

# **GA – General Assembly 2019**

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

**REPORT OF THE DECISIONS OF THE XXXI SESSION  
OF THE ICCROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
30 – 31 OCTOBER 2019**

**Agenda Item 2 – Election of the President and Three Vice-Presidents for the XXXI Session of the General Assembly**

- 2.1 The General Assembly unanimously elects the proposed candidate, Marie LAVANDIER (FRANCE) as President of its XXXI Session.
- 2.2 The General Assembly unanimously elects the three proposed candidates for the Vice-Presidency of its XXXI Session:
- Yongjae CHUNG (Republic of Korea);
  - Ana LABORDE MARQUEZE (Spain);
  - Rooksana OMAR (South Africa).

**Agenda Item 3 – Election of the Committees**

- 3.1 The General Assembly unanimously elects the following five candidates proposed by the Council to the *Credentials Committee* for its XXXI Session:
- Sirkkaliisa JETSONEN (Finland), chair;
  - Kenza DUFOURMANTELLE (Canada),
  - Toru ISHIDA (Japan);
  - Monther JAMHAWI (Jordan);
  - Alfredas JOMANTAS (Lithuania).
- 3.2 The General Assembly unanimously elects the following five candidates proposed by the Council to the *Committee on Candidatures to the Council* for its XXXI Session:
- Henry OWEN-JOHN (United Kingdom), chair;
  - Linda VEIBY (Norway);
  - Theodore Andrei BAUZON (Philippines);
  - Benoit DUBOSSON (Switzerland);
  - James SHUSTER (United States of America).

**Agenda Item 4 – ICCROM Award**

- 4.1 The General Assembly:
- noting his strong collaboration with ICCROM over the past 38 years starting with his participation in the International Course on Stone Conservation in Venice in 1981 and including his 8 years on the ICCROM Council, 4 years of which he served as the Chairperson of the Council;
  - further noting his contributions to the field of conservation including his work at the national level as Senior Conservation Architect with the Heritage Services of Ireland on sites such as the World Heritage property of Skellig Michael, and also his work at the

international level with ICOMOS where he currently serves as Vice-President of ICOMOS International;

- endorses the decision of the ICCROM Council to present the ICCROM Award to Mr. Grellan Rourke.

#### 4.2 The General Assembly:

- noting his over 50 years of dedication to the safeguarding, protection, and conservation of Palmyra, which became a World Heritage site in 1980 during the period he was serving as head of the Department of Antiquities of Palmyra;
- further noting his role in promoting the role of conservation of heritage as a force for bringing peace, stability and social cohesion, especially in the face of those who would wish to target the heritage for destruction to create instability and social upheaval;
- recognizing his symbolism for all those who have dedicated their lives for the protection of heritage, even at the risk of sacrificing their own lives;
- endorses the decision of the ICCROM Council to present an honorary mention to Mr. Khaled Al Asaad.
- The General Assembly further decides to hold one-minute of silence in recognition of Mr. Khaled Al Asaad and all those who have sacrificed their lives for the protection of heritage.

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

#### 5.1 The General Assembly unanimously accepts the following observers to its XXXI session:

- Non-Member State Observers
  - Democratic Republic of Congo
  - Holy See Vatican City State
  - Indonesia
  - Palestine
- Partner Institutions
  - African World Heritage Fund – AWHF
  - ALIPH
  - Alvar Aalto Foundation
  - Arab League Educational, Cultural And Scientific Organization - ALECSO
  - Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage – ARC-WH
  - A.R.S. Progetti SpA
  - Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO – ACCU
  - Canadian Conservation Institute – CCI
  - Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) – Institute of Science Research and Climate (ISAC)
  - Department of Antiquities and Heritage, Ras Alkhaimh Government
  - E.C.C.O. - European Confederation of Conservators/Restorers
  - Ecole du Patrimoine Africain – EPA
  - ENCoRE
  - E-RIHS - EU RI for Heritage Science
  - EU Delegation to the UN Organisations in Rome
  - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – FAO
  - Federazione Italiana delle Associazioni e Club per l'UNESCO
  - Fine Arts Department – Ministry of Culture, Thailand

