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9th Annual Coordination Meeting unesco

**World Heritage-Related
Category 2 Centres
ZACATECAS, MEXICO**
May 26–28, 2025



**9th Annual Coordination Meeting
of the UNESCO World Heritage-Related
Category 2 Centres and Institutes**

- Capacity Building. The key for a better implementation
of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention -

Concept Note

Background Information

The Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO are institutions that contribute to the implementation of UNESCO priorities and programmes, as well as global development agendas, through international and regional cooperation, knowledge production, policy advice and capacity-building (The 2019 Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO).

While Category 2 Centres can be general or be specialized in a particular topic, as well as have regional or international scope, all are involved to some extent with capacity-building. Capacity-building is linked to all activities related to World Heritage.

The UNESCO's "World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy" (2011) has noted that Category 2 Centres have a fundamental role in achieving better implementation of the 1972 Convention through capacity-building, which is key to driving the success of the others Strategic Objectives: credibility, conservation, communication and communities.

Furthermore, at the 8th Annual Coordination Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage-Related Category 2 Centres, which was held in Korea in 2023, through the Declaration of Cooperation and Solidarity among the UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres (Sejong Declaration), capacity building was considered a common objective among Category 2 Centres.

Therefore, considering the enormous challenges World Heritage faces today, especially in terms of management, conservation and sustainable development, and aiming to continue strengthening ties between Category 2 Centres related to World Heritage, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) proposes to hold the 9th Annual Coordination Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage-Related Category 2 Centres in 2025 in Zacatecas City, Mexico, with the theme: Capacity Building. The key for a better implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention.

Objectives of the Meeting

The main objective of the meeting is to continue strengthening ties of cooperation and understanding between the Category 2 Centres related to World Heritage, through the exchange of experiences and perspectives.

The meeting will also aim to carry out a preliminary self-assessment exercise of the first results of the wishes expressed in the Sejong Declaration, both in the activities carried out by Category 2 Centres, from the second half of 2023 to the first quarter of 2025, as in their dynamics with the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

The meeting will also serve to reflect on the experiences, achievements and pending issues of the Category 2 Centres regarding the linking of their activities with the UNESCO's World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy, on the eve of its 14th anniversary and its probable update in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in 2025.

The Expected Results

- Confirm the commitment to cooperation and solidarity between C2Cs related to World Heritage;
- Evaluate the first results of the Sejong Declaration and define the next actions to continue strengthening cooperation between C2Cs;
- Analyze the contributions of C2Cs to the UNESCO World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy.

Agenda

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025	
SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY
	Arrival of participants in the City of Zacatecas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in at the Hotel “Santa Rita”
DAY 1 – MONDAY, MAY 26 – ZACATECAS	
9:00 – 10:00 hrs	<i>Opening Session</i> Wixárika Room, Zacatecano Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09:00 – 09:10 Welcome remarks • 09:10 – 09:30 Participant introductions • 09:30 – 09:40 Speech by an official authority • 09:40 – 09:50 Programme and general information • 09:50 – 10:00 Official photograph
10:00 – 11:45 hrs	<i>Session 1. Activities Carried Out by C2Cs (2023–2025) and Current Work Plans</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Moderator: RWHIZ</i> – Central Courtyard, Zacatecano Museum • 10:00 – 11:30 C2C Presentations (10 to 12 min. each one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – WHIPIC – WHITRAP – ICRART – WII – AWHF – HIST – LUCIO COSTA – RWHIZ • 11:30 – 11:40 Q&A • 11:40 – 11:45 Remarks/conclusions
11:45 – 12:00 hrs	<i>Coffee Break</i>

12:00 – 13:00 hrs	<p>Session 2. Information and Reflections on the Initial Outcomes of the 2023 Sejong Declaration, Republic of Korea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Moderator: WHIPIC – Wixárika Room, Zacatecano Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 – 12:15 Presentation (10 – 12 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Information and Reflections on the Initial Outcomes of the 2023 Sejong Declaration (WHIPIC) • 12:15 – 12:50 Open discussion (3 to 5 minutes optional interventions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – WHITRAP – ICRART – WII – AWHF – HIST – LUCIO COSTA – WHIPIC – RWHIZ – ICCROM – UNESCO • 12:50 – 13:00 Remarks/conclusions
13:00 – 14:30 hrs	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p><i>El Mesonero, Restaurant</i></p>
14:30 – 16:00 hrs	<p>Session 3. Capacity Building, Sustainability, and Financing for World Heritage Conservation: Lessons and outcomes of the UNESCO CB Strategy (2011)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Moderator: LUCIO COSTA – Wixárika Room, Zacatecano Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14:30 – 14:45 Presentation (15 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – General Lessons and Outcomes of the Capacity-Building Strategy (2011) <u>ICCROM</u> • 14:45 – 15:00 Presentation (15 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Role and importance of Capacity Building for Sustainable Development <u>UNESCO</u>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15:00 – 15:15 Presentación (15 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Financing World Heritage: Sharing Experiences and Strategies for Resource Management <u>AWHF</u> • 15:15 – 15:50 Discussion (3 to 5 minutes optional interventions) • 15:50 – 16:00 Remarks/conclusions
16:00 – 18:00 hrs	<i>Scenic Tour of Zacatecas City (WHS)</i>
18:00 – 18:30 hrs	<i>Transfer to the Regional Museum of Guadalupe, a component of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (WHS)</i>
18:30 – 20:00 hrs	<i>Regional Museum of Guadalupe, a component of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro (WHS)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour and official photograph • Dinner Reception
20:00 hrs	<i>Transfer to the Host Hotel</i>

