

The 8th International NGO Forum on World Heritage at Risk

UNESCO Fontenoy Building, Paris, 20 January 2020

Program

8:30 *Arrival*

9:00 **Opening Plenary (Room III)**

Stephan Doempke: Welcome by the Organizers

Opening Statements:

Mechtild Roessler, World Heritage Centre

Peter Shadie, IUCN

Toshiyuki Kono, ICOMOS

John King, ICCROM

10:00 **Presentation of a Mixed Property (Room III)**

Daniel Scarry (Ohrid SOS)

The World Heritage Committee and the Destruction of the Ohrid Region: Silent Witness or Passive Accomplice?

10:25 **Forum 1: Presentations on Natural Properties (Room III)**

Moderator: Frank Petersen (Waddenvereniging)

10:25 Mikhail Kreindlin (Greenpeace Russia)

New threats to the Golden Mountains of Altai World Heritage Property

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Volcanoes of Kamchatka: Impending Threats for Pristine Beauty

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 **Two Parallel Fora**

Forum 1: Presentations on Natural Properties ctd. (Room III)

11:30 Eugene Simonov (Rivers without Boundaries Coalition)

The Ecological Crisis at Russia's Lake Baikal is Exacerbated by Poor Governance

11:55 Mikhail Kreindlin (Greenpeace Russia)

Old new Threats to the Virgin Komi Forests World Heritage Property

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The Western Caucasus World Natural Heritage Site

12:35 Teresa Gil Gil and Juanjo Carmona (WWF Spain)

New Developments at the Doñana World Heritage Site

Forum 2: Presentations on Cultural Properties (Room V)

Moderator: Stephan Doempke (World Heritage Watch)

11:30 Dr. Nora Lafi

Protecting the Medina of Tunis: Reflections on Current Challenges and Initiatives

12:30 Yves Lador (Earth Justice)

Lamu Old Town (Kenya) Under Increased Pressure from Proposed Mega Infrastructure Development

12:00 Yonathan Mizrachi (Emek Shaveh)
Cable Car Plan Threatens Unique Character and Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem

13:00 *Lunch (at the UNESCO Canteen, 7th floor)*

14:00 Two Parallel Fora ctd.

Forum 1: Presentations on Natural Properties ctd. (Room III)

14:00 Janinka Lutze (Euronatur)
Europe's Natural Heritage Disappearing Before Our Eyes – Logging in Romania's Paradise Forests

14:25 Frank Petersen (Waddenvereniging)
The World's Worst Business Case in World Heritage Site Wadden Sea

14:50 "Carolina" and "Kukui" (SOS Orinoco)
Canaima National Park: The Fabled "Lost World": A World Heritage Site Endangered by a Gold Rush

15:15 Alejandro Olivera (Center for Biological Diversity)
Trump's Border Wall Threatens World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve

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World Heritage-Designated Habitat for Imperiled Vaquita Porpoise 'In Danger'

Forum 2: Presentations on Cultural Properties ctd. (Room V)

14:00 Mesut Alp
Removal and Selling of Stones From the City Walls and Historic Buildings of Diyarbakir

14:25 Asli Zeren
The Restoration of Three Monuments in the Sultanahmet Archaeological Park, Istanbul: A Critical Analysis

14:50 Gerry Proctor (Engage Liverpool)
An Update on the Struggle for the Liverpool Mercantile Maritime

15:15 Fritz Groothues (Lakes Watch)
The English Lake District – a Cultural Landscape Under Threat

15:40 Elke Greiff-Gossen (Rhine Passages Citizens Initiative)
The Upper Middle Rhine Valley World Heritage

16:05 *Coffee break*

16:35 Two Parallel Fora ctd.

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16:35 Günter Wippel (Uranium Network)
What does the future hold for the Grand Canyon World Heritage site?

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Tanzania: Selous Game Reserve ... losing its status?

17:10 Yves Lador (Earth Justice)
The Sundarbans of Bangladesh is threatened by massive new coal plants and other

heavy industries

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Threats to the Great Barrier Reef, Australia

Forum 2: Presentations on Cultural Properties ctd. (Room V)

16:35 Kai Müller (International Campaign for Tibet)
Concerns for the management of the Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa

17:00 Herbert Rasinger (Initiative Stadtbildschutz Wien)
Historic Center of Vienna: European Commission positive on Environmental
Impact Assessment concerning high-rise project on Heumarkt

17:25 Gianluigi Salvador (Pesticide Action Network Italy)
The Prosecco Region: A UNESCO area out of control and at risk of overbuilding

17:50 Closing Plenary (Room III)

18:00 *End of WHW Forum*