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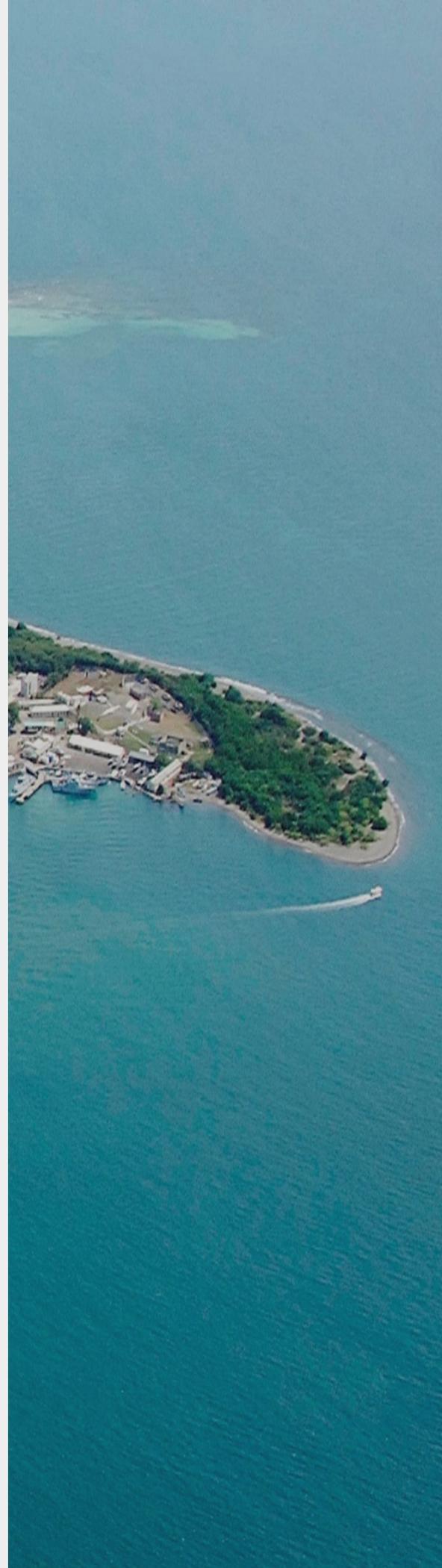
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RWHIZ SCOPE OF ACTION IN 2025



Mexico, Central America and The Caribbean Subregion



State Parties from the subregion participating in RWHIZ activities



Category 2 Centres collaborating with RWHIZ

EIGHT STATES PARTIES AND SIX CATEGORY 2 CENTRES



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I. Introduction

This 2025 Activities Report of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas, a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO (RWHIZ – CC2 UNESCO), aims to provide a systematic and transparent account of the actions carried out by the Institute during the period, and to demonstrate their contribution to the fulfilment of RWHIZ objectives and functions, as well as to the implementation of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029).

The activities reported were implemented in close coordination with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), as well as with national, regional and international institutions, in line with the mandate of RWHIZ as a World Heritage-related Category 2 Centre.

The 2025 Work Plan, approved by the RWHIZ Board of Directors, was structured on the basis of the *Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029)*, adopted at the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee, and on the objectives and functions established both in the Amended Agreement establishing RWHIZ (2014) and in its founding law. Within this framework, actions were defined and implemented to strengthen the conservation, management, promotion and protection of World Heritage in the region.

During 2025, activities contributed directly to three of the five Strategic Objectives of the *Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029)*, in particular those where Category 2 Centres have broader assigned roles, namely:

- Strategic Objective 2, to strengthen effective management for the conservation and promotion of World Heritage in the region;
- Strategic Objective 3, to develop and implement capacity-building actions that promote innovative approaches to the conservation, management and promotion of World Heritage; and

- Strategic Objective 4, to enhance heritage education, communication and awareness-raising activities for the protection of World Heritage.

In line with the structure of the 2025 Work Plan, the Report is organized in two parts. Part One presents the substantive activities carried out during the period, including those contributing to the Strategic Objectives of the *Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029)*, as well as those supporting the direct objectives of RWHIZ. Part Two includes extraordinary activities at the national and local levels that also contributed to the fulfilment of the institutional mandate of RWHIZ.

Taken together, the actions reported reflect the strengthening of RWHIZ regional positioning, the consolidation of its international cooperation networks, and its sustained contribution to capacity building, World Heritage management, and the effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Latin America and the Caribbean.



II. Annual Report 2025

a. Part One. Substantive Activities

i. Strategic Objective 2

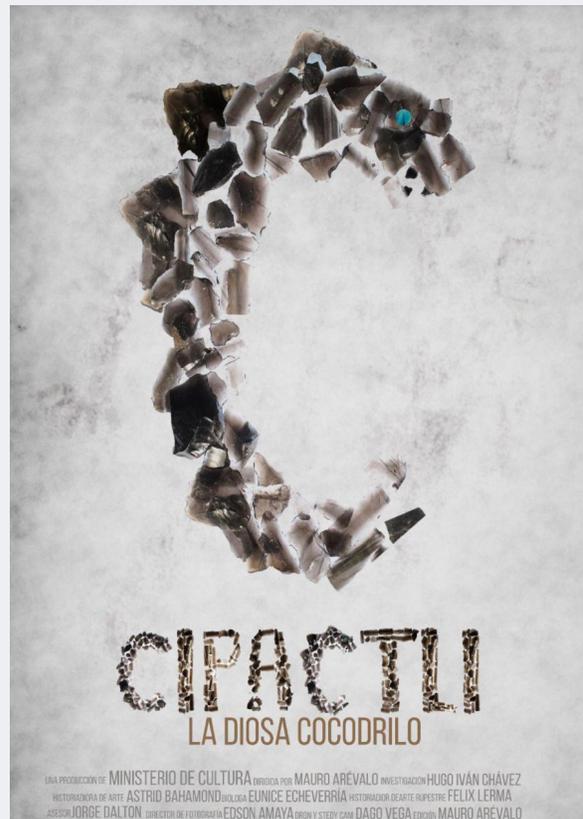
International Symposium "Rock Art in the Framework of the 1972 Convention: Research, Conservation and Management"

On 27 May, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) organized in the city of Zacatecas the Ibero-American Symposium "Rock Art in the Framework of the 1972 Convention: Research, Conservation and Management", held at the Manuel Felguerez Museum of Abstract Art.

The activity brought together more than 80 participants, both in person and online, from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Spain, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela. Contributing institutions included the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and the International Centre for Rock Art (ICRART), a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO based in Spain.

The symposium strengthened technical exchange and international cooperation on rock art associated with World Heritage properties, promoting the discussion of shared challenges and the identification of common approaches for research, conservation, management and dissemination.

A notable contribution came from the State Party of El Salvador, through its Embassy in Mexico, which presented the documentary *Cipactli, the Crocodile Goddess*. The film highlighted the symbolic richness of rock art in El Salvador and helped broaden the subregional perspective on cultural diversity and the values associated with these heritage expressions. This activity contributed to Strategic Objective 2 of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029), by reinforcing effective management, technical cooperation and the promotion of World Heritage.





*International Colloquium on the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro:
"Commercial Circuits"*

From 27 to 29 August, the International Colloquium on the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, dedicated to the theme "Commercial Circuits", was held in Mexico City. The event was organized by the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), through the Directorate of Historical Studies, in collaboration with the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ), a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO.

The colloquium took place at the INAH Directorate of Historical Studies and at the National Museum of World Cultures. It included seven roundtables and featured 27 presentations by specialists from three countries: Panama, Spain and Mexico. Discussions addressed comparative experiences and approaches to the management, safeguarding and valorization of cultural routes and itineraries inscribed on the World Heritage List.

