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Published on the 40th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention, this thematic collection of case studies provides a thorough understanding of World Heritage sites and their outstanding universal value in the context of sustainable development.

The case studies describe twenty-six thematically, typologically and regionally diverse World Heritage sites illustrating their benefits to local communities and ecosystems and sharing the lessons learned with the diverse range of stakeholders involved.

The volume emphasizes a holistic and integrated view of World Heritage, linking it to the role local communities play in management and protection, to issues of ecosystem sustainability, and the maintenance of biological, linguistic and cultural diversity.

Cross-disciplinary in its scope, this book will provide a meeting point for researchers, practitioners, community representatives and the wider public, and will promote cultural and natural heritage conservation as a key vector of sustainable development and social cohesion.

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## Foreword

IRINA BOKOVA – DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO

The 40th anniversary of the 1972 World Heritage Convention is an opportunity to take stock of achievements and to chart a new course for the future.

For four decades, the World Heritage Convention has helped to safeguard extraordinary places around the world for the enlightenment and enjoyment of present and future generations. In so doing, the Convention has drawn a new map of the globe. This map shows the bridges that link societies, blurring the geographical boundaries between countries and illustrating the intimate relationship between culture and nature. This is a map for peace, and a network for cultural exchanges that crosses the planet. To date, 190 States Parties have rallied around the simple but revolutionary idea that humanity is custodian to heritage of ‘outstanding universal value’ that must be protected for the benefit of all.

Many World Heritage sites carry iconic status – but it is time to look at them again, in order to forge new directions for their conservation and development. This volume seeks to explore sustainability as the key goal for heritage management, today and in the future. The concept of ‘outstanding universal value’ has meaning only if it is embedded in a local ecology, in harmony with local communities, with biological and cultural as well as linguistic diversity.

This volume unpacks this concept through twenty-six case studies that show the commitment by States, local authorities and communities to conserving and safeguarding their heritage. This is critical for the credibility of the World Heritage Convention and its future. Each study illustrates the way communities, site managers and other actors work to bring together people and their heritage using World Heritage to meet the needs of both conservation and development.

World Heritage carries local meaning, but its stakes are global. As we debate the contours of a new global sustainability agenda, we must ensure that culture has a central place, as both a driver of sustainable development and a source of inspiration and hope. Cultural heritage is the way we understand the world and the means by which we shape it. It is rooted in our cultural identities and

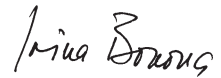
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provides a source of wisdom and knowledge to strengthen sustainable development policies and practices.

These are the horizons as we look to the future of World Heritage. Heritage is a motor for people's empowerment and sustainability – we must recognize this, understand it better and make the most of it, for local communities and humanity as whole.



## Acronyms

AFD	Agence Française de Développement / French Development Agency
APNRM&L	Angkor Participatory Natural Resource Management & Livelihood (Cambodia)
APP	Área de Preservação Permanente / Permanent Preservation Area (Brazil)
APSARA	Authority for the Protection and Management of Angkor and the Region of Siem Reap (Cambodia)
CAP	Community Access Point (Australia)
CER	Collegium Educationis Revaliae (Estonia)
COMPACT	Community Management of Protected Areas Conservation Programme (UNDP)
CRAterre	Center for the Research and Application of Earth Architecture (France)
CRMD	Chief Roi Mata's Domain (Vanuatu)
CWSS	Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (Germany)
DANE	Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística / National Administrative Department of Statistics (Colombia)
DED, currently GIZ	German Development Service
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DOLE	Department of Labor and Employment (Philippines)
EHESS	École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (France)
ENAG	Lao National School of Administration and Management
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (Yemen)
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FUMDHAM	Fundação Museu do Homem Americano / Museum of the American Man Foundation (Brazil)
GA	General Assembly (United Nations)
GBR	Great Barrier Reef (Australia)
GBRMPA	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
GBRWHA	Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area
GDP	gross domestic product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme

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HRBA	Human Rights-Based Approach
HUL	Historic Urban Landscapes
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank
IBAMA	Brazilian Environment and Renewable Natural Resources Institute
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
IDP	Integrated Development Plan (South Africa)
IGO	intergovernmental organization
ILO	International Labour Organization
ILUA	Marine Park Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Australia)
IMACOF	Institut de Milieu Aquatic et Corridor Fluviale (France)
INDH	National Initiative for Human Development (Morocco)
INGO	international non-governmental organization
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KEM	Khmer Effective Micro-organisms (Cambodia)
LAWHF	Local Authorities World Heritage Forum (UK)
LCB	Local Consultative Body (Senegal)
LEAP	Integrated Community Development and Cultural Heritage Site Preservation through Local Effort in Asia and the Pacific
LMAC	Local Marine Advisory Committee (Australia)
MDG-F	Millennium Development Goals Achievement Fund
MoA	Memorandum of Agreement
NBI	Necesidades Básicas Insatisfechas / Unsatisfied Basic Needs (Colombia)
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIKE	Nurturing Indigenous Knowledge Experts (Philippines)
OMVS	Organization for the Development of the Senegal River
PCD	Communal Development Plan (Morocco)
PCW	Pinelands Creative Workshop (Barbados)
PDP	Physical Development Plan (Barbados)
PEMP	Special Management and Protection Plan (Colombia)
POPs	persistent organic pollutants
PSMV	Plan de Sauvegarde et Mise en Valeur / Conservation and Enhancement Plan (Lao PDR)
QPWS	Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (Australia)
RADEEMA	Autonomous Agency of Water Supply and Electricity of Marrakesh
RBTDs	Transboundary Biosphere Reserve of the Senegal River Delta
RTO	Rice Terraces Owners (Philippines)
SCOT	Scheme for Coherent Territorial Development (Lao PDR)
SDLIC	Sustainable Development in Low-Income Communities (Barbados)
SGP	Small Grants Programme (UNDP)

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SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SIPAR	Private Initiative Support for Aid to Reconstruction (Cambodia)
SITMo	Save the Ifugao Terraces Movement (Philippines)
SME	small and medium-sized enterprise
TEK	Traditional Ecological Knowledge
TUMRA	Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement (Australia)
UFPEI	Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (Brazil)
UN	United Nations
UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDRIP	United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNF	United Nations Foundation
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNIDO	United Nations International Industrial Development Organization
UN-SCDP	Socotra Conservation and Development Programme (Yemen)
UNWTO	United Nations World Tourism Organization
UWI	University of the West Indies (Barbados)
WHTC	World Heritage and Tourism Committee
WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP)
WSP	Wadden Sea Plan