

# **GA – General Assembly 2017**

---

GA30/ROD

## **Decisions of the ICCROM General Assembly XXX Session**

**REPORT OF THE DECISIONS OF THE XXX SESSION  
OF THE ICCROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
29 NOVEMBER – 1 December 2017**

**Agenda Item 3 – Election of the President and Three Vice-Presidents for the XXX Session of the General Assembly**

- 3.1 The General Assembly unanimously elects the proposed candidate, Anne NYHAMAR (NORWAY) as President of its XXX Session.
- 3.2 The General Assembly unanimously elects the three proposed candidates for the Vice-Presidency of its XXX Session:
- Zoe REID (Ireland);
  - Sarkis EL KHOURY (Lebanon);
  - Thembelani BEKEZELA NHLABATSI (Swaziland).

**Agenda Item 4 – Election of the Committees**

- 4.1 The General Assembly unanimously elects the following five candidates proposed by the Council to the *Credentials Committee* for its XXX Session:
- Valerie MAGAR MEURS (Mexico), chair;
  - Elisa HEIKKILÄ (Finland);
  - Véronique DEZ (France);
  - Michaela HANSSEN (Netherlands);
  - Sharon PARK (United States of America).
- 4.2 The General Assembly unanimously elects the following five candidates proposed by the Council to the *Committee on Candidatures to the Council* for its XXX Session:
- Riad HADJ SAID (Tunisia), chair;
  - Florencia GEAR (Argentina);
  - Patricia KELL (Canada);
  - Anneli RANDLA (Estonia);
  - Scott FURLONG (United Kingdom).

**Agenda Item 5 – Acceptance of the Observers**

- 5.1 The General Assembly unanimously accepts the following observers to its XXX session:
- Non-Member State Observers
    - Holy See (Vatican City State)
    - Hungary
    - Palestine
  - Partner Institutions
    - Alvar Aalto Foundation

- Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage
- Ars Civilis Foundation
- Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO – ACCU
- Associazione Incontro di Civiltà
- Comando Carabinieri Tutela Patrimonio Culturale
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche – ICVBC
- E.C.C.O. - European Confederation of Conservators/Restorers
- Getty Conservation Institute
- HERITY
- ICCM
- ICOM-CC
- ICOMOS ITALIA
- IRCICA
- ISESCO
- Istituto Veneto per i Beni Culturali
- Ministero dell’Interno – Istituto Superiore Antincendi
- Presidenza Consiglio dei Ministri – Protezione Civile
- Sharjah Museum Authority
- UNIDROIT
- World Association for the Protection of Tangible & Intangible Cultural Heritage – WATCH
- ICCROM Council Members
  - Marie Lavandier (Chair of Council)
  - Virgilio A. Reyes
  - Representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
  - Representative of the Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro
  - Representative of the International Council of Museums
  - Representative of the International Council on Monuments and Sites
  - Representative of the International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Organizations
  - League of Arab States
- Independent Consultants
  - Calogero BELLANCA
  - Tommaso DELLA LONGA
  - Ulrich Kevin KIANGUEBENI
  - Joël IPARA MOTEMA
  - Elena SERGEEVA
  - Georgios TAVLARIDIS

### **Agenda Item 6 – Adoption of the Provisional Agenda**

6.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopts the Provisional Agenda, Document GA30/01 without change.

### **Agenda Item 7 – ICCROM Award: Dr. Giovanni Carbonara**

#### 7.1 The General Assembly:

- noting his strong collaboration with ICCROM over the past 50 years, beginning with his participation in the Architectural Conservation course in 1968 and continuing with his collaboration on training activities over many years;
- further noting his contributions to the field of conservation as a professor at La Sapienza University in Rome, as a lecturer on many conservation courses around the world, and as the author of many publications on the restoration of monuments;
- endorses the decision of the ICCROM Council to present the ICCROM Award to Dr. Giovanni Carbonara, Director Emeritus of the Post-Graduate School for the Study of the Restoration of Monuments at La Sapienza University.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Report of the Credentials Committee**

#### 8.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopted the report of the Credentials Committee and agreed that the following Member States, which sent their credentials by fax, would be allowed to vote, on an exceptional basis in accordance with Rules 16 and 48.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, having assured the Credentials Committee that the originals of their credentials would be forthcoming:

- Austria
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Croatia
- Guatemala
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Iraq
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea (Republic of)
- Myanmar
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Romania
- Saudi Arabia
- Serbia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