As a result, the colloquium strengthened technical and academic exchange on the management of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, 15 years after its inscription on the World Heritage List, and helped identify challenges and priorities related to its conservation, governance, community engagement and sustainable tourism. This activity contributed directly to Strategic Objective 2 of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029) and to the purposes of RWHIZ, by promoting more comprehensive and effective approaches to the management of serial and transnational World Heritage properties.





ii. Strategic Objective 3

Subregional Capacity-Building and Education Strategy to Strengthen Capacities Related to World Heritage



During 2025, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) completed the first phase in the design and structuring of a Subregional Capacity-Building and Education Strategy to strengthen capacities related to World Heritage, in coordination with INAH-ENCRyM through the UNESCO Chair in Conservation Sciences.

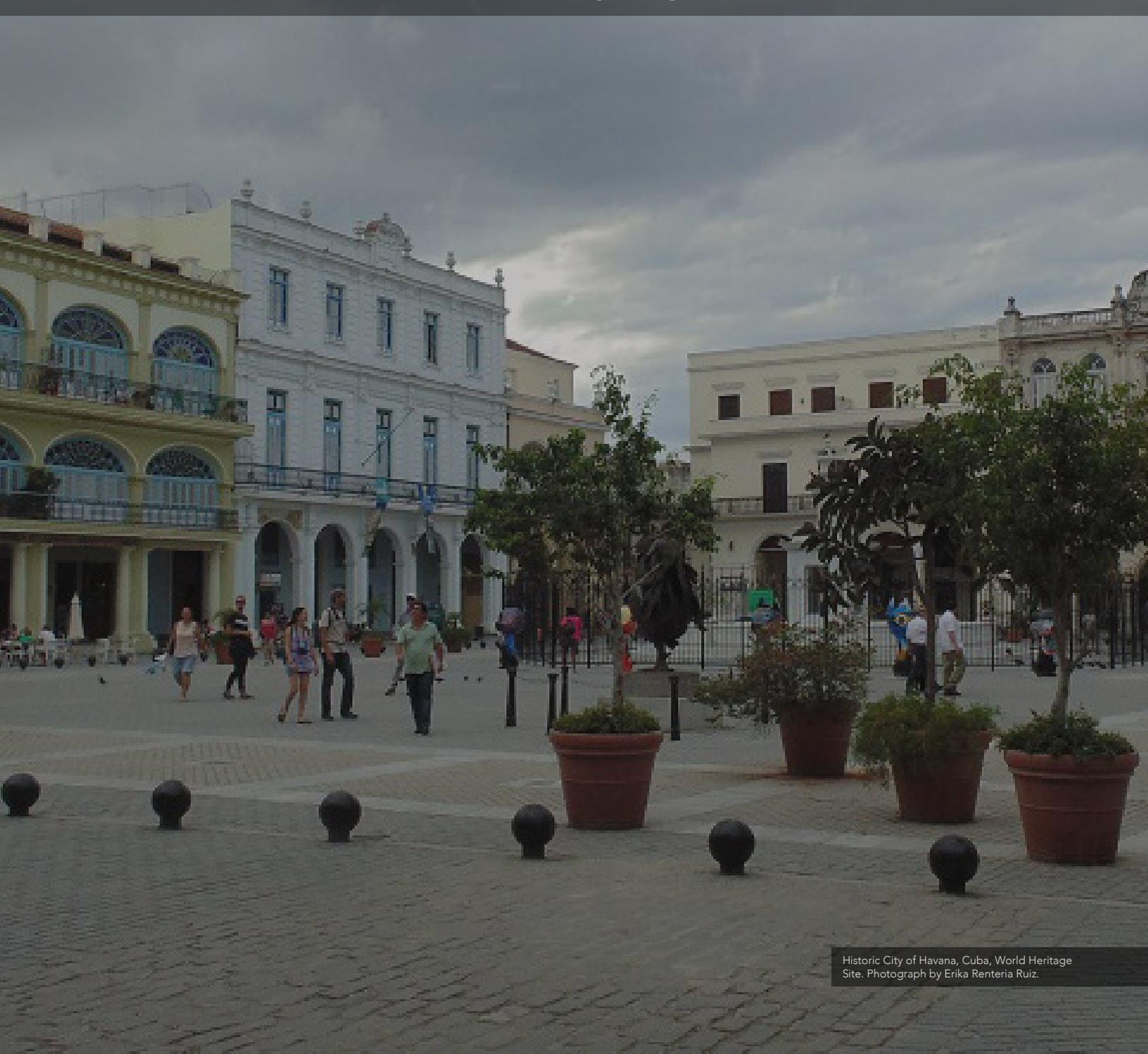
During this phase, four meetings (in-person and online) were held to define the objectives, subregional scope, priority themes, target audience, and duration of the training programme. It was agreed that the training offer will be delivered at diploma level (120 hours), with an applied approach aimed at strengthening competencies for the conservation, management, and promotion of World Heritage.

As a result, the conceptual and operational foundations of the Strategy were established, including academic design criteria and general implementation guidelines. Under the 2026 Work Plan, the next phase will include the definition of modules and lecturers and

the launch of the delivery system, with a view to its implementation as a permanent mechanism for capacity building in the subregion, directly contributing to Strategic Objective 3 of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029) and to the mandate of RWHIZ.



More than **80** specialists from **8** countries participated in the Ibero-American Symposium on Rock Art, strengthening technical cooperation around World Heritage properties



iii. Strategic Objective 4

International Panel on Definitions and Concepts of World Heritage Interpretation and Presentation

On 30 May, in Mexico City, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) organized a specialized meeting on the presentation and interpretation of World Heritage, in collaboration with the National School of Conservation, Restoration and Museography “Manuel del Castillo Negrete” (ENCRyM–INAH), through the UNESCO Chair in Conservation Sciences. The activity brought together national and international specialists with the aim of strengthening the exchange of approaches and tools for communicating World Heritage and strengthening its links with communities.

The forum included representatives of UNESCO Category 2 Centres, academic institutions, and heritage professionals. Presentations and technical dialogues were held in a bilingual format (Spanish and English), with contributions from specialists affiliated with ENCRyM–INAH, the International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC), and practitioners with experience in interpretation, communication, and the social management of heritage.

The event was held within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between WHIPIC and RWHIZ, and contributed to Strategic Objective 4 of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029) by promoting interpretation as a key tool for awareness-raising, social engagement, and the strengthening of World Heritage conservation. It also reinforced the mandate of RWHIZ as a regional platform for technical cooperation and capacity building in heritage communication.