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, MAY 27 – ZACATECAS

9:00 – 11:00 hrs	<i>Session 4. The Role of Category 2 Centres in Shaping the Future of Capacity Building: Aiming for Better Implementation of the Capacity Building Strategy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Moderator ICCROM – Wixárika Room, Zacatecano Museum • 9:00 – 9:15 Presentation (12 - 15 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Proposed New Capacity Building Strategy (2025-2035) (ICCROM) • 9:15 – 10:30 C2Cs Interventions (8 to 10 minutes each one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – WHIPIC – WHITRAP – ICRART – WII – AWHF – HIST – LUCIO COSTA – RWHIZ
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 – 10:50 Discussion • 10:50 – 11:00 Remarks/conclusions
11:00 – 11:15 hrs	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:30 hrs	<p>Session 5. Discussion and Exchange of Experiences on the Next Steps to Strengthen Collaboration Between C2Cs and Their Role in the World Heritage System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Moderator: RWHIZ – Wixárika Room, Zacatecano Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:15 – 11:45 Final adjustments to the Zacatecas Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All participants discuss • 11:45 – 12:00 Report of the 9th C2C's Coordination Meeting to the WHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All participants discuss • 12:00 – 12:15 10th C2C's Coordination Meeting Organizers, Venue, Date, Theme, etc. • 12:15 – 12:30 Remarks/conclusions (or break)
12:30 – 13:15 hrs	<p>Closing Session and SIGNING OF THE ZACATECAS DECLARATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Central Courtyard, Zacatecano Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30 – 12:35 Welcome to authorities and special guests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – RWHIZ • 12:35 – 12:40 Report on the Outcomes of the 9th C2C Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – RWHIZ • 12:40 – 12:50 Protocol Signing Ceremony of the Zacatecas Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – C2Cs and special witnesses • 12:50 – 13:15 Closing Speeches
13:15 – 13:30 hrs	Transfer to the lunch venue

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13:30 – 14:50 hrs	<i>Lunch Reception</i>
14:50 - 15:00 hrs	<i>Transfer to the RWHIZ, UNESCO C2C</i>
15:00 - 15:30 hrs	<i>Tour of the RWHIZ facilities, UNESCO Category 2 Centre</i>
15:30 - 17:00 hrs	<i>Tour Historic Center of Zacatecas (WHS)</i>
17:00 – 18:30 hrs	<i>Free Time</i>
18:30 – 20:00 hrs	<i>Dinner Reception – Rafael Coronel Museum</i>
DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 – MEXICO CITY	
06:30 hrs	<i>Departure to Zacatecas International Airport “Leobardo C. Ruíz”</i>
08:34 hrs	<i>Flight to Mexico City (Aeromexico AM2643)</i>
09:30 hrs	<i>Arrival to the International Airport “Benito Juárez” Mexico City</i>
10:00 hrs	<i>Transfer to the National Anthropology Museum</i>
11:00 - 12:30 hrs	<i>Tour in the National Anthropology Museum</i>
12:30 - 14:00 hrs	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 - 14:30 hrs	<i>Transfer to the National Museum of History “Castillo de Chapultepec”</i>
14:30 - 16:00 hrs	<i>Tour in the Museum</i>
16:00 – 17:00 hrs	<i>Transfer to the Historic Center of Mexico City (WHS)</i>
17:00 hrs	<i>Hotel Check-In and Free Time</i>

DAY 4 – THURSDAY, MAY 29 – MEXICO CITY	
08:00 – 13:00 hrs	<i>Optional Tour to the Archaeological Site of Teotihuacan (World Heritage Site)</i>

** This program is subject to change without prior notice*

*** All sessions will be held in English*

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