- 8.2 The General Assembly noting that the following Member States have indicated that their credentials will be arriving shortly, unanimously decided to put the credentialing of those Member States on hold:
- Jordan
  - Mozambique
  - South Africa
- 8.3 Subsequent to the completion of its first report, the Credentials Committee submitted an addendum, stating that:
- Zambia presented its credentials and complied with the requirements of Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and was therefore deemed to be allowed to vote;
  - Jordan submitted its credentials as scanned email attachments. Therefore, as the Credentials Committee, understanding that the originals will be forthcoming, deemed that Jordan be allowed to vote on an exceptional basis in accordance with Rule 16 and 48.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly;
  - Venezuela submitted its credentials as scanned email attachments. The Committee noted that the Member State is in arrears with its contribution and that therefore its position would be examined by the General Assembly under Item 9 of the agenda.

**Agenda Item 9 – Report on Assessed Contributions in Arrears (Application of Article 9 of the Statutes)**

- 9.1 The General Assembly:
- considering that the total amount of the contributions to ICCROM that have fallen due and that have not been paid by the Member States of Bangladesh, Brazil, Malawi, and Honduras exceeds the amount of their contributions payable for the current calendar year and the immediately preceding calendar year, takes note that Bangladesh, Brazil, Malawi, and Honduras have lost their right to vote in the General Assembly and their right to propose candidates for membership of the Council;
  - considering that the Member States of Mauritania and Venezuela have omitted to pay their contributions that have fallen due during four consecutive calendar years, takes note that Mauritania and Venezuela shall also cease to be entitled to receive any services from ICCROM;
  - considering that the Member States of Mozambique and Senegal have omitted to pay their contributions that have fallen due during six consecutive calendar year, takes note that Mozambique and Senegal shall be suspended from ICCROM.

**Agenda Item 10 – Welcome to New Member States**

- 10.1 The General Assembly welcomes Ukraine as a new Member State to ICCROM, noting its accession on 15 January 2016.

10.2 The General Assembly:

- expressing its satisfaction that Hungary has fully met the conditions for re-adhesion to ICCROM;
- thanks the Government of Hungary for the efforts undertaken to rejoin the organization;
- unanimously decides to readmit Hungary to ICCROM and welcomes it again as a Member State.

**Agenda Item 11 – Exchange of Letters Constituting an Agreement between ICCROM and the Italian Republic for the Amendment of Art 11 of the HQ Agreement Law 11 June 1960 n. 723**

11.1 The General Assembly:

- acknowledges the exchange of letters constituting an agreement between ICCROM and the Italian Republic for the Amendment of Art. 11 of the Headquarters' Agreement Law of 11 June 1960 n. 723;
- expresses its gratitude to the Italian Republic for its tireless efforts to resolve this issue;
- furthermore congratulates the Director-General of ICCROM for his efforts in regard to this issue.

**Agenda Item 12 – Adoption of the Minutes of the XXIX Session of the General Assembly**

- 12.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopts the Minutes of the XXIX Session of the General Assembly, as recorded in document GA29/MIN.

**Agenda Item 13 – Report of the Committee on Candidatures for the Council**

- 13.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopts the report of the Committee on Candidatures for the Council and declares the following persons as candidates for the ICCROM Council:
1. Hilde DE CLERCQ (Belgium/Belgique)
  2. Sarkis EL KHOURY (Lebanon/Liban)
  3. Aglal M. Elzubair EL MALIK (Sudan/Soudan)
  4. Oliver MARTIN (Switzerland/Suisse)
  5. Thembelani NHLABATSI (Swaziland)
  6. Isabel RAPOSO DE MAGALHÃES (Portugal)
  7. Birgitta RINGBECK (Germany/Allemagne)
  8. John ROBBINS (United States of America/ États-Unis d'Amérique)
  9. Nina SHANGINA (Russian Federation/Fédération de Russie)
  10. Julia Antonia VICIOSO VARELAS (Dominican Republic/ République dominicaine)
  11. Gihane ZAKI (Egypt/Égypte)
  12. Kamil ZEIDLER (Poland/Pologne)
  13. Ye ZHU (China/Chine)

### **Agenda Item 15 – Director General’s Appointment**

- 15.1 The General Assembly, following the recommendation of the 88<sup>th</sup> session of the ICCROM Council, by a majority of those present and voting elects Dr. Webber Ndoro to be the next Director-General of ICCROM.

### **Agenda Item 17 – Report on Implementation of the Strategic Cycle 2011 – 2017 and Report on the Programme Implementation 2016 – 2017**

- 17.1 The General Assembly unanimously, approves the Report on Implementation of the Strategic Cycle 2011 – 2017 and the Report of Implementation 2016 – 2017 (documents Annual Report 2016 and GA30/07).