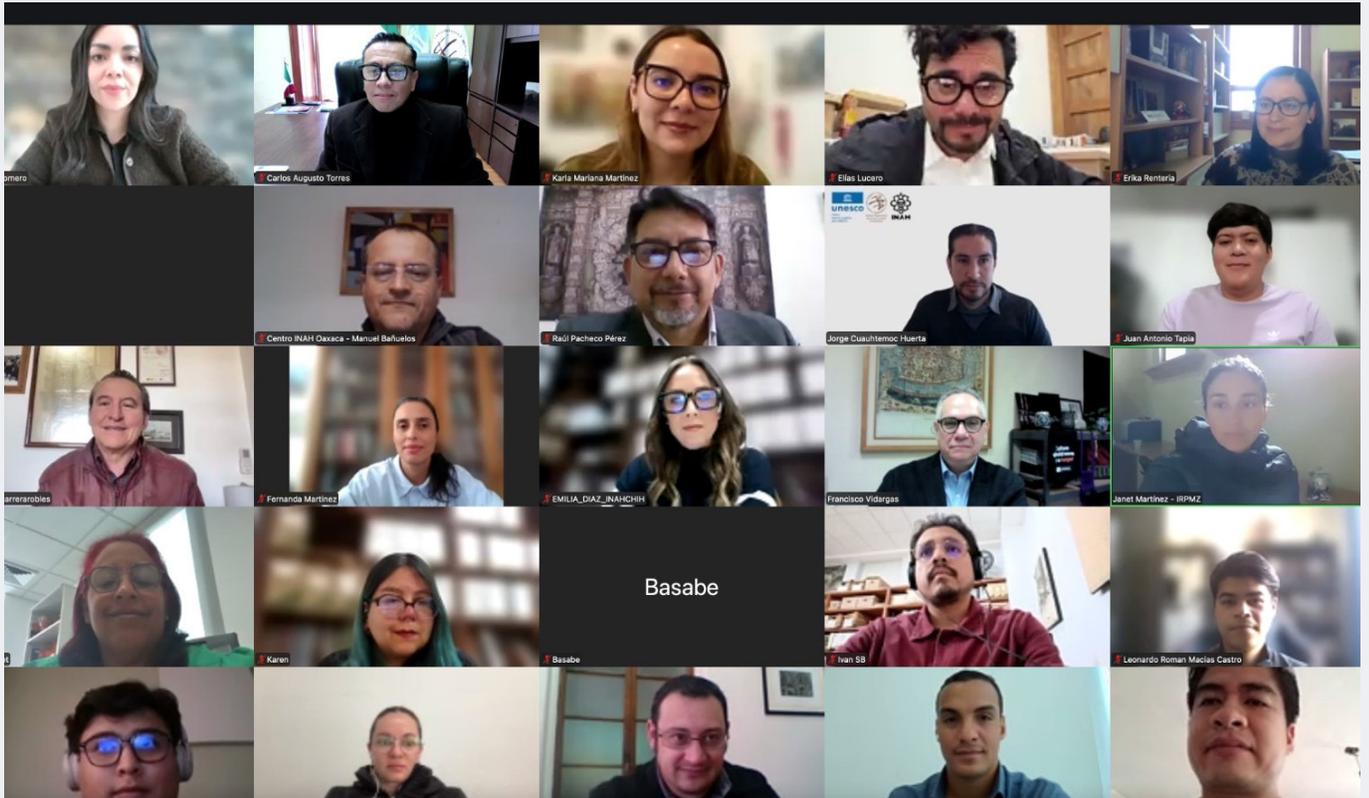




During 2025, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) delivered two Digital Photogrammetry courses as part of the ongoing Capacity-Building Programme on the Use of Digital Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, in collaboration with the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), through the INAH Centre in Zacatecas. Together, these actions strengthened technical capacities and expanded the programme's reach, benefiting nearly 100 participants, including site managers, specialists and other stakeholders involved in the conservation and management of cultural heritage.

One course was delivered at intermediate level and included drone operation and piloting for data capture and the production of three-dimensional models applicable to immovable heritage associated with properties inscribed on the World Heritage List. The training combined theoretical sessions and field practice, aimed at consolidating advanced digital photogrammetry methodologies and improving the technical accuracy of heritage documentation.

The second course was delivered at basic level and included site managers and key stakeholders from the central-northern region of Mexico, as well as from Oaxaca and Panama, encouraging experience-sharing and subregional exchange. Taken together, both courses supported the mandate of RWHIZ in capacity building and contributed to Strategic Objective 3 of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029), by promoting innovative approaches to the conservation, management and promotion of World Heritage through the use of digital tools.



Creation of the Subregional 3D Repository of World Heritage Sites on Sketchfab

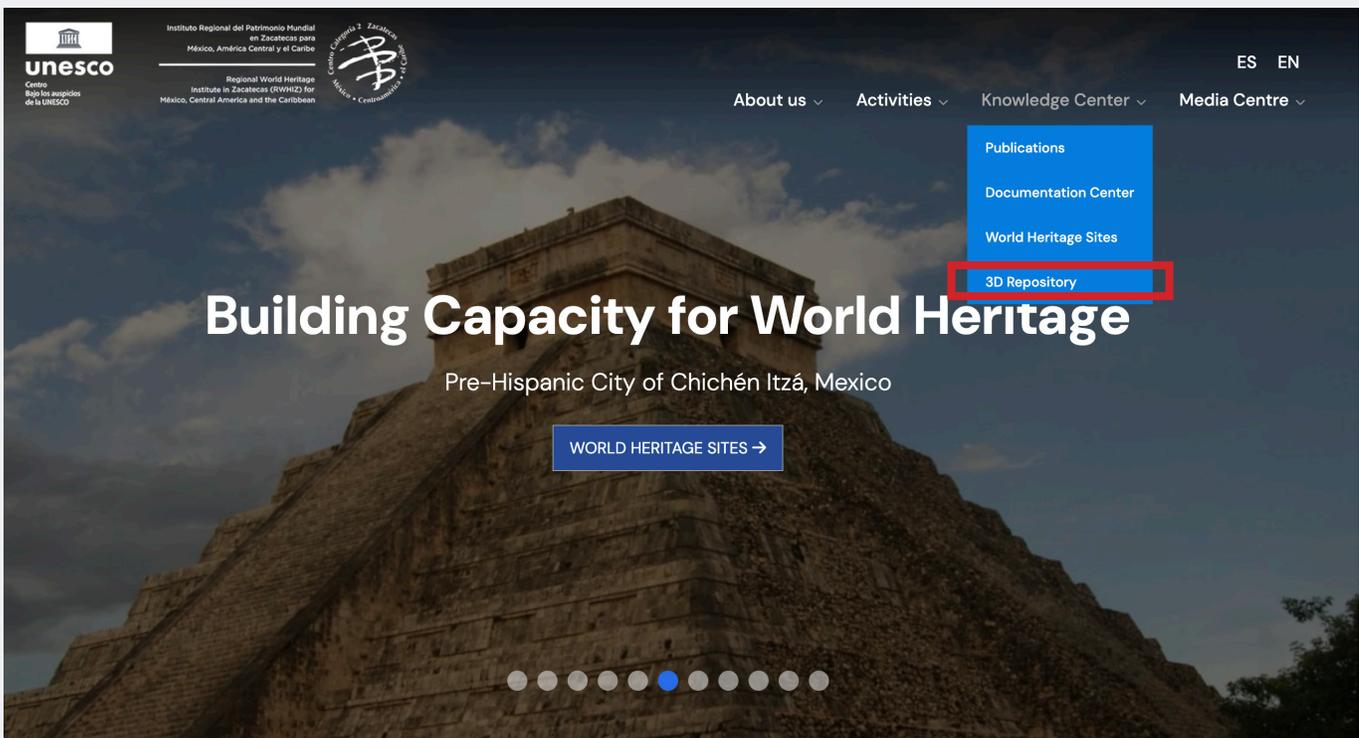
During the reporting period, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) advanced the creation of a Subregional 3D Repository of World Heritage sites hosted on the Sketchfab digital platform, as a tool to support dissemination, interpretation and awareness-raising on World Heritage through the use of digital technologies.

The repository brings together three-dimensional models produced through digital photogrammetry processes developed under RWHIZ capacity-building activities in recent years, particularly those linked to drone-based documentation and advanced recording techniques. The models correspond to heritage assets associated with World Heritage properties in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, and enable accessible, interactive and educational visualization.

As a result, the 3D Repository serves as a communication and heritage education resource that expands access to knowledge on World Heritage, strengthens social engagement, and supports conservation processes through digital documentation. The repository can be accessed through the RWHIZ website:

<https://www.rwhiz.org>

This initiative contributes directly to Strategic Objective 4 of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029) and to the mandate of RWHIZ, by promoting innovative digital tools for awareness-raising, dissemination and the protection of World Heritage in the subregion.





