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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. SESSION ORGANIZERS

RWHIZ

Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas

<https://www.rwhiz.org/>

4. PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS (As pers Host Country's Regulation and Procedures)

To enter Mexico, foreigners require a valid passport, regardless of their nationality. Check if your country requires a visa to enter Mexico, but it is advisable to have a passport valid for at least six months to avoid travel problems.

The passport must be:

Valid: The passport must be valid at the time of travel to Mexico and for the duration of the traveler's stay in the country.

Original: Copies or digital versions of the passport are not accepted.

In good condition: The passport must not have any scratches, corrections, or damage that could make it difficult to read.

With a photo: The passport must have a recent, clear photograph of the holder.

5. ACCOMODATION

Accommodation and meals during the days of the meeting will be covered by the Regional Institute of World Heritage in Zacatecas.

In the city of Zacatecas — Hotel Santa Rita:

Located in the Historic Center of the city. Av. Hidalgo 507, Zacatecas Centro, 98000 Zacatecas, Zac.

Web site:

<https://www.hotelsantarita.com/>

Phone Numbers: +52 800 560 8155

Check-in: 15:00 hours

Check-out: 13:00 hours



In Mexico City — Hotel Sevilla Palace:

Located at Avenida Paseo de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030 Mexico City, CDMX.

Web site:

<https://www.sevillapalace.com.mx/>

Phone Numbers: +52 55 5705 2800

check-in: 15:00 hours

check-out: 13:00 hours



Hotel
Santa Rita



Zacatecas Cathedral
Basilica.



Zacatecano Museum
(meeting venue)



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6. THE MEETING

6.1.MEETING VENUE

The meeting will take place in the “Sala Wixárica,” located on the upper floor of the Zacatecano Museum, at Dr. Hierro 307, in the Historic Center of Zacatecas, situated behind the headquarters hotel.



6.2. TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS TO THE MEETING VENUE MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Air Transfer

The air transfer from your country will be financed by the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas.

Transportation

Transportation in Zacatecas and Mexico City will be arranged by the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas.

City Transportation

Public transportation is available via buses, with a regular fare of \$10.00 Mexican pesos, which travel in different directions around the city.

Taxi service also offers affordable rates, ranging from 50 to 100 pesos within the historic center. You can also use the Uber app to request transportation within the city. The city center offers tourist bus services assisted by guides, at reasonable prices.

Meals

The meals during the days of the meeting will be covered by the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas.

7. INFORMATION ABOUT ZACATECAS - MEXICO

7.1. TRAVEL TO ZACATECAS – MEXICO

Historical Context of the City of Zacatecas

After the discovery of silver in 1546, the area inhabited by hunter-gatherers identified as Chichimeca Indians, of the Zacatecan or Zacatecos nation, soon attracted settlers to the region, eventually becoming the second most populated place in all of New Spain, after Mexico City.

Due to its wealth, the route connecting the mines of *Nuestra Señora de los Zacatecas* with the capital of the viceroyalty quickly became one of the most important routes for the economy, territorial occupation, and both short- and long-distance cultural exchange. It became known as the Silver Route, and by 1598, following the founding of the Kingdom of New Mexico in the complex northern regions, it came to be known as the *Camino Real de Tierra Adentro*.

The mining wealth and its settlement structure, the expeditions, and the mission system generated ways of life and worldviews that left their mark over the centuries. This legacy, with mestizaje (cultural and ethnic blending) as its synthesis, can be seen from the traces left in architecture to the influences received and later spread to other regions—an outcome of diverse cultural roots.

World Heritage in Zacatecas

The Historic Center of the city of Zacatecas has been listed as a World Heritage Site since December 1993, in accordance with criteria II and IV of the 1972 Convention. The site covers an area of 110 hectares.

Additionally, the Cultural Itinerary *Camino Real de Tierra Adentro*, inscribed on the World Heritage List in August 2010—also based on criteria II and IV of the Convention—includes thirteen sites located within the geography of Zacatecas:

1. Historic Center of Pinos
2. Chapel of San Nicolas Tolentino of the former San Nicolas Hacienda, Pinos
3. Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Villa Gonzalez Ortega
4. Church of Our Lady of the Angels, Noria de Angeles
5. Avalos Cave, Ojocaliente
6. Section of the Camino Real between Ojocaliente and Zacatecas
7. Former College of Our Lady of Guadalupe de Propaganda Fide, Guadalupe
8. Historic Center of Zacatecas
9. Sanctuary of Plateros, Fresnillo
10. Architectural Complex in Chalchihuites
11. Historic Complex of Sombrerete
12. Church of Saint Pantaleon Martyr, in Noria de San Pantaleon, Sombrerete
13. Sierra de Organos, Sombrerete

Location:



It is located in the north-central region of the Mexican Republic. It borders the states of Coahuila and Durango to the north, Nayarit to the west, San Luis Potosí to the east, and Jalisco and Aguascalientes to the south. Its capital is the city of Zacatecas, and it has a total of 58 municipalities.

It has a territorial extension of 75,040 km², which represents 3.83% of the national territory. It ranks 10th among the federal entities in terms of size. Most of the Zacatecan territory is located within a large region of the Sierra Madre Occidental.

Altitude: 2,450 meters above sea level (State capital)

Population: 1,622,138 inhabitants throughout the state (2020)

7.2. CLIMATE

Temperatures are generally moderate to cool throughout the year, with an average of 12 °C, except during winter, when they can drop below 0 °C. According to data from INEGI, temperatures in April can reach a maximum of 24.1 °C and a minimum of 8.1 °C. As for prevailing winds, they generally have an average speed of 8 km/h, reaching up to 14 km/h during winter.