### **Agenda Item 18 – Report on Finance**

- 18.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopts the following financial report:
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers SpA Special Purpose Financial Statements from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015 (Document GA30/08).

### **Agenda Item 19 – Presentation by the Council of the 2018 – 2023 Strategic Directions**

- 19.1 The General Assembly:
- thanks the Council working group on the development of the Strategic Directions 2018 – 2023;
  - takes note of Strategic Directions 2018 – 2023 as found in document GA30/06.

### **Agenda Item 20 – Provisional Programme of Work and Budget 2018 – 2019**

- 20.1 The General Assembly unanimously approves the Programme of Work and Budget for the Biennium 2018-19 (document GA30/10) presented during its XXX Session and the following Budget Appropriation Resolution:

The General Assembly:

- authorizes the Director-General to implement the programme outlined in the Programme of Work and Budget 2018–2019 (document GA30/10);
- approves the budget for a total of €16,296,618 including all sources of funds including
  - by ICCROM Regular Budget to be provided by Member States based on the principle of 0% increase (ZNG) totalling €9,386,793
  - by Voluntary Contributions in Hand (programme and staff costs) totalling €4,332,070
  - by mobilization of additional resources as proposed in the Programme of Work and Budget totalling €2,577,755

which shall be allocated as follows:

Appropriation Line	Euro (note all amounts include both programme and staff costs)			
	Total Appropriation	Regular Budget	Voluntary Contributions in Hand	New Resources to be found
General Operating Expenses	5,929,717	5,212,626	717,091	0
Programme 1: Protecting Cultural Heritage in Times of Conflicts and Disasters	1,479,880	439,606	643,273	397,000
Programme 2: Strengthening Partnerships for Cultural Heritage in Africa	320,677	67,439	213,239	40,000
Programme 3: Integrating Cultural Heritage Conservation in Social, Economic, Urban and Environmental Planning	2,322,704	683,040	1,070,849	568,815
Programme 4: Leading and Innovating Capacity Building in Conservation	1,970,998	615,579	740,199	615,220
Programme 5: Strengthening Awareness and Knowledge of Cultural Heritage and its Conservation	2,609,651	1,013,319	679,612	916,720
Corporate Communications and Knowledge Tools and Services	1,404,740	1,182,057	182,683	40,000
International Fellowships and ICCROM Internships	258,251	173,127	85,124	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,296,618</b>	<b>9,386,793</b>	<b>4,332,070</b>	<b>2,577,755</b>

- Authorizes the Director-General to adapt the detailed budget within the global budget framework if appropriate and according to strategic priorities;
- Approves the scale of assessment of Member States of ICCROM for the biennium 2018–2019, based on the scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly for the years 2016–2017–2018 and adapted to ICCROM specific requirements to take into account the difference in membership between the two organizations in order to derive an ICCROM scale of 100%.
- Resolves that new members depositing their instruments of ratification after 30 September 2017 (the date of preparation of the assessments for the 2018-2019 biennium) shall be assessed in accordance with the same formulae used to derive this scale of assessment.



- Authorizes the Director-General to incorporate the special voluntary contribution announced by the Government of Italy in the Exchange of Letters dated 17 March 2017 in the amount of Euro 1,000,000 for the implementation of the above-mentioned budget.
- Authorizes the Director-General to accept and add to the appropriate lines of the budget approved above, non-earmarked voluntary contributions, donations, gifts, bequests, subventions, and contributions from governments, taking into account the provisions of the Financial Regulations.
- The Director-General shall provide information thereon to the ICCROM Council in writing at the session following such action. Further the Director General is authorized to carry forward any unspent balance of such additional appropriations to the following budget period.

### **Agenda Item 25– Statements of Delegates and Observers**

25.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopted the following in regard to the Re-Org programme

The General Assembly:

- Noting that there are approximately 55,000 museums worldwide and, as a result, 55,000 storage areas (also known as deposits or warehouses) in which 90% of the collections are generally located;
- Recalling the resolution voted during the 38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO in 2015 on the protection, the promotion of museums and collections;
- Recalling the resolution voted by the XXVII General Assembly of ICCROM on the poor state of the storage areas, putting at great risk these collections which represent an important part of the moveable tangible heritage of Humanity;
- Recalling that all the Member States of ICCROM (and non-members countries) are affected;
- Congratulates the countries who have engaged a national policy following this resolution, that have applied this recommendation, that have led to the reorganization of their storage areas and, by consequence, that have ensured the communication of their collections,
- Congratulates ICCROM for the strategic actions while noting the magnitude of the task still have to be accomplished;
- Asks the ICCROM Secretariat to pursue and amplify its corporate actions called the RE-ORG program;
- Encourages Member States, UNESCO, ICOM, national institutions, universities, and foundations to recognize the gravity of the situation and to collaborate in order to find the most adapted solutions to improve the situation.
- Congratulates the Member States whose extra-budgetary contributions have helped make RE-ORG possible, and encourage those Member States who have not provided voluntarily contributed to RE-ORG, and who are capable, to do so.

