



Historical Monuments of Mtskheta / Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context

Mtskheta, Georgia

Expert Thematic Consultation Meeting

Draft Agenda
2019, May 12-14

11 May - Arrival of Participants

All guests will be met at the airport and transported to Hotel

12 May - Day 1

Mtskheta site tour (for WHC/Advisory Steering Group and site managers)

- Jvari Monastery
- Samtavro Monastery
- Bebris castle
- Svetitskhoveli Cathedral
 - Participating in ritual of Mtskheta - Rising of Crosses;
 - 3 Crosses will be carried from Svetitkhoveli Cathedral to another shore by boats;
 - Transferring Crosses to 3 different directions (it is possible to follow one of the routes)

13 May	Day 2		
		Introductory Session	
	09:00-09:15	Introduction – organizers	
	09:15-09:30	Keynote speech “Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage properties of religious interest and associative values of Holy Cities: Conserving the Sacred” (UNESCO World Heritage Centre)	
	09:30-09:45	Keynote speech “Functions and requirements of the Holy City in XXI century: new technologies at the service of the Sacred:” (PRERICO ICOMOS – TBC)	
	Case-study Session 1:	“Holy Capital of Mtskheta (Georgia): the New Jerusalem”	
	09:45-10:00	New Jerusalem concept - interpretation and presentation	
	10:00-10:15	Ethnicity of Mtskheta, the alphabet and State	
	10:15-10:30	Archaeological topography of the Big Mtskheta	
	10:30-10:45	Christ's mantle arrival to Georgia - St.Nino - Mtskheta Jvari Monastery - Spiritual significance	

	10:45-11:00	The history of Christ's mantle in Georgia and other examples in the world	
	11:00-11:15	Laminated space of Mtskheta - Hierotopy	
	11:15-11:30	"Christ's mantle Guard City" - Spiritual significance	
	11:30-11:45	Mtskheta - The Catholic Diocese	
	11:45 – 12:00	Break	
	Case-study Session 1 (continued):	“Holy Capital of Mtskheta (Georgia): the New Jerusalem”	
	12:00 - 12:15	Main challenges in the management of the World Heritage property “Historical Monuments of Mtskheta”	
	12:15 - 12:30	Basics of Urban Master Plan - Mtskheta	
	12:30 - 12:45	Greater public goods of associative landscape and spatial-statutory frameworks of global and national legitimacies	
	12:45 - 13:00	Current Urban Master plan of Mtskheta - project presentation	
	13:00 -14 :30	Lunch	
	Discussion Panel 1	Understanding World Heritage of religious interest	
	14:30 – 15:00	Concept of Outstanding Universal Value, including the conditions of integrity and/or authenticity expressed through a variety of attributes and indicators of character, sense/spirit of place and its relationship to the World Heritage properties – Lecture by resource person	
	15:00 – 15 :30	Discussion/Question and Answer (Moderator)	
	15:30 – 16 :00	Understanding of the interpretations of integrity and authenticity which plays a fundamental role in all scientific studies of the cultural heritage, in conservation practices and restoration planning - Lecture by resource person	
	16:00 – 16 :30	Discussion/Question and Answer (Moderator)	
	16:30 – 17:00	Break	

	Discussion Panel 2	Identification of the main challenges in the governance, management and use of Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage properties in a Historic Urban Context	
	17:00 – 17:15	How to establish a balance between requirements of religious communities and protection and management of the World Heritage properties of religious interest in order to sustain the fundamental cultural values of these properties?	
	17:15 – 17:45	Discussion/Question and Answer (Moderator)	
	17:45 – 18:00	How should the recommendations regarding the regulations for conservation and management of religious properties take into account (1) the specific issues of the ongoing needs of religious communities, (2) access to the religious World Heritage properties for visitors and specialists in the field of conservation/restoration, (3) the support for urban needs of the surrounding communities? (4) What are the precautionary measures that should be adopted in relation to present challenges and foreseeable threats?	
	18:00 – 18:30	Discussion/ Question and Answer (Moderator)	
14 May	Day 3		
	Discussion Panel 3	Managing Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context	
	09:00 – 09:15	Managing Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context to sustain or enhance Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage properties as well as other values to the community including responsibilities of all stakeholders, including the State Party, the religious and lay communities and local authorities	
	09:15 – 09:45	Discussion/ Question and Answer (Moderator)	
	09:45 – 10:00	Coexistence of communities and interactions between different religions/spiritual traditions – site features landscape/surroundings – monument/site – intangible heritage/natural sacred sites - local human religious activities/and tourism – formula as status quo and simultaneum mixtum	
	10:00 – 10:30	Discussion/ Question and Answer (Moderator)	
	10:30 – 11:00	Break	

	Case-study Session 2	Managing Living Religious and Sacred World Heritage in a Historic Urban Context : New Jerusalem concept - interpretation and presentation	
	11:00 – 11:20	Site manager “Sacri Monti of Piedmont and Lombardy” (Italy)	
	11:20 – 11:40	Site managers “Cultural and Historic Ensemble of the Solovetsky Islands” (Russia)	
	11:40 – 12 :00	Site managers “Rock-Hewn Churches, Lalibela” (Ethiopia)	
	12:00 – 12 :20	Site managers “Historic Centre of Prague” (Czech Republic)	
	12:20 – 13:00	Site managers “Kalwaia Zebrydowska” (Poland)	
	13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
	14:30 – 16:30	Cultural Visit (in parallel: finalization of the conclusions and recommendations by the drafting group composed of General Rapporteur and Moderators of each session)	It could be a visit of Tbilisi or National Museum
	Plenary Session	Presentations of the Sessions conclusions and recommendations	
	16:30 – 17:00	<i>Presentations by the Moderator of each session</i> <i>Presentation by General Rapporteur of the draft recommendations of the meeting</i>	
	17:00 – 17:30	Discussion on the draft Conclusions and Recommendations of the meeting	
	17:30 – 18:30	On-screen finalisation of the recommendations of the meeting	
	18:30 – 19:00	Adoption of the Final Recommendations of the meeting	

14-15 May - Departure of Participants

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