

RECOMMENDATIONS
Of the Expert Meeting on
Management of the World Heritage Properties in
Modern Urban Context of Central Asia

28-30 November, 2015. Osh, Kyrgyzstan

The participants of the Meeting (experts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan),

Expressing gratitude to the Government of Kyrgyz Republic and the National Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic for UNESCO, to the World Heritage Centre and UNESCO Offices in Almaty and Tashkent, and also to the office of the Mayor of Osh city and National Historical-Archaeological Museum Complex Sulaiman-Too for successful organisation and undertaking of the Expert Meeting on 'Management of the World Heritage Properties in Modern Urban Context of Central Asia' (28-30 November, 2015. Osh, Kyrgyzstan);

Highlighting the importance of implementing the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage and following the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention;

Assigning a special significance to the Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscapes adopted on 27th May, 2011 during the Intergovernmental meeting of the experts on historic urban landscapes (category 2) in UNESCO headquarters;

Recognising the role of cultural heritage of the cities in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda;

Considering the experience of managing World Cultural and Natural Heritage property of "Sulaiman-Too Sacred Mountain",

Recommend to the State Parties:

- To continue improvements of legislative base, including the cases when it is in order to achieve improvements of the status of protection of the World Heritage properties and integration of the terminology of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (the terms: outstanding universal value, authenticity, integrity, cultural landscape, management plan, buffer zone, etc.);
- To facilitate the formation of effective mechanism of interaction of the state structures, scientific and educational institutions, museums, tourism organisations, the public, private property owners, entrepreneurs and other interested parties and organisations with the aim of preserving the World Heritage properties in the modern urban context;
- To adapt standardised methods of urban planning with considerations of the needs of Management Plans on preservation of cultural heritage of specific cities, and to direct special attention to the issues of land ownership and land use;

- To strengthen the interaction of relevant designated institutions of protection of cultural heritage and institutions of emergency situation relief;
- To reinforce the role of the local communities and the local self-governance in decision making process related to urban planning and protection of the monuments with considerations of preservation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
- To enhance sub-regional cooperation with the aim of exchanging the ideas and increasing capacity in management, research, documentation, conservation, restoration, monitoring, ecology, etc.;
- To direct special attention to local capacity building with the involvement of local, regional and international experts in the area of protection of cultural heritage;
- To develop relevant tourism development strategies for specific/potential sites of World Heritage standing with the involvement of all stakeholders;
- To enable effective visitor management, with particular attention to the areas of: interpretation and accessibility of deductive materials; healthcare, sanitary norms and disabled access; regulation of visitor flow, safeguard and public safety; logistics, tourist routes and recreational zones, etc.;
- To attract projects of international organisations, local investment (including the ones that emerge from tax breaks) and other (non-financial) support in order to achieve impactful preservation of cultural heritage of the cities;
- To foster information exchange and information access, to strengthen the role and to increase the potential of information resources;
- To create a database of conventions, legislation, recommendations, charters and other documents related to preservation of cultural heritage of urban spaces in accessible languages.

In conclusion, the participants of the Expert Meeting on 'Management of the World Heritage Properties in Modern Urban Context of Central Asia' (28-30 November, 2015, Osh, Kyrgyzstan) emphasise effectiveness of holding expert meeting in sub-regional level and express the wish to continue organising the meetings on management of cultural heritage of the cities in the same format.