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WORLD HERITAGE TOGETHER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

EXPERTISE

PROMOTING COMPETENCES AND KNOWLEDGE

Switzerland intends to promote expertise both within the Committee and among managers of World Heritage properties, in order to fulfil the World Heritage Convention's primary mission of protecting the world's cultural and natural heritage for future generations.

Switzerland is committed to supporting the strengthening of the technical basis for the credibility and effectiveness of the Convention, by continuing to support specialist meetings and the development of pragmatic tools such as the "Enhancing Our Heritage Toolkit 2.0".

Objective: to optimise multi-stakeholder dialogue at all levels, as well as the sharing of experience and knowledge to build capacity.

DIVERSITY

PROMOTING THE REPRESENTATIVITY OF WORLD HERITAGE

Switzerland intends to work towards a geographical balance and typological representativity of World Heritage properties, starting with UNESCO's "Priority Africa", to meet the Convention's ambition to celebrate diversity and solidarity.

Switzerland is committed to promoting a participatory approach aimed at ensuring an inclusive World Heritage List that supports mutual understanding and sustains the variety of cultural expressions and ecosystems around the world.

Objective: to promote the World Heritage Convention as a catalyst for the protection and conservation of culture and nature.

CONSERVATION

PRIORITISING THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES

Switzerland intends to promote the conservation and management of properties with a view to ensuring sustainable development and resilience, as well as preventing and mitigating risks associated with natural disasters, conflicts and emergencies.

Within the Committee, Switzerland is committed to supporting discussions and strategies aimed at meeting the challenges posed in particular by the impacts of climate change and changes in socio-economic contexts, as it has done in promoting heritage within the Conventions relating to biodiversity.

Objective: to guide decision-makers and site managers to ensure the long-term conservation of cultural and natural heritage.

INNOVATION

ANCHORING WORLD HERITAGE IN THE MODERN WORLD

Switzerland intends to step up advocacy for inclusive policies which integrate cultural and natural heritage into national and international agenda planning and which establish links with mechanisms relating to cultural rights and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

Switzerland is committed to promoting the role of heritage in a sustainable, high-quality living environment, combining an appreciation of tradition with a consideration of contemporary realities, by proposing to the Committee innovative concepts such as "Baukultur".

Objective: to promote cultural and natural heritage as an essential resource for the benefit of individuals and communities.