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On the Occasion of the Celebration of the International Day of Monuments and Sites

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON:
«PROTECTING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE
THROUGH A PARTICIPATORY AND INCLUSIVE
GOVERNANCE TO MEET THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS»**

«Together for an Effective Local Africa»

Main Recommendations

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- 1.** Working toward ensuring a suitable environment for a better participatory and inclusive governance of management, safeguarding and valuing cultural heritage, monuments and sites, particularly at the institutional, political, organizational, managerial and technical levels.
- 2.** Promoting interest in culture and heritage dimensions in a cross-cutting and comprehensive manner, and integrating them in public policies, national strategies and sustainable development programme, particularly at the local level.
- 3.** Inviting African States to use as guidance the contents and guidelines of the Islamic Declaration on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World, issued by the 10th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held in Khartoum, on 21 November 2017, as being a reference document in developing national and regional policies and laws so as to protect and safeguard cultural heritage.
- 4.** Urging States and governments to support and assist territorial collectivities in the fields of governance, organization and management of their cultural heritage, monuments, and sites by providing, inter alia, financial and technical assistance.
- 5.** Providing African territorial collectivities with documents, tools and information to help them better safeguard, promote and value their culture and heritage.
- 6.** Building capacities on legal conventions and instruments pertaining to safeguarding and valuing heritage and culture, and publicizing them.
- 7.** Placing the protection and preservation of heritage and cultural memories at the center of sustainable development and sectoral policies.
- 8.** Taking into account the cultural specificities in urban planning.
- 9.** Strengthening links among stakeholders through networking to better promote and value cultural heritage based on the documents of good practices existing in Africa and beyond.
- 10.** Conducting studies to diagnose and assess communities' involvement in the cultural heritage management in Africa.

- 11.** Developing or renewing the sites management's plans and involving local communities.
- 12.** Integrating cultural practices in the management and rehabilitation of sites and monuments.
- 13.** Encouraging African cities' governors to invest in heritage and establish museums to safeguard the African cultural heritage, which is exposed to many risks, most notably illicit trafficking.
- 14.** Encouraging territorial collectivities with cultural heritage, to build the capacities of their representatives and officials for a better approach to the concept of heritage, in line with Sustainable Development Goals.
- 15.** Listing cities with plans on safeguarding and valuing their heritage in order to help them structure, fund and organize their activities, under the aegis of UCGL-Africa
- 16.** Informing, raising awareness and building the capacities of the local elected representatives on the status and importance of cultural heritage as a socio-cultural wealth and a vehicle of sustainable development at the local, regional and national levels.