- Fondazione Romualdo del Bianco
- HERITY
- International Council of Museums – ICOM
- ICOM-CC
- ICOMOS Italy
- International Institute for Conservation – IIC
- INTERPOL
- IRCICA
- ISESCO
- SAGA University – Faculty of Art and Regional Design
- Sapienza Department of History, Representation, Restoration
- Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Property
- UNIDROIT
- University of Gdansk
- World Association for the Protection of Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage in Times of Armed Conflict – WATCH
- ICCROM Council Members
  - Mr Abdulaziz ALMUSALLAM ALKHAALDI
  - Ms Aglal M. Elzubair EL MALIK
  - Ms Nina SHANGINA
  - Representative of the United Nations Education, Science, and Cultural Organization – UNESCO
  - Representative of the International Council of Museums – ICOM
  - Representative of the International Union for Conservation of Nature – IUCN
- Special Advisors to the Director General of ICCROM
  - George ABUNGU
  - Gaël DE GUICHEN
  - Gamini WIJESURIYA
- Independent Consultants
  - Sarah COURT
  - Theocharis KATRAKAZIS
  - Georgios TAVLARIDIS
  - Jane THOMPSON

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Welcome to New Member States**

- 6.1 The General Assembly welcomes Costa Rica as a new Member State to ICCROM, noting its accession on 11 October 2019.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Adoption of the Provisional Agenda**

- 7.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopts the Provisional Agenda, Document GA31/07 without change.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Adoption of the Minutes of the XXX Session of the General Assembly**

- 8.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopts the Minutes of the XXX Session of the General Assembly, as recorded in document GA..31/8.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Report on the Programme Implementation 2018 – 2019**

- 9.1 The General Assembly unanimously approves the oral report of the ICCROM Council.
- 9.2 The General Assembly unanimously approves the Report of Implementation 2018 – 2019 (documents GA31/9A – Annual Report 2018 and GA31/9B Quarterly Reports).

### **Agenda Item 10 – Report of the Credentials Committee**

- 10.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopted the report of the Credentials Committee and agreed that the following Member States: Angola, Bangladesh, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Eswatini, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and Uruguay, which sent their credentials as scanned email attachments, 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.
- 10.2 The General Assembly noting that the following Member States have indicated that their credentials will be arriving shortly, decided to put the credentialing of those Member States on hold:
- India,
  - Montenegro
  - Zimbabwe

### **Agenda Item 12 – Report on Assessed Contributions in Arrears (Application of Article 9 of the Statutes)**

- 12.1 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 Brunei Darussalam, Honduras, and United Republic of Tanzania, exceeds the amount of their contributions payable for the current calendar year and the immediately preceding calendar year, takes note that, the Member States of Brunei Darussalam, Honduras, and United Republic of Tanzania have lost their right to vote in the General Assembly and their right to propose candidates for membership of the Council;
- 12.2 The General Assembly, taking note of the intervention of the delegate of Rwanda and recognizing the existence of special circumstances beyond the Member State's control and that a payment plan has been promised, the General Assembly, by majority of those present and voting, decides to waive the application of Article 9(a) of the Statutes for Rwanda, for which the total amount of the contributions to ICCROM that have fallen due and that have

not been paid, exceeds the amount of their contributions payable for the current calendar year and the immediately preceding calendar year.