Model of the Primatial Cathedral of the Americas in the Dominican Republic, World Heritage Site

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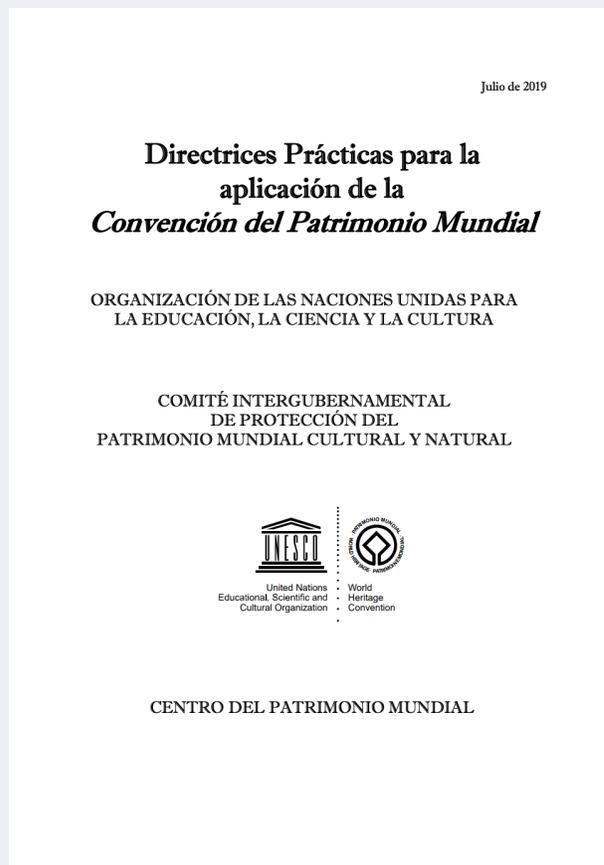
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Spanish translation of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention

During 2025, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) completed the first phase of the Spanish translation of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (2025 edition). This action responds to the need to update the normative instruments available in Spanish, considering that the most recent version in this language dates from 2019.

The translation of this updated version represents a strategic contribution for the States Parties of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, facilitating access to a key document for the effective implementation of the 1972 Convention, the preparation of nomination dossiers, the management of inscribed properties, and informed decision-making in line with current World Heritage procedures.

With the completion of this first phase, RWHIZ will soon submit the translated document to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, through the unit responsible for statutory and policy matters related to the Convention, for review and the corresponding institutional processes. This initiative contributes directly to strengthening capacity, supporting the effective implementation of the Convention, and improving equitable access to essential World Heritage reference documents across the subregion.



Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Production and release of the first episode of the podcast Ecos del Patrimonio

During 2025, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) produced and released the first episode of the podcast series Ecos del Patrimonio, as part of its World Heritage Promotion Programme. This audiovisual initiative was created to share experiences, perspectives and expert voices connected to World Heritage in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, and to strengthen public understanding of its values and relevance.

The first episode features an in-depth conversation with the Technical Secretary of the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), addressing key themes such as the protection and management of World Heritage properties in Mexico, the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, the significance of the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, and current capacity-building needs for heritage management.

Through this digital platform, RWHIZ expands access to specialized knowledge, promotes dialogue among heritage actors, and strengthens communication and outreach strategies aimed at broader audiences. The podcast contributes directly to Strategic Objective 4 of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029) by enhancing awareness, education and social engagement in support of World Heritage conservation.



The background of the slide features a photograph of a stone wall, likely part of an archaeological site, with a hillside in the background under a clear blue sky. The wall is constructed from irregular, dark stones. The hillside is covered with sparse, dry vegetation. The sky is a deep, clear blue. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, with the number '100' highlighted in red.

Nearly **100** specialists
have been trained
through digital
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courses, incorporating
innovative technologies
for the documentation
and conservation of
heritage



Archaeological Site of Yagul and Mitla in the Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico. World Heritage property. Photograph: RERM, RWHIZ.

iv. Activities for the Fulfilment of RWHIZ Direct Objectives

Preparatory Meetings for the 9th Coordination Meeting of World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres

During the reporting period, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) coordinated two preparatory meetings for the 9th Coordination Meeting of World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres, held on 14 February and 28 March, with the participation of representatives from Category 2 Centres, as well as UNESCO and ICCROM. These working sessions were held virtually and had an executive format, focused on decision-making and the definition of operational arrangements.

At the second preparatory meeting, the main agreements were consolidated regarding the central theme of the meeting, defined as "Capacity Building: The Key for a Better Implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention", as well as the overall programme structure, consisting of three working days with five thematic sessions. Participants also reviewed preliminary information on the new Capacity-Building

Strategy presented by ICCROM and discussed possible outputs of the meeting, including institutional commitment mechanisms among Category 2 Centres.

At the third preparatory meeting, follow-up was provided on these items, including updates on the final host city, arrival arrangements, presentation logistics, the updated agenda and institutional communications, such as the circulation of invitation letters and the possible adoption of a Zacatecas Declaration. Taken together, these meetings enabled substantive progress in the organization, coordination and strategic content of the 9th Coordination Meeting, in direct fulfilment of the functions of RWHIZ as a Category 2 Centre and a regional platform for coordination.



2025 Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors



On 27 February 2025, the Fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) was held in Mexico City at the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The main purpose of the session was to inform the Board about the activities carried out in 2024 and to present for consideration the 2025 Work Plan of the Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO.

The meeting brought together in-person and virtual representatives of States Parties (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico), the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICCROM, as well as federal and state institutions involved in culture, heritage, and environmental management. This composition reflected the interinstitutional and regional nature of the RWHIZ Board of Directors.

During the session, the main results for 2024 were presented, highlighting capacity-building activities involving six States Parties and more than 150 participants, as well as the expansion of the Centre's regional reach, which benefited 13 States Parties and 692 people. The 2025 Work Plan, comprising 21 activities aligned with the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029) and with the direct objectives of RWHIZ, was also presented. The Board acknowledged the progress achieved and broadly approved the proposed planning for 2025, reaffirming its institutional support for the strengthening and consolidation of RWHIZ.

Subregional Meetings with World Heritage Stakeholders – Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic

Within its coordination, collaboration and outreach functions as a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) held a series of subregional meetings in 2025 with World Heritage stakeholders from Mexico, Panama, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. These exchanges aimed to strengthen technical dialogue, identify shared priorities and explore cooperation frameworks on key issues for the management and conservation of World Heritage properties.

The meetings facilitated the exchange of information on national experiences, common challenges and specific needs in areas such as the management of inscribed properties, capacity building, the use of digital tools, impact assessment and interinstitutional coordination. They also helped consolidate permanent communication channels among site managers, national focal points and specialists from the participating States Parties.

This action aligns with the RWHIZ mandate to promote regional cooperation networks across Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean and contributes to a more coordinated implementation of the World Heritage Convention. Through these dialogue spaces, the Institute reinforced its role as a subregional platform for coordination and technical support, fostering shared agendas and the development of joint initiatives of subregional scope.





9th International Coordination Meeting of UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres

From 26 to 28 May, Zacatecas hosted the 9th International Coordination Meeting of UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres, organized by the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ). The meeting took place in the Wixárika Hall of the Museo Zacatecano and brought together representatives from Category 2 Centres in Brazil, South Africa, Spain, India, the Republic of Korea, and Mexico, as well as delegates from UNESCO, ICCROM, and authorities from the governments of Mexico and the State of Zacatecas.