For this spring season, it is recommended to bring light clothing and wear a sweater or jacket in the mornings and evenings, as temperatures can drop to around 8 or 9 °C.

For updated weather information before your arrival, you may consult the following website:

https://www.meteored.mx/clima_Zacatecas-America+Norte-Mexico-Zacatecas-MMZC-1-22323.html

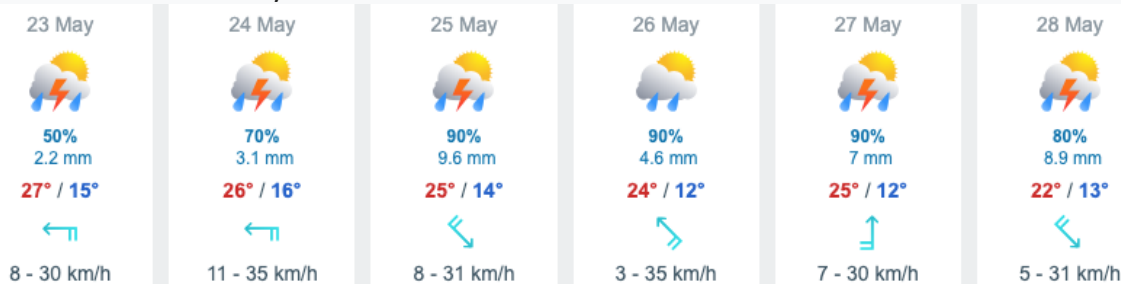
Climate in Zacatecas



For the weather in Mexico City, you can consult the following website:

<https://www.meteored.mx/gn/3530597.htm>

Weather in Mexico City



7.3.TIME ZONE

Time zone that will be used in Mexico:

Time zones to which the federative entities belong	
Central Zone: UTC –	Aguascalientes, Campeche, Chiapas, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima (except islas San Benedicto, Socorro and Roca Partida), Ciudad de Mexico , Durango, Guanajuato, Guerrero, Hidalgo, Jalisco, Mexico , Michoacan, Morelos, Nayarit (only Bahia of Banderas), Nuevo Leon, Oaxaca, Puebla, Queretaro, San Luis Potosi, Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Tlaxcala, Veracruz, Yucatan, Zacatecas

7.4.CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

The Mexican peso (MXN) is the official currency in Mexico.

It comes in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, and 1,000 pesos.

Exchange rate against the U.S. dollar (USD): 1 dollar ≈ 19.31 MXN.

CONVERSION TABLE WITH RESPECT TO THE MEXICAN PESO

Country	Currency	Mexican Pesos (MXN)
Korea	1 Won	.0014
Spain	1 Euro	21.74
Brazil	1 Brazilian Real	3.45
South África	1 Rand	1.07
USA	1 US Dollar	19.31

7.5.DRESS CODE

For the Category 2 Centres meeting, dress code recommended are business formal and business casual.

There is no strict dress code for visiting the Teotihuacán pyramids, but it is recommended to wear comfortable, lightweight clothing, especially if you are visiting the site during the warmer months. It is also advisable to protect yourself from the sun with a hat or cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

For a more comfortable and safe visit to Teotihuacán, the following are recommended:

Comfortable and lightweight clothing: Opt for loose-fitting clothing and breathable fabrics that allow you to move easily and won't overheat you.

Comfortable footwear: Teotihuacán involves a lot of walking, so comfortable and sturdy shoes are essential.

Sun protection: The sun in Teotihuacán can be intense, so a hat or cap, sunglasses, and sunscreen are essential.

Water and snacks: Stay hydrated and fuel your body with water and snacks during your visit.

Cash or card: It may be helpful to have cash to purchase food, drinks, or souvenirs, or to pay for transportation if you are not bringing your own vehicle, according to a source.

In summary: The best dress code for Teotihuacán is comfort and functionality. Forget about restrictions and focus on enjoying the experience.

7.6.ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Types of Electrical Outlets

In Zacatecas, as in all of Mexico, “American” style plugs or outlets are used, with flat, parallel prongs and sometimes a cylindrical ground pin on higher consumption devices (see illustration below). Three-phase outlets are rare or nonexistent in rooms: everything is SINGLE-PHASE.

The nominal voltage of the electrical grid is 110 V, 60 Hz. The types of outlets used in Mexico are Type A and Type B.



Types of Electrical Outlets in Mexico (Zacatecas)

7.7.SMOKING

Any person is prohibited from consuming or having lit any tobacco and nicotine product in 100 percent smoke-free and emission-free spaces, in closed spaces, workplaces, public transportation, spaces of collective attendance, public and private schools at all educational levels, and in any other place with access to the public expressly established by the Secretariat.

In such places, the signs, logos, and emblems established by the Secretariat shall be posted inside and outside.

In places with free or restricted access to the public, workplaces with or without public attention, public or private, there may be areas exclusively for smoking, which must be located only in open-air spaces in accordance with the provisions established by the Secretariat.

7.8.DRINKING WATER

Drinking tap water in Mexico City is not recommended. To ensure safety, it is recommended to consume bottled water or use high-quality filtration systems at home, such as activated carbon filters or water purifiers, to reduce the risks associated with tap water in Mexico City.

7.9. TELEPHONE MOBILE & USERFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Country code of Mexico: +52

Remember to carry these phone numbers with you so that in case of an emergency, you have the prompt and necessary assistance.

Emergencies	911
Green Angels	078
Red Cross	55 53 95 11 11
Civil Protection	55 51 28 00 00
Anonymous Report	089
Federal Police	088

7.10. MEDICAL CARE

Although travel insurance is not required to enter Mexico, it is highly recommended. Talk to your healthcare provider or visit a travel clinic before you travel. The Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas does not cover this service.