25.2 The General Assembly unanimously adopted the following in regard to the Tracking Trends programme:

The General Assembly:

- Noting the clear need of the cultural heritage sector to provide evidence of its contribution to sustainable development, in order to enhance the visibility and to stimulate policy making in support of cultural heritage and its conservation, in as well as beyond the cultural heritage sector;
- Noting the importance of monitoring knowledge gaps, capacity and emerging issues of concern in order to develop strategic and timely responses;
- Noting the lack of consolidated data to enable a strategic overview of the cultural heritage sector worldwide that contributes to sustainable conservation strategies within all Member States;
- Encourages ICCROM to pursue a long term “Tracking Trends” programme for data gathering, critical reflection, analysis and dissemination, to provide necessary evidence and advice to support capacity building, knowledge sharing and strategic decision making in Member States
- Encourages all Member States, foundations and funding agencies, universities, and international and national organizations working in the broad field of the cultural heritage sector as well as in the fields of economic, social, and environmental development and protection to participate in this programme through the provision of data, technical advice, and/or financial support, to develop and sustain the Tracking Trends programme, thus strengthening ICCROM in its role as a focal point for information, knowledge and insight concerning heritage conservation worldwide.

25.3 The General Assembly unanimously adopted the following regarding a new Programme for Africa:

The General Assembly:

- noting ICCROM’s previous long-term commitments to promoting improved conservation practice in Africa through the PREMA and AFRICA 2009 programmes and thanking all previous financial and implementation partners for ICCROM’s work in the region;
- recognizing that a need still exists to strengthen the capacity of heritage professionals working with all types of heritage in Africa, in particular in regard to heritage management, promoting people-centred approaches to heritage conservation, and linking heritage protection and sustainable development;
- further noting that the newly approved Strategic Directions of ICCROM have as one of their priority objectives, the “Support for Africa’s Cultural Heritage” and that a corresponding programme area has been put in the Programme of Work and Budget 2018 – 2019;
- requests that the development of this new long-term programme for Africa become a priority activity for the 2018-2019 biennium;
- further requests ICCROM to engage the necessary programme staff to develop this programme as soon as the necessary funding becomes available;
- thanks the Government of France for the announcement of its additional support for ICCROM’s activities in Africa, and calls on other ICCROM Member States to provide voluntary contributions to cover the necessary costs for the development and implementation of this programme and supplementary programmes that may arise in the future;

- encourages other interested financial and technical partners both within the region and around the world to provide the necessary assistance for the development and implementation of the programme;
- requests the ICCROM Council to form a working group to provide ICCROM staff with the necessary assistance and to monitor the progress on the development and implementation of the programme.

#### **Agenda Item 26 – Results of the Election: New Members of Council**

26.1 The General Assembly declares the following candidates for Council, duly elected:

1. Hilde DE CLERCQ (Belgium/Belgique)
2. Sarkis EL KHOURY (Lebanon/Liban)
3. Aglal M. Elzubair EL MALIK (Sudan/Soudan)
4. Oliver MARTIN (Switzerland/Suisse)
5. Thembelani NHLABATSI (Swaziland)
6. Isabel RAPOSO DE MAGALHÃES (Portugal)
7. Birgitta RINGBECK (Germany/Allemagne)
8. John ROBBINS (United States of America/ États-Unis d'Amérique)
9. Nina SHANGINA (Russian Federation/Fédération de Russie)
10. Julia Antonia VICIOSO VARELAS (Dominican Republic/ République dominicaine)
11. Gihane ZAKI (Egypt/Égypte)
12. Kamil ZEIDLER (Poland/Pologne)
13. Ye ZHU (China/Chine)

#### **Agenda Item 27 – Election of ICCROM Representatives to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund**

27.1 The General Assembly unanimously approves the following persons as ICCROM Member of the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund:

- Sandrine Goffard (United States of America)
- Gihane Zaki (Egypt) – alternate

#### **Agenda Item 29 – Adoption of the Report Setting Forth the Decisions of the XXX General Assembly**

29.1 The General Assembly unanimously approves the report of the XXX General Assembly.