The meeting included five working sessions, in addition to opening and closing sessions. Participants shared institutional experiences and action plans, reviewed coordination strategies, and agreed on follow-up mechanisms aimed at strengthening collaboration among Category 2 Centres, with the objective of contributing to a more effective implementation of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972).

The meeting concluded with the signing of the Zacatecas Declaration, a document that consolidates shared objectives, reaffirms the commitment to strengthened international cooperation, and establishes concrete mechanisms for joint work among the Centres.

Hosting this meeting in Zacatecas strengthened the positioning of RWHIZ as a regional platform for coordination and technical cooperation in the field of World Heritage and reinforced the role of the city as a hub for specialized exchange and international coordination.

Due to the importance of this event, an independent Report was prepared compiling the achievements and themes addressed. The document is available for consultation both on the RWHIZ website, in the publications section, and on the UNESCO World Heritage Centre website.





Download the full report of the
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Cerro de la Bufa in the city of Zacatecas.
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Memorandum of Understanding with WHIPIC, the Category 2 Centre on the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage, based in the Republic of Korea

Within the framework of the 9th International Coordination Meeting of UNESCO World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres, held in Zacatecas from 26 to 28 May, the first Memorandum of Understanding was formalized between the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) and the International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC), a Category 2 Centre based in the Republic of Korea. This agreement represents the first international partnership established by RWHIZ with another Category 2 Centre.

The RWHIZ–WHIPIC Memorandum of Understanding (2025) establishes a cooperation framework focused on the exchange of information, the organization of joint training activities, the exchange of specialists, and the strengthening of technical dialogue on the interpretation and presentation of World Heritage. The agreement is valid for five years and aims to contribute to a more effective implementation of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), with particular emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean.

The signing of this Memorandum consolidates a strategic link between Category 2 Centres and reinforces interregional cooperation, in line with the principles set out in the Sejong Declaration (2023). It also strengthens the positioning of RWHIZ as a regional actor in interpretation, presentation, heritage education, and capacity-building, while expanding its international cooperation networks in support of its institutional objectives.





Participation in the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee

o Engagement with subregional delegations, particularly Panama and the Dominican Republic

Within the framework of the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee, held from 6 to 16 July in Paris, France, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) held meetings with delegations from countries of the Mexico, Central America and Caribbean subregion, with particular emphasis on Panama and the Dominican Republic.

On 9 July, at UNESCO Headquarters, working meetings were conducted with these delegations, during which it was agreed to strengthen institutional relations and establish avenues for collaboration on priority issues for the subregion, including underwater heritage, the use of digital technologies for cultural heritage documentation, management of cultural routes and itineraries, combating the illicit trafficking of cultural property, and impact assessment in World Heritage contexts.



As a result, preliminary interinstitutional cooperation schemes were defined for the implementation of subregional activities during the first semester of 2026, aimed at strengthening technical capacities and coordination mechanisms for the conservation, management, and protection of World Heritage, in line with the direct objectives of RWHIZ.

o Meeting with authorities of the Ministry of Culture of Spain and ICRART, Category 2 Centre

During the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) held a working meeting with authorities from the Ministry of Culture of Spain and the International Centre for Rock Art (ICRART), a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO based in that country.

The meeting examined lines of collaboration for 2026, with emphasis on capacity-building and technical cooperation in the field of World Heritage. Topics discussed included advancing the Spanish translation of the Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context, as well as the joint organization

of training activities focused on management, conservation, and impact assessment in World Heritage contexts.

The meeting identified areas of common work and cooperation mechanisms aimed at expanding the regional reach of RWHIZ activities and strengthening collaboration with Category 2 Centres and European cultural authorities. These actions contribute to the direct objectives of RWHIZ, particularly in international cooperation, capacity-building, and technical support for the effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention.



o Working session at the offices of the Chief of the Latin America and the Caribbean Unit of the World Heritage Centre

On 11 July, within the framework of the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) held a working session at the offices of the Chief of the Latin America and the Caribbean Unit of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

The meeting was attended by Mauro Rosi, Head of the Unit; Rochelle Roca-Hachem, Programme Specialist of the same Unit; and Carlos Augusto Torres Pérez, Director General of RWHIZ. During the session, the Institute presented the list of activities scheduled for the second semester of 2025, as well as a preview of planned activities for 2026.



The meeting enabled follow-up on institutional cooperation lines, the exchange of information on regional priorities, and the strengthening of technical coordination mechanisms between RWHIZ and the World Heritage Centre, contributing to the fulfilment of the Institute's direct objectives and to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029).

o Meeting with Mr. Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

During the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) held a meeting with Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. During the meeting, the Institute presented an overview of its main activities, delivered a copy of the 2024 Annual Report, and provided a direct briefing on the outcomes of the 9th Coordination Meeting of Category 2 Centres held in Zacatecas, including copies of the meeting report and the Zacatecas Declaration. The discussion also included an exchange of perspectives on the role of Category 2 Centres in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.



This meeting contributed to strengthening the institutional positioning of RWHIZ and consolidating its relationship with the World Heritage Centre, within the framework of its functions as a regional platform for cooperation and technical support to States Parties in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

o Collaboration with WHITRAP (Category 2 Centre) as a jury member for the Global Awards for World Heritage Education Innovative Cases (AWHEIC) 2025



Within the framework of the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Paris, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) was invited to participate as a member of the jury for the Global Awards for World Heritage Education Innovative Cases (AWHEIC) 2025, organized by the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region (WHITRAP), a Category 2 Centre based in China that promotes innovation and excellence in World Heritage education, interpretation, and outreach worldwide.

The international jury, composed of experts and representatives from institutions engaged in heritage education, included the Director General of RWHIZ, who participated in the deliberation and announcement of the award-winning cases selected from approximately 150 submissions from different regions of the world.

Collaboration with WHITRAP in this context contributes to RWHIZ objectives in the fields of educational innovation and World Heritage promotion by encouraging creative and collaborative approaches that strengthen heritage communication, social inclusion, and the exchange of good practices across international networks. Participation in initiatives of this kind also enhances the visibility of RWHIZ within the World Heritage system and reinforces its links with strategic partners dedicated to heritage education, creativity, and cultural heritage management at the global level.

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o Presentation of the RWHIZ Report under agenda item 6B at the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee

During the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee, the presentation of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) Report under agenda item 6B constituted the most significant institutional action within this framework, formally placing the work of the Category 2 Centre before the principal decision-making body of the World Heritage system. This participation represented both an exercise in accountability and a strategic positioning of RWHIZ as a regional actor supporting the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

The intervention presented the Institute's main results and its contribution to regional priorities, with particular emphasis on technical cooperation with States Parties and system partners. In particular, the organization and outcomes of the 9th Coordination Meeting of Category 2 Centres were highlighted as a milestone in joint coordination and collaborative work. By being included under a specific agenda item, the Report carried formal status and received broad international visibility.

As an immediate outcome, the presentation strengthened institutional recognition of RWHIZ among delegations and key stakeholders and reaffirmed its role as a regional platform for coordination, capacity building and international cooperation. It also helped sustain the continuity of its lines of work and consolidate channels of dialogue with States Parties of the subregion and with the World Heritage system.



