digitisation activities to enhance (remote) access to the sites
- Activities that help to contain the pandemic (e.g. infrastructure improvement)
- Activities to enhance participation and benefit-sharing of local communities
- Educational activities
- Other activities that foster the organisational resilience of the sites and their infrastructure

The following types of projects will not be eligible for funding:

- On-going projects or their activities
- Co-funding of another project or combination with other project funds of third parties
- Covering debts and obligations
- General operational/running costs of the applicant institution without connection to the project proposed)
- Projects or activities which consist exclusively or primarily in capital expenditure, such as infrastructure, land, equipment.)
- Weapons or other hazardous material.

Added Value

We welcome applications which strengthen the participation of local communities. We also welcome projects fostering the cooperation among UNESCO designated sites within the same Member State or sub-region. We also welcome promoting the cooperation with other educational, cultural or research institutions within the Member State or sub-region.

Further, the German Commission for UNESCO will assist in establishing new cooperation formats between German UNESCO designated sites or help intensifying existing cooperation formats.

Eligible Costs

- Staff costs related to the project implementation (according to local salary systems) of up to 80% of the total funding plus administrative overhead of up to 3%
- Purchase of technical equipment dedicated to digitisation activities such as audio guides, applications, website, video conference tools, computer, tablets, online ticketing systems

- Improving infrastructure on site such as purchase of, e.g. signpost systems to optimise the flow of visitors, inventarisation, securing movable objects on site
- Material needed to contain the pandemic
- Educational material, information material
- Travel and boarding costs for capacity building events linked to the before mentioned activities

2) Submission of Proposals

Applications must be submitted using the attached application form. The following documents need to be added to the application:

- Organisation's legal registration document
- Proof of authorization of person officially representing the organisation
- Letter of support from the National Commission for UNESCO
- Activity reports (or links to online activity reports) that demonstrate that the management of the site is in line with relevant UNESCO criteria
- If the application should cover staff cost, respective proof through payroll document
- If the application should cover purchases, an indication of relevant prize levels within the country

Applications must be sent as PDF in English or French, with all necessary attachments, via email to **sosafricanheritage@unesco.de** no later than **21 August 2020 at 18:00** (6 PM) CAT.

Any possible applicant may direct her/his questions related to the preparation of the application, at any time, by e-mail to the following email address: **sosafricanheritage@unesco.de**.

3) Selection Criteria

A jury of experts with experience on the African continent will evaluate and select the proposals by 1 of September 2020 according to the following criteria:

1) Relevance

- vis-à-vis the objectives of the call for proposals
- internal consistency and overall logic of the project description (structure and feasibility)

2) Quality of Project Proposal and Quality of the Budget

- activities appropriately reflected in the budget
- the accuracy of the estimated costs
- the feasibility of expected results within the estimated costs and time.

3) Coherence with overall UNESCO's principles and objectives of the respective site

4) Agreement and Modalities of Payment

In case of a positive evaluation of the applications, applicants will sign an agreement with the German Commission for UNESCO that will include information of the activities to be carried out, the funding amount, the modalities of payment and reporting.

Funds are paid in two instalments:

- Applicants will receive up to 70% of the amount requested at the beginning of the support period via bank transfer
- The remaining will be transferred via bank transfer by late November at the latest upon the presentation of a short mid-term report

To this end, the applicant will submit, in electronic form, a mid-term technical and financial report (2 pages), including a table of expenditures up to that date, that gives an overview of the state of implementation of the project or activity – by 15 November 2020.

A final report has to be submitted by 15 January 2021 showing the activities implemented, presenting the output, describing first impacts of the project or activity and how the funds have been used (10-15 pages) including a full table of expenditures.

5) Monitoring, Publicity and Support to Beneficiaries

The German Commission for UNESCO will provide advice to beneficiaries on issues such as management, public relations, dissemination and networking, in order to ensure the full implementation of the project.

Applicants must acknowledge the German Commission for UNESCO's contribution throughout the project implementation (e.g. press releases, publications, posters, programmes, audio-visual material, website and social media dissemination, etc.).

The German Commission for UNESCO reserves the right to use, disclose, reproduce and distribute the content and outcome of the funded projects or activities.