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World Heritage Forum

**25 June – 4 July 2017**

## **WORLD HERITAGE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM 2017** **Memory: Lost and Recovered Heritage**

**Warsaw–Krakow, POLAND**

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**



The Polish National Commission for UNESCO and the International Cultural Centre in Krakow are proud to hold the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2017 under the theme *Memory: Lost and Recovered Heritage*, as part of the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee and within the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme. The Forum has been given the financial support of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of the Republic of Poland.

**DATES:** 25 June – 4 July 2017  
prior to the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee

**VENUE:** Warsaw, Krakow (Poland)

**WORKING LANGUAGE:** English

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### **WHAT AND WHY?**

Memory and cultural heritage values are always crucial, especially in times of destruction of heritage as a result of armed conflicts and natural disasters caused by climate change. The rehabilitation of heritage is a multi-faceted process, with local communities in the centre of all activities, that needs to address the collective healing and reconciliation, with a focus on memory and identity.

The main goal of the Forum is to compare and contrast two historic centres of the two largest Polish cities – Warsaw and Krakow, and discuss them as examples of destruction and continuance. Young professionals from all over the world, between 22 and 32 years of age, who are interested in cultural heritage will have an opportunity to exchange ideas, broaden their outlook and contribute to the discussions in topics such as:

- memory and identity,
- conservation and restoration of sites,
- limits of reconstruction,
- heritage management.

The aim of the Forum is to increase the young people's knowledge and understanding of the importance of the following:

- the implementation of the World Heritage Convention,
- the working methods of the World Heritage Committee,
- the challenges and opportunities of the protection, conservation and restoration of selected World Heritage sites carrying associative values.

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## PROGRAMME DETAILS

- visits to selected World Heritage Sites,
- meetings with international heritage experts,
- workshops and discussions on different aspects of the World Heritage sites,
- participants' presentations,
- practicing the Youth Model simulation of the World Heritage Committee,
- drawing up the Declaration of the Forum for presentation during the Opening Ceremony of the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee,
- attending the first session of the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee,
- hands-on experience.

To learn more about the programme please kindly visit the website at [www.mck.krakow.pl](http://www.mck.krakow.pl)

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## FOR WHOM?

The Polish National Commission for UNESCO and the International Cultural Centre in Krakow are pleased to invite young people interested in issues related to World Heritage who are:

- not younger than 22 and not older than 32 years of age,
- fluent in English (please note that no interpretation will be provided; English will be the only language used throughout the Forum),
- citizens of one of the 21 Member States of the current World Heritage Committee (Angola, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Croatia, Cuba, Finland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania, Vietnam, Zimbabwe), as well as of Belarus, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Lithuania, Mali, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Syria, and Ukraine,
- graduates from / involved in heritage-related fields such as: architecture, urban planning, constructional engineering, archaeology, sociology, cultural heritage, anthropology, ethnology, ethnography, economy, history, art history, communication, law, tourism, natural and cultural heritage, geography, international relations; researchers, activists, young professionals in NGOs, associations, cultural and natural heritage organisations, museums, heritage sites,
- experience in the field of heritage, in particular in the area of heritage conservation and restoration, would be an asset,
- motivated, committed to bring in their own expertise, active individuals interested in implementing the outcomes of the Forum in their respective countries.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Young participants who fit the above profile and who are motivated to actively participate in the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2017 are invited to fill in the application form in English.

The application package consists of:

- an application form (attached),
- a short biographical note including a photo (CV).

**The deadline for submitting application is April 3, 2017.**

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

Only up to one candidate from each of the aforementioned countries can be accepted. The candidates are expected to be familiar with the concept of World Heritage. The selection will be based on the applicants' compliance with the required profile and will take into consideration such criteria as diversity and mutual complementarity of experiences, gender balance, as well as certified English language proficiency.

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## CONDITIONS

The attendance and active participation for the full duration of the event (arrival on 25 June, departure on 4 July 2017) is mandatory. Participants should be committed to invest their time to prepare and offer a follow up activity to the Forum. Each participant is required to make a 10-minute-long presentation of a case of tangible heritage reconstruction or rehabilitation in their respective country (in line with the theme of the Forum).

The organisers will be responsible for flight arrangements and will cover the participants' transportation (economy class) as well as accommodation\* costs (non-smoking rooms) during their stay in Poland (including visa fees, where applicable).

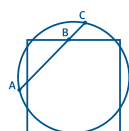
In case the participants should like to extend their stay in Poland and attend the World Heritage Committee Session beyond 4 July 2017, all the related costs should be covered by the concerned member states. In order to make all of the necessary preparations, participants are kindly requested to inform the organisers of their plans in advance.

Successful applicants will have been informed by 25 April 2017, at the latest.

\*Including meals

The organisers guarantee full board meal plan (three European-cuisine meals per day) at the respective hotels, restaurants or sites, as specified in the programme. Special dietary requests will be taken into account. Please, kindly inform the organising team of the Young Professionals Forum if you have any dietary restrictions, allergies or special considerations before your arrival.

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