In 2025, RWHIZ consolidated its international presence by organizing in Mexico, for **the first time**, the 9th Coordination Meeting of Category 2 Centres, signing its **first Memorandum of Understanding** with another C2C (WHIPIC – Republic of Korea), and participating in **6** activities during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee, including the official presentation of its report under agenda item 6B





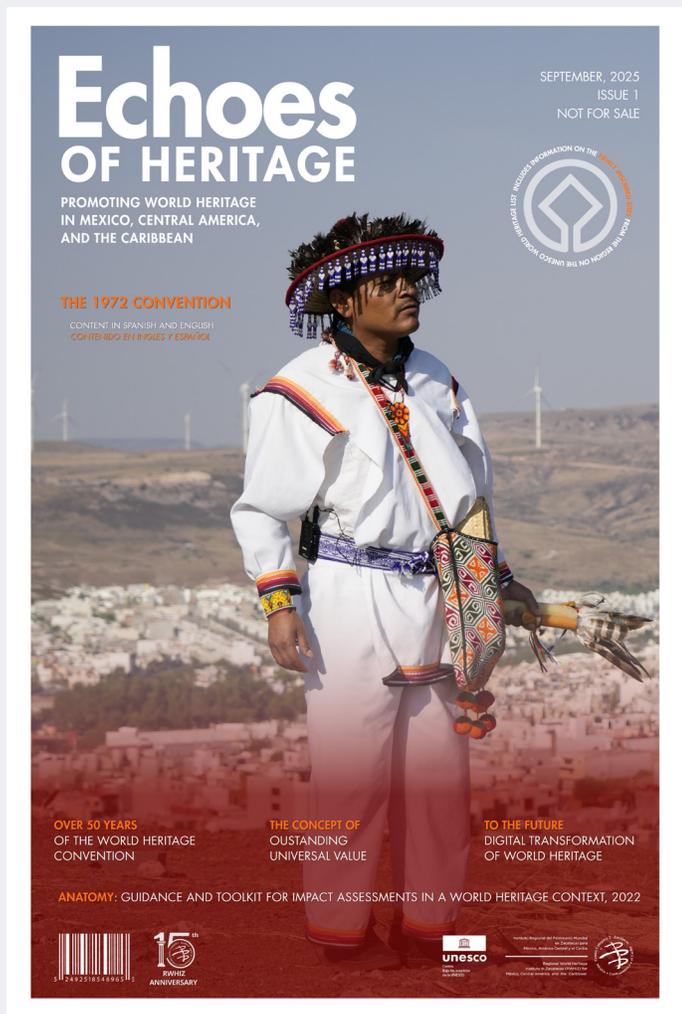
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Publication of Issue No. 1 of *Ecos del Patrimonio*, dedicated to the 1972 World Heritage Convention



The first issue benefited from the collaboration and support of institutional and technical actors linked to World Heritage, including federal cultural authorities, the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), and counterparts from the subregion, with participation from specialists and representatives from Mexico and Panama. It also presented content aimed at highlighting the value of the 1972 Convention and bringing key topics related to the conservation, management, and promotion of World Heritage closer to the public in an accessible manner.

As a result, *Ecos del Patrimonio* strengthens RWHIZ's core objectives by expanding its institutional communication capacity and consolidating an editorial platform for sharing experiences and approaches from the subregion, while supporting capacity building through technical information and heritage narratives. The availability of the publication in digital format, through the Institute's publications section, contributes to its regional reach and to the social appropriation of World Heritage, reinforcing the role of RWHIZ as a platform for cooperation, dissemination, and coordination in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

During the period under review, RWHIZ published issue no. 1 of its editorial publication *Ecos del Patrimonio*. Promoviendo el Patrimonio Mundial en Mexico, America Central y el Caribe, devoted to the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972). This publication forms part of the RWHIZ World Heritage Promotion Programme and is conceived as a permanent tool for outreach, specialized dissemination, and network strengthening across the subregion. The journal was produced under the editorial direction of Carlos Augusto Torres Perez and the general coordination of Raul E. Rodriguez Marquez, with an Editorial Board composed of Alfredo Conti (Argentina), Javier A. Edwards (Panama), Mauricia Dominguez (Dominican Republic), and Valerie Magar Meurs (Mexico).



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Presentation of Issue No. 1 of Ecos del Patrimonio at the International Anthropology and History Book Fair (FILAH – Mexico)

On 23 September, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) participated in the International Anthropology and History Book Fair (FILAH) in Mexico City with the official presentation of Issue No. 1 of the journal *Ecos del Patrimonio*, dedicated to the 1972 World Heritage Convention and focused on Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

The presentation panel included Arturo Balandrano Campos (General Directorate of Cultural Heritage Sites and Monuments, Ministry of Culture), José Luis Perea González (Technical Secretariat, National Institute of Anthropology and History), Yamileth Stanzola (National Directorate of Cultural Heritage of Panama), and Diego Prieto Hernández (Unit of Living Cultures, Intangible Heritage and Inter-culturality, Ministry of Culture). The session was moderated by Raúl E. Rodríguez Márquez and Carlos Augusto Torres Pérez on behalf of RWHIZ. Speakers emphasized the journal as a tool to promote and highlight World Heritage in the region, strengthen cooperation networks, and position Zacatecas as a reference point for regional heritage dialogue.

As a result, the presentation at FILAH enhanced the public visibility and reach of *Ecos del Patrimonio* among both specialized audiences and the broader public, contributing to the consolidation of an institutional communication channel under the RWHIZ World Heritage Promotion Programme. The event, attended by representatives of the Embassies of Cuba, El Salvador, Panama, and the Dominican Republic in Mexico, reinforced the Institute's objectives by supporting outreach, awareness-raising, and stakeholder coordination around World Heritage in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.



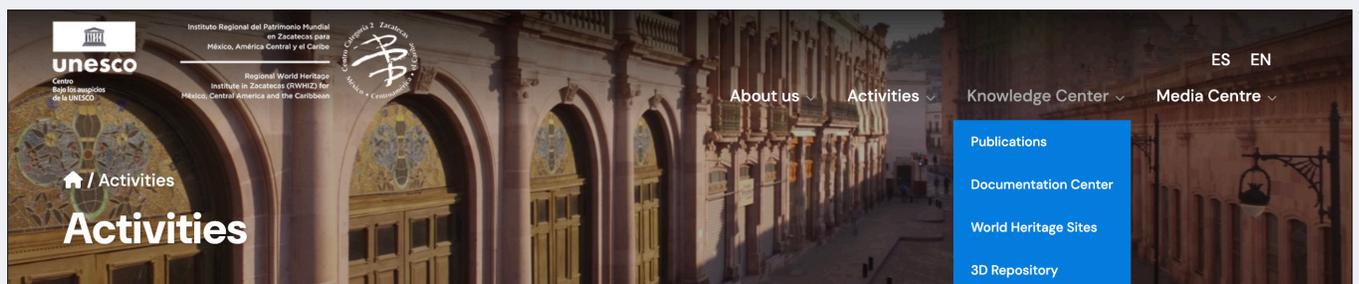
Update and strengthening of the RWHIZ institutional website: www.rwhiz.org



In 2025, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) carried out a comprehensive update of its institutional website, aimed at strengthening its public image, improving content organization, and consolidating the digital platform as a reference space for information, documentation, and dissemination of World Heritage in the region.

The update optimized the site's visual and functional structure, improved navigation, and reinforced key sections such as the Documentation Centre, the 3D Repository of heritage assets, the publications section, and areas dedicated to activities, training, and cooperation. These improvements facilitated access to technical resources, reference materials, and products developed by the Institute, serving both specialized audiences and the broader public.

As a result, the RWHIZ website was consolidated as a strategic tool for institutional communication, capacity-building support, and heritage dissemination, aligned with the Institute's core objectives. The update contributed to expanding the regional reach of its activities, strengthening social appropriation of World Heritage, and positioning RWHIZ as an active and dynamic digital platform.



Follow-up to the Tripartite Agreement for the renewal of RWHIZ as a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO

During 2025, the process related to the signing of the Tripartite Agreement between the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Government of the United Mexican States, and the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) continued. This instrument is required for the renewal of the Institute as a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Throughout the reporting period, working meetings and technical consultations were held to follow up on progress and ensure alignment of the document with the regulatory and administrative frameworks of the parties involved.

