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Results of the ICOMOS 20th General Assembly (online), December 2020

ICOMOS held its **20th General Assembly online from 3 to 16 December 2020.**

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, Australia ICOMOS unfortunately had to withdraw from hosting the 20th General Assembly in Sydney in

October 2020. This National Committee will be hosting the 21st General Assembly in Sydney in 2023.

Approximatively **900 members** had registered to participate to the online sessions of the General Assembly, and **65 ICOMOS National Committees were represented.**

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ICOMOS Declares a Climate Emergency

The planet is at a crossroads where business as usual is no longer an option. This week the **20th ICOMOS General Assembly** overwhelmingly **voted to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency.**

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ICOMOS Heritage Alert - Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) Old Campus

ICOMOS is issuing a **worldwide**

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Heritage Alert, our most consequential expression of concern, to amplify awareness of the threat to the **Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) Old Campus** and draw urgent attention to the eminent risk of loss of the internationally significant buildings that make up the cultural landscape designed by Louis I. Kahn with his team of Indian architects and engineers.



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ICOMOS joins new project to support climate action in Africa through cultural heritage

ICOMOS is proud to be a part of a **global team** which today is **launching a new project to support climate action in Africa** through **cultural heritage**. The project, which is **led by institutions in Africa** and the **United Kingdom**, will **pilot application in Africa** of the **Climate Vulnerability Index for World Heritage** properties (**the CVI-Africa project**).



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(Re)Watch conference “The importance of human rights in the heritage management”

ICOMOS Latvia, in cooperation with the Faculty of History and Philosophy of the University of Latvia and the ICOMOS working group Our Common Dignity - Rights-based Approaches (OCB-RBA) held on 30 October 2020 an **international online scientific conference “The importance of human rights in the heritage management: values, rights and heritage among the stakeholders’ interests”**. The aim of the conference was to draw attention to the importance of human rights in the management of cultural heritage, as well as to look at Latvia’s experience with issues connected to cultural heritage and stakeholders.



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Impact Assessment for World Heritage

A single guidance document on **Impact Assessment for World Heritage** is being prepared on the basis of the existing 2011 **ICOMOS Guidance** on Impact Assessment for Cultural World Heritage Properties and the 2013 **IUCN World Heritage Advice Note** on Environmental Assessment.

For this particular work we, at ICOMOS, ICCROM and IUCN, are working very closely together with the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) to ensure that the guidance can also be used within the wider impact assessment sector. The first and second drafts of the document have been through an iterative review and feedback process in 2020, and we are aiming for the document to be finalized within the first quarter of 2021. The finalized document will be presented at the upcoming World Heritage Committee meeting scheduled for June/July 2021.

Calendar

Consult the ICOMOS Calendar of events by ICOMOS National Committees and International Scientific Committees.



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