- 12.3 The General Assembly, taking note of the intervention of the delegate of Tunisia and recognizing the existence of special circumstances beyond the Member State's control and that a payment plan has been submitted, the General Assembly, by majority of those present and voting, decides to waive the application of Article 9(a) of the Statutes for Tunisia, for which the total amount of the contributions to ICCROM that have fallen due and that have not been paid, exceeds the amount of their contributions payable for the current calendar year and the immediately preceding calendar year.
- 12.4 The General Assembly, taking note of the intervention of the delegate of Cameroon and recognizing the existence of special circumstances beyond the Member State's control and that a payment plan has been promised, the General Assembly, by majority of those present and voting, decides to waive the application of Article 9(a) of the Statutes for Cameroon, for which the total amount of the contributions to ICCROM that have fallen due and that have not been paid, exceeds the amount of their contributions payable for the current calendar year and the immediately preceding calendar year.
- 12.5 The General Assembly, considering that the Member State of Venezuela has omitted to pay its contributions that have fallen due during six consecutive calendar year, takes note that Venezuela shall be suspended from ICCROM.

### **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. Nasir Abdelkarim Hashim AL DARMAKI (United Arab Emirates/Émirats arabes unis)
  2. Mourad BOUTEFLIKA (Algeria/Algérie)
  3. Yong Jae CHUNG (Republic of Korea/République de Corée)
  4. Maria Florencia GEAR (Argentina/Argentine)
  5. Riadh HADJ SAID (Tunisia/Tunisie)
  6. Michaela HANSSEN (Netherlands/Pays-Bas)
  7. Monther JAMHAWI (Jordan/Jordanie)
  8. Patricia KELL (Canada)
  9. Anna LABORDE MARQUEZE (Spain/Espagne)
  10. Aline MAGNIEN (France)
  11. Kazuhiko NISHI (Japan/Japon)
  12. Rooksana OMAR (South Africa/Afrique du Sud)
  13. Anneli RANDLA (Estonia/Estonie)
  14. Zoe REID (Ireland/Irlande)
  15. Mohammad Hassan TALEBIAN (Iran, Islamic Republic of/  
Iran, République Islamique d')
  16. Ingrida VELIUTE (Lithuania/Lituanie)
  17. Ola WETTERBERG (Sweden/Suède)

#### **Agenda Item 14 – Report on Finance**

14.1 The General Assembly unanimously adopts the following financial reports:

- Audited Financial Statement as at 31 December 2017 (Document GA31/14.1);
- Audited Financial Report as of 31 December 2018 (Document GA31/14.2)

14.2 The General Assembly:

- Adopts the proposed Provisional Financial Regulations in order for ICCROM to be compliant with IPSAS in the new biennium;
- Requests the Finance and Audit Committee of the Council to review these Provisional Financial Regulations and suggestions by PricewaterhouseCoopers SpA and to recommend any eventual modifications or additions for consideration of the Council and the General Assembly at future sessions.

#### **Agenda Item 15 – Strategic Issues**

15.1 The General Assembly unanimously approves the following persons as ICCROM Member of the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund for a two-year term that will end at the end of 2021:

- Sandrine GOFFARD (United States of America)
- Maria Eugenia ALVAREZ (Guatemala) – alternate

15.2 The General Assembly:

- Requests the Council to revise the composition of its Finance and Audit Committee by a maximum of six Member State representatives.
- Proposes the following Member States to serve on the Council's Finance and Audit Committee
  1. China
  2. Dominican Republic
  3. Japan
  4. Qatar
  5. Tunisia
  6. United States of America

#### **Agenda Item 18 – Provisional Programme of Work and Budget 2020 – 2021**

18.1 The General Assembly unanimously approves the Programme of Activities and Budget for the Biennium 2020-2021 (document GA31/18) presented during its XXXI Session and the following Budget Appropriation Resolution:

The General Assembly:

- Authorizes the Director-General to implement the programme outlined in the Programme of Activities and Budget 2020-2021 (document GA31/18).
- Approves the budget for a total of EUR 15 894 381 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 EUR 7 667 824
- by Voluntary Contributions in Hand (programme and staff costs) totalling EUR 5 804 977
- by mobilization of additional resources as proposed in the Programme of Activities and Budget totalling EUR 2 421 580

which shall be allocated as follows:

Appropriation Line	Euro			
	Total Appropriation	Regular Budget	Voluntary Contributions in Hand	New Resources to be fundraised
SD1: Focusing on World Concerns for Cultural Heritage	3 430 386	757 481	1 283 265	1 389 640
SD2: Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Global Network	4 882 581	1 789 134	2 708 447	385 000
SD3: Strengthening and Transforming ICCROM for the Future	4 141 941	2 837 828	1 189 173	114 940
General Operating Costs	3 439 473	2 283 381	624 092	532 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15 894 381</b>	<b>7 667 824</b>	<b>5 804 977</b>	<b>2 421 580</b>

- Authorizes the Director-General, after consultation with the Bureau and the Finance and Audit Committee of the Council, 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 2020-2021, based on the scale of assessment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly for the years 2019-2020-2021 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 12 June 2019 (the date of preparation of the assessments for the 2020-2021 biennium) shall be assessed in accordance with the same formulae used to derive this scale of assessment.
- Requests the Director-General, when preparing the Programme of Activities and Budget for the Biennium 2022-2023 (PAB 2022-2023), to submit two scenarios for consideration by the ICCROM General Assembly, corresponding to (1) Zero Nominal Growth and (2) Zero Nominal Growth plus 5%.

#### **Agenda Item 19 – Results of the Election: New Members of Council**



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

1. Yong Jae CHUNG (Republic of Korea/République de Corée)
2. Maria Florencia GEAR (Argentina/Argentine)
3. Michaela HANSSEN (Netherlands/Pays-Bas)
4. Monther JAMHAWI (Jordan/Jordanie)
5. Patricia KELL (Canada)
6. Anna LABORDE MARQUEZE (Spain/Espagne)
7. Aline MAGNIEN (France)
8. Kazuhiko NISHI (Japan/Japon)
9. Rooksana OMAR (South Africa/Afrique du Sud)
10. Zoe REID (Ireland/Irlande)
11. Mohammad Hassan TALEBIAN (Iran, Islamic Republic of/  
Iran, République Islamique d')
12. Ola WETTERBERG (Sweden/Suède)

#### **Agenda Item 20– Statements of Delegates and Observers**

20.1 The General Assembly

- Noting the people centred approach that was outlined to the General Assembly in the presentation of the ICCROM programme yesterday;
- Noting also the excellent thematic discussion at the General Assembly on the subject of ‘Decolonising Heritage’. This reflects an important and increasing dialogue and emerging decolonisation practice and changing perspectives and approaches to engaging with people and their cultural heritage;
- Encourages ICCROM and Member States to consider how this positive work can be continued in an inclusive way and integrated into the development and delivery of future ICCROM programmes.

20.2 The General Assembly:

- Taking note of the information provided by the Italian Government during the Official Inauguration of the XXXI General Assembly and information under Item 11 of the Agenda;
- expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Italy for the provision of an extraordinary contribution of Euro 800,000;
- further expresses its appreciation to the Government of Italy for the ongoing work to obtain final approval of the modifications to the Headquarters Agreement, and notes that this final approval should be coming within the next week;
- takes note of the work of the Government of Italy towards the restoration work being carried out at the former Convent of San Francesco a Ripa with the aim of allowing ICCROM to move into its new headquarters as soon as possible;
- welcomes the assurance from Italy to be at the forefront alongside ICCROM and the main international organizations in this sector, to promote and share experiences and good practices in Africa, confirming the full support to the new ICCROM Africa Programme.

- 20.3 The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for its support of ICCROM and the Regional ICCROM-Athar Centre in Sharjah, and in particular expresses its gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the UAE, and Ruler of Sharjah, whose patronage has been enjoyed by the Centre since 2008.
- 20.4 The General Assembly expresses its strong support for the actions by the Director General in his leadership of ICCROM during the past biennium, and in particular expresses its satisfaction with the progress on the development of the new programme for Africa.

**Agenda Item 22 – Adoption of the Report Setting Forth the Decisions of the XXXI General Assembly**

- 22.1 The General Assembly approves the report of the XXXI General Assembly.