In this context, progress was achieved in negotiations and interinstitutional review processes, particularly among the Government of the State of Zacatecas, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and UNESCO, with the aim of finalizing the terms of cooperation, institutional responsibilities, and operational

mechanisms that support the functioning of the Centre. These efforts reflect the commitment of the parties to ensuring the continuity of the RWHIZ mandate and strengthening its role within the World Heritage system.

Follow-up to this instrument constitutes a strategic action for the institutional stability and international projection of RWHIZ, as its renewal will ensure continuity of its functions in capacity building, technical cooperation, and support for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. The process has also strengthened interinstitutional coordination at the federal, state, and international levels, consolidating the legal and operational foundations for the Centre's future development.





b. Part Two. Extraordinary Activities

i. Regional Scope

5th Forum on Innovation, Restructuring and Conservation of Heritage: Resilience, Disasters, and Conflict

On 10 April, the Director of the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) participated in the *5th Forum on Innovation, Restructuring and Conservation of Heritage: Resilience, Disasters, and Conflict*, delivering the keynote lecture “*Risk Management for World Heritage in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.*” The activity aimed to disseminate approaches and experiences focused on heritage conservation in contexts of risk, disasters, and conflict.

The Forum was organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Government of Mexico, the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH), ICOMOS, and the Mexican Chamber of the Construction Industry (CMIC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture of the Government of Puebla and the INAH Puebla Center. RWHIZ’s participation contributed to positioning the Institute as a regional reference in risk management for World Heritage.



Second International Congress on Industrialization Processes. Roundtable on Industrial Cultural Heritage

At the Second International Congress on Industrialization Processes, held at the National Museum of History “Castillo de Chapultepec” in Mexico City, the Director General of RWHIZ participated in the roundtable “Industrial Cultural Heritage and Its Valorization,” alongside representatives of INAH and the Ministry of Culture. The discussion reviewed progress, regulatory challenges, and opportunities for identifying, protecting, and valuing industrial heritage, recognizing both its material components and the social values associated with productive processes and collective memory.

Participants emphasized that this heritage typology encompasses thousands of assets and faces significant challenges, particularly regarding legal protection and the conservation of twentieth-century sites. RWHIZ presented the World Heritage Convention as a framework for identifying properties with potential Outstanding Universal Value, as well as the growing interest of States Parties in including industrial heritage in their Tentative Lists.



Digital Prior Consultation for the Development of the World Heritage Strategy for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

On 23 and 24 October, RWHIZ participated, via Zoom, in the Digital Prior Consultation and the global meeting Developing the World Heritage Strategy for SIDS, organized by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in Kingston, Jamaica. The consultation forms part of the process to develop the World Heritage Strategy for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), which is expected to be examined by the World Heritage Committee in 2026.

RWHIZ submitted technical comments on the draft, highlighting its alignment with sustainable development, climate resilience, and capacity-building needs. It proposed strengthening training in digital tools for documenting heritage at risk, preparing nomination dossiers, and incorporating impact assessment methodologies. RWHIZ also shared recent activities involving Caribbean SIDS and reiterated its willingness to support future implementation through cooperation and capacity-building actions.



Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

39 SIDS: relatively remote, vulnerable to environmental challenges and generally small in size

Smallest population: 1,269 (Niue)

Smallest land area: 26 sq km (Tuvalu)

Population of over 10 million: Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Papua New Guinea

World Heritage Properties: 37 in 24 SIDS

104 sites on the Tentative List from 32 SIDS

Asia and the Pacific (17)

Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Latin America and the Caribbean (16)

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

Africa (6)

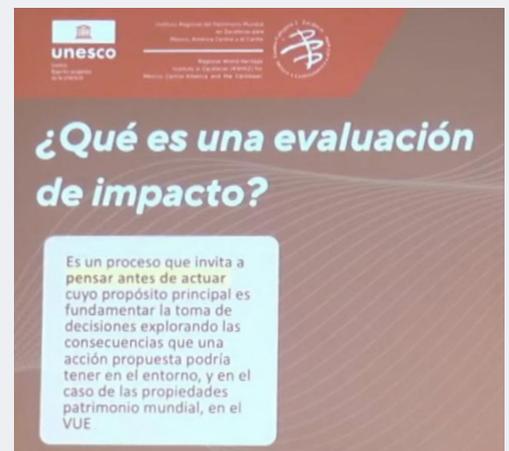
Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritius, São Tomé and Príncipe, Seychelles

"tallawah" – Jamaican proverb
"mighty, strong, and not to be underestimated"

Workshop on the Updating of Management, Conservation and Sustainability Plans for Mexican World Heritage Archaeological Sites

On 18–19 November, RWHIZ participated in the Workshop on the Updating of Management, Conservation and Sustainability Plans for Mexican World Heritage archaeological sites, held in Oaxaca, Mexico, by INAH and the UNESCO Office in Mexico, with the contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Institute was represented by Carlos Augusto Torres Pérez and Raúl E. Rodríguez Márquez, who delivered a presentation on the applicability of the *Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context* (UNESCO, ICCROM, IUCN and ICOMOS, 2022) as a management tool. Its usefulness was highlighted for evaluating projects that may affect Outstanding Universal Value and for strengthening day-to-day management by identifying attributes, values, settings and territorial dynamics, thereby supporting risk anticipation and informed decision-making. Participants agreed to continue the process and to explore, in 2026, the organization of a specific workshop with the support of RWHIZ.



Presentation of the book “Camino Real de Tierra Adentro: A Cultural Route. Studies and Reflections from the 2022 and 2023 Dialogues. Zacatecas–Aguascalientes”

On 30 November, the RWHIZ, through its Director General, Carlos Augusto Torres Pérez, participated in the presentation of the book *Camino Real de Tierra Adentro: A Cultural Route. Studies and Reflections from the 2022 and 2023 Dialogues. Zacatecas–Aguascalientes*, held within the programme of the Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL 2025).

The volume, coordinated and published by INAH, compiles contributions derived from the 2022 and 2023 dialogues and offers a multidisciplinary perspective on the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Cultural Route and its relationship with other Hispanoamerican cultural routes. The session included comments by representatives of INAH. RWHIZ’s participation strengthened the dissemination of specialized World Heritage knowledge and reinforced interinstitutional collaboration in research, outreach, and the valorization of cultural routes. The event provided an opportunity to share experiences and renew technical ties between the two institutions.



ii. Local Scope

Working Meeting with the Council on Library & Information Resources (CLIR) to explore avenues for collaboration

A working meeting was held at RWHIZ with representatives of the Council on Library & Information Resources (CLIR) to explore avenues for collaboration in heritage conservation and documentation. Participants included Guy Berthiaume and Mercedes de Vega (CLIR); Ma. de Jesús Muñoz Reyes, Director of the Zacatecas Institute of Culture “Ramón López Velarde”; and, on behalf of RWHIZ, Carlos Augusto Torres Pérez, Erika Rentería Ruiz, and Raúl E. Rodríguez Márquez. Institutional lines of work were presented and areas of cooperation were identified, with particular emphasis on approaches focused on underrepresented communities.



As a result, the parties agreed to continue information exchange, and CLIR invited RWHIZ to take part in activities planned for 2026 in Mexico. The meeting strengthened the Institute’s international collaboration networks and opened opportunities for technical cooperation and joint projects. It also considered the integration of training and digital tools to support documentation and accessibility.



