Association with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Net Zero aims to reduce vulnerability to climate change, safeguard heritage and secure livelihoods of the vulnerable communities by addressing the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)\(^1\) and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction\(^2\):

- **SDG 4 – Ensuring Quality Education.** By developing collaborative training in an area of critical need, the Project will empower 15 professionals and 150-200 community members to implement heritage-based climate mitigation and adaptation measures at 5 innovation sites. On a rotational basis, 4-8 trainers as mentors will be trained to coach teams at innovation sites, to initiate and sustain heritage-based climate action. One of the key outcomes will be a widely applicable training model for developing heritage-based climate action.

- **SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities.** By responding to climate change, reducing different types of vulnerabilities and disaster risk of heritage communities, as well as tapping into the traditional knowledge and practices, the Project will promote sustainable communities and cities.

- **SDG 13 – Climate Action.** Through in-depth research, extensive training and field implementations, the Project will aim to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts on cultural heritage. Through a final international symposium, the project will reach out to 100-150 change makers and influencers in 25-30 countries that are suffering from acute environmental stresses.

- **SDG 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.** By reducing the risks induced by climate change, building coping capacities to absorb stresses and promoting a rights-based approach to the management of natural and cultural resources, the Project will strive to build lasting peace in the 5 innovation sites. The expected outcome is a globally applicable foundation for engaging culture and heritage in climate action, which will reach 25-30 high risk countries.

- **SDG 17 – Revitalize Global Partnerships.** In preparation for the project, ICCROM is organizing an international conference in partnership with 56 partners from diverse sectors and 31 countries. Through Net Zero, ICCROM hopes to expand this base of partnership, bringing together thought leaders, decision makers, influencers as well as educators. The aim would be to disseminate the know-how developed through the project and strengthen climate action globally.

Additionally, the implementation of SDG 5 on Gender Equality and SDG 8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth, will be sought as per specific needs at each innovation site.

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