

## Commitments

**P**artnership with UNESCO and support to the World Heritage Centre.

**O**utstanding Universal Values: regard and respect for the Convention's principles, norms and aims.

**R**einforcement of bilateral and multinational heritage rehabilitation and conservation cooperation mechanisms under the auspices of the Convention.

**T**horough support to State Parties' capacity building initiatives directed to site managers, heritage professionals and young generations.

**U**tter competence and dedication of a team of experienced and renown Portuguese experts.

**G**reater harmonization of Tentative Lists in order to achieve a more balanced and credible World Heritage List.

**A**chievement of a better and fairer representation of all regions on the World Heritage List.

**L**asting, enhanced and more fruitful international cooperation with other State Parties to the WH Convention and the advisory organs of the Committee.

## Best Practices

✓ First country in Europe to inscribe a cultural landscape property (Sintra) in the World Heritage List.

✓ Social Responsibility Projects in WH sites to foster inclusion of prison inmates and people with disabilities.

✓ State of Conservation Assessment in World Heritage Sites.

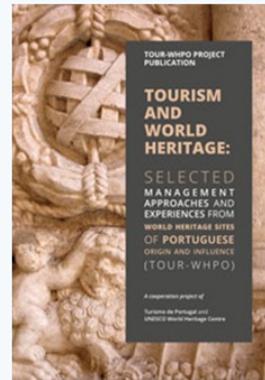
✓ Promoter of the initiative Tourism Management at World Heritage Sites.

✓ Dissemination of World Heritage Sites through new technologies.

✓ Awareness raising of WH values to promote young people's appreciation for their heritage.

✓ Study of the traditional use of plants in a natural WH Site with the involvement of local population.

✓ The 15 Portuguese properties in the WH List are equally classified as National Monuments and the buffer zones are, *ipso facto*, considered as Special Protected Zones.



## Portugal candidate to the WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE



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**MESSAGE OF HE AMBASSADOR José Filipe Moraes Cabral**  
Permanent Delegate of Portugal to UNESCO

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The World Heritage Convention has been in force in Portugal for the last 30 years. During this period 15 properties in Portugal have been inscribed in the World Heritage List, reflecting our rich natural and cultural legacy. More importantly, this period also allowed us to build a very constructive and diversified partnership both with UNESCO, its subsidiary and advisory bodies, and with many countries across the World.

This experience has been particularly rewarding, giving Portugal and her international partners the chance to actively and effectively work together to promote Heritage preservation and its management.

Portugal was the first European country to inscribe a property in the World Heritage List under the Landscape Strategy. We launched the network of the World Heritage of Portuguese Origin (which brings together 18 countries in four continents) and also the Tourism Management Heritage Sites initiative. We have also been deeply involved technically and financially with Priority Africa, supporting the development of a specialized capability in the field of historical heritage reconstruction and conservation, alongside with technical support to the African World Heritage Fund. Portugal has also an outstanding record regarding good practices.

Our continued commitment to World Heritage has led my country to engage further with the World Heritage Committee. This engagement will focus on a more fruitful cooperation with its advisory organs, the harmonization of Tentative Lists aiming at a better, more credible and fairer representation of all regions, the reinforcement of bilateral and multinational Heritage rehabilitation and conservation cooperation mechanisms, and the enhancement of capacity building activities.

For this purpose, the World Heritage Committee may count on the competence, diligence and commitment of a team of very experienced and internationally renowned experts, under my coordination.

We are fully conscious of the added significant responsibilities that we are taking on if, as we expect, we merit the trust and confidence of our UNESCO partners. What we can assure them is that we will work, as we have always done when we have been elected to other international bodies, in an objective and transparent way, open to a continuous dialogue with Member-States, striving for consensus and to strengthening our common purpose.

You can count on us. And I know that I can count on you.

## Initiatives

### PRIORITY AFRICA

In the context of UNESCO *Priority Africa* special theme, Portugal has developed specialized capacity-building initiatives in the fields of historical heritage reconstruction and conservation by supporting financially and technically the preparation of a new Tentative Lists and the conservation of World Heritage Sites.

### INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Portugal organized and supported several international meetings on World Heritage issues.



### YOUTH EDUCATION

Edition of the Portuguese version of the Kit "World Heritage in Young Hands" which was distributed to national UNESCO Networks, and sent to Lusophone countries.



### WORLD HERITAGE TRAINING COURSES

Portuguese experts participated as trainers in courses about World Heritage organised by, or on behalf of, the African World Heritage Fund.

### COOPERATION AND NETWORKING

International cooperation including the promotion of a network of World Heritage sites of Portuguese influence which nowadays includes 26 properties in 18 countries in 4 continents. Many other properties in the Tentative Lists may join the project.



## Team

**Ms. Teresa Andresen**, Architect, Professor at Porto University, expert in Cultural Landscapes and Natural Heritage. Adviser of the Portuguese Government concerning the National Strategy for Sustainable Development.

**Ms. Maria da Conceição Lopes**, Archaeologist, Professor at University of Coimbra, Advisor Board Member of ICOMOS-Portugal, has done research and field work in African and Latin American countries, and collaborated in the preparation of WH nominations.

**Ms. Anabela Antunes Carvalho**, Historian, Subdirector General for Cultural Heritage, expert in monuments, historic centres, urban landscapes and museums.

**Ms. Clara Bertrand Cabral**, Anthropologist, Responsible for the Culture Sector at the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO, expert in intangible heritage values, community involvement and WH procedures.