Collaboration Agreement with the INAH Zacatecas Centre to strengthen the digital recording of World Heritage properties



On 5 December, RWHIZ and INAH, through the INAH Zacatecas Centre, formalized a collaboration agreement to advance the second phase of the Training Programme on the Use of Digital Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. The agreement was signed by Carlos Augusto Torres Pérez, Director General of RWHIZ, and Raúl Pacheco Pérez, Director of the INAH Zacatecas Centre.

The programme includes courses on digital photogrammetry and the use of drones, aimed at site managers, specialists and professionals involved in the management and conservation of World Heritage properties. Activities will be carried out in several Mexican states and in countries of Central America and the Caribbean during 2026 and 2027. This action strengthened technical capacities for the recording and documentation of cultural heritage, promoted the use of digital technologies for conservation, and expanded the regional reach of RWHIZ training programmes.

Collaboration Agreement between RWHIZ, the INAH Zacatecas Centre and the Zacatecas Institute of Culture for the Promotion of World Heritage in Zacatecas



On 5 November, a working meeting was held at RWHIZ with the participation of the INAH Zacatecas Centre, the Zacatecas Institute of Culture “Ramón López Velarde,” and RWHIZ, bringing together institutional heads and technical teams to strengthen interinstitutional coordination in the promotion of World Heritage.

As a result, the three institutions signed a Collaboration Agreement to pool capacities for the co-publication of books dedicated to the promotion, dissemination, and research of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, with particular focus

on the Historic Centre of Zacatecas, the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Cultural Route, and the Wixárika Route through the Sacred Sites to Wirikuta. The Agreement establishes commitments related to content development, editorial production, and national and international promotion, conceived as a tool to reinforce regional identity. The first publication is expected in the first quarter of 2026 and aims to broaden its educational reach.

III. Conclusions

The 2025 Activity Report of RWHIZ, a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO, reflects a year of institutional consolidation and strengthening of the Institute's role as a technical and cooperation platform supporting the implementation of the World Heritage Convention within its subregional scope: Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

Activities carried out during the reporting period were framed within the 2025 Work Plan, approved by the RWHIZ Board of Directors, and aligned with the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023–2029), as well as with the mandates established in the Institute's Amended Agreement of Establishment. In this context, RWHIZ contributed directly to Strategic Objectives 2, 3, and 4 of the Action Plan, particularly in the areas of World Heritage management, capacity building, and heritage promotion, communication, and awareness-raising.

During 2025, the Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ) implemented a total of twenty-six activities, in which 691 stakeholders and specialists participated. This level of implementation reflects the Institute's capacity to address strategic priorities and respond in a timely manner to requests from key partners among the States Parties of the subregion, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and ICCROM, as well as to needs at the local level, while maintaining full coherence with its mission, objectives, and functions.

Within the Capacity-Building Programme, the continued consolidation of the Training Programme on the Use of Digital Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage was particularly noteworthy. This included Digital Photogrammetry courses that delivered strong results and demonstrated high technical relevance for site managers and professionals associated with properties inscribed on the World Heritage List. These actions were complemented by the promotion of impact assessment methodologies in World Heritage contexts and by progress in designing a Subregional Capacity-Building and Education Strategy, which laid the foundations for a more structured and far-reaching training offer.

In the field of communication and outreach, the World Heritage Promotion Programme achieved significant progress through the launch of the first issue of the journal *Ecos del Patrimonio*, dedicated to the 1972 Convention, and the production and release of the first episode of the podcast *Ecos del Patrimonio*.

Together, these outputs expanded institutional channels for specialized dissemination, strengthened the social appropriation of World Heritage, and consolidated RWHIZ as an active hub for the production and circulation of heritage-related content in the subregion, further reinforced by the comprehensive update of the institutional website.

From an international cooperation perspective, 2025 was marked by significant milestones. Notably, Zacatecas hosted the *9th International Coordination Meeting of UNESCO Category 2 Centres related to World Heritage*, bringing together representatives from six countries — Brazil, South Africa, Spain, India, the Republic of Korea, and Mexico — as well as delegates from UNESCO and ICCROM. In addition, RWHIZ formalized its first international partnership with another Category 2 Centre through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Centre for the Interpretation and Presentation of World Heritage Sites (WHIPIC) of the Republic of Korea.

Overall, 2025 confirms RWHIZ's capacity to adapt to dynamic contexts, respond to emerging demands, and expand its impact beyond what was initially planned, while maintaining coherence with its institutional mandate. The results achieved strengthen its outlook toward 2026 and reaffirm its sustained contribution to the effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

In 2025, RWHIZ carried out **26** activities, engaging **691** stakeholders and specialists, strengthening its reach across Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, and consolidating its international presence through cooperation, technical capacity building, and the promotion of World Heritage



IV. Acknowledgements

The Regional World Heritage Institute in Zacatecas (RWHIZ), a Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO, expresses its recognition and gratitude to the institutions, organizations, and individuals whose support made possible the activities carried out during 2025 and contributed to the fulfillment of its mission and objectives in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean.

Special appreciation is extended to the President of the RWHIZ Board of Directors, David Monreal Avila, for his institutional support and for the backing provided to strengthen and consolidate the Institute. The members of the Board of Directors are likewise acknowledged for their guidance, strategic orientation, and confidence in the work undertaken during the period. In particular, recognition is given to the States Parties represented on the Board: Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica.

The Institute also extends special thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and specifically to the Directorate General for the United Nations, for the support and facilitation provided for the implementation of RWHIZ activities and the fulfillment of its mandate as a Category 2 Centre, contributing to its international projection and to strengthened regional cooperation.

RWHIZ expresses its appreciation to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, in particular the Latin America and the Caribbean Unit, as well as to the Advisory Bodies, especially ICCROM, and to the World Heritage-related Category 2 Centres, for their ongoing collaboration and technical exchange in support of the implementation of the Convention. Recognition is also extended to national, regional, and international institutions that participated as active partners; to the States Parties of the subregion; to World Heritage Focal Points; and to site managers, particularly the National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico and the State Party of Panama, for their technical contributions and commitment to regional cooperation.

The Institute further acknowledges the federal and state governments, academic and cultural institutions, and specialists who, through their participation in training activities, technical meetings, publications, and cooperation projects, helped expand the reach of the Institute's actions and strengthen collaborative networks in support of World Heritage.

A special recognition is also extended to the Editorial Committee of the journal *Ecos del Patrimonio* for its dedication, rigor, and commitment in the curation, review, and strengthening of editorial content. Likewise, appreciation is expressed to the institutions, organizations, and stakeholders that generously provided photographic material for the preparation of this Report.

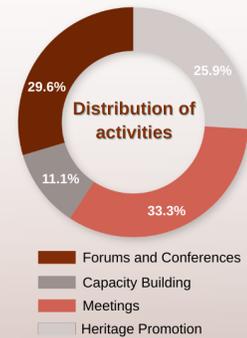
Finally, RWHIZ recognizes its staff for their professionalism, dedication, and sustained work, which were essential to the implementation of the annual programme, the timely response to institutional priorities, and the consolidation of its strategic programmes.

To all institutions and individuals who collaborated during this period, RWHIZ expresses its sincere appreciation for contributing to the strengthening of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and for consolidating the Institute as a regional platform in service of the cultural and natural heritage of humanity.



V. Annexes

RWHIZ IN FIGURES 2025



Activities



21 planned
26 implemented

+24%

International reach



2024: 13 SPs
2025: 14 SPs y C2Cs

+7.7%

Contribution to APLAC



RWHIZ contributed to
8 of 12 actions – C2Cs

67%

Number of people reached in total



In 2025,
RWHIZ reached:

691

stakeholders

SP: State Party
C2C: Category 2 Centre
APLAC: Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean (2023-2029)



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