

Fifth Expert Working Group for the Preservation of the Bamiyan Site

Aachen, 14-16 December 2006

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Wednesday, 13 December 2006

Arrival of Participants

Thursday, 14 December 2006

Opening session

- 8:45-9:00 Welcome address by Professor Burkhard Rauhut, Rector of RWTH Aachen University
- 9:00-9:05 Welcome address by Professor Michael Petzet, President of ICOMOS
- 9:05-9:10 Statement by Mr. Qiamuddin Djallalzada, Deputy Minister for Urban Development, Ministry of Urban Development of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- 9:10-9:15 Statement by Mr. Omar Sultan, Deputy Minister for Culture, Ministry of Culture and Youth of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- 9:15-9:20 Statement by Ms Habiba Sarabi, Governor of Bamiyan
- 9:20-9:25 Introduction by Mr. Francesco Bandarin, Director of World Heritage Centre, UNESCO

Break 10 minutes

First Session: Conservation of mural paintings

Chair Professor Michael Petzet

- 9:35-10:05 Presentation on the progress in the conservation of mural paintings achieved in 2006 by Ms. Yoko Taniguchi, conservation scientist, NRICP

10:05-10:20 Presentation on the future plan for the conservation of mural paintings by Mr Mohammad Zia, Head of Cultural Heritage Department, Ministry of Culture and Youth

10:20-11:05 Discussion on future actions

Break 10 minutes

Second session: Emergency consolidation of the Giant Buddha niches and cliffs

Chair Professor Michael Petzet

11:15-11:45 Presentation on the implementation of the 2005 Recommendations achieved in 2006 and suggestions on future actions on the emergency consolidation measures for the Giant Buddha niches and cliffs by Professor Claudio Margottini, Modena University (in cooperation with TREVI s.p.a)

11:45-11:55 Reporting on the established no-fly zone in front of the Giant Buddha niches by Ms Habiba Sarabi, Governor of Bamiyan

11:55-12:05 Presentation on the existing documentation of the Bamiyan Valley from 1960-1970s by Professor Andrea Bruno, Advisor on Afghanistan to the Assistant Director General for Culture of UNESCO

12:05-12:15 Presentation on the need of damage/risk assessment of the Bamiyan Valley cliffs and niches by Professor Michael Jansen, Aachen University

12:15-13:00 Discussion on the presentations and future actions

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

Third Session: Conservation and documentation of the fragments of the Giant Buddha statues

Chair Professor Kosaku Maeda, Visiting Researcher to NRICP, Wako University

14:30-15:00 Presentation on the progress achieved in 2006 and suggestions on future actions by Professor Michael Petzet, President of ICOMOS

15:00-15:15 Reporting on the storage situation of the salvaged fragments, security management at the site and its future action plan by Mr. Abdul Ahad Abbassy, Director of Historical Monuments, Ministry of Culture and Youth

15:15-16:15 Discussion on the presentations and future actions

Fourth Session: Archaeological investigations

Chair Professor Kosaku Maeda

- 16:15-16:20 Reporting on the de-mining activities achieved in 2006 with cooperation of UNMACA & PRT by Mr. Masanori Nagaoka, UNESCO Office in Kabul
- 16:20-16:45 Presentation on the progress in the cooperation achieved in 2006 and future actions by Mr. Kazuya Yamauchi, Archaeologist, NRICP
- 16.45–17:10 Presentation on the recent archaeological findings and future actions by Professor Zemaryalaï Tarzi, Strasbourg University
- 17:10-17:25 Presentation on the archaeological priorities within coming years of the Afghan authorities by Mr Mohammad N. Rasuli, Director of the Institute of Archaeology, Ministry of Culture and Youth
- 17.25 – 18.00 Discussion on the presentations and future actions

Friday, 15 December 2006

Fifth Session: Long-term conservation planning for Bamiyan: Implementation of the Cultural Masterplan and completion of the Draft World Heritage Management Plan for the *Archaeological Remains and the Cultural Landscape of the Bamiyan Valley*

Chair Mr. Omar Sultan

- 9:00-9:25 Reporting on the outcomes of the workshop in Bamiyan in August 2006 for the presentation and implementation of the Bamiyan Cultural Masterplan by Professor Michael Jansen, Aachen University
- 9:25-9:40 Presentation on the regulated implementation of the Bamiyan Cultural Masterplan after its adoption in March 2006 by Mr. Qiamuddin Djallalzada, Deputy Minister for Urban Development
- 9:40-10:05 Presentation on the cooperation made in 2006 on the final draft of the World Heritage Management Plan for review and approval of the Afghan authorities by Ms. Nobuko Inaba, architect, NRICP
- 10:05-10:20 Presentation on the establishment of the inter-sectoral Bamiyan Cultural Landscape Coordination Committee (BCLCC) and its mandate by Ms. Habiba Sarabi, Governor of Bamiyan
- 10:20-10:35 Presentation on the need for monitoring mechanism to preserve the site by Mr. Abdul Ahad Abbassy, Director, Department of Historical Monuments

10: 35-10:40 Reporting on the regional infrastructural development plans and necessity for the integrated approach for a planned community based tourism by Mr. Amir Foladi, Executive Advisor to the Governor

10:40-11:50 Discussion on the presentations and future actions

Break 10 minutes

Sixth session: Targets and Benchmarks for the State of Conservation

Chair Mr. Omar Sultan

12:00-12:05 Introduction on the procedure for the setting of benchmarks for corrective measures to enhance better State of Conservation of World Heritage properties in Danger (for eventual removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger) by Ms. Junko Okahashi, World Heritage Centre

12:05-12:20 Report on the ongoing discussions for the identification of benchmarks for corrective measures to enhance better State of Conservation of the Archaeological Remains and the Cultural Landscape of the Bamiyan Valley (for eventual removal from the List of World Heritage in Danger), by Professor Michael Jansen, Aachen University, nominated expert by ICOMOS

12:20-13:00 Open discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

Seventh session: Training of professionals and heritage awareness-raising

Chair Ms. Habiba Sarabi

14:30-14:40 Presentation on the current capacity-development activities for Afghan professionals by Professor Kosaku Maeda, Wako University

14:40-14:50 Presentation on capacity-development requirements for Afghan professionals by Mr. Mohammad N. Rasuli, Director of the Institute of Archaeology

14:50-15:00 Presentation on the possible use and management of the Training Centre for Cultural Heritage Conservation in Bamiyan by Mr. Mohammad Zia, Head of Cultural Heritage Department

15:00-15:10 Presentation on the status quo of the historical monuments' inventory/documentation and its use by Mr. Georgios Toubekis, Aachen University / ICOMOS Germany

15:10-15:30 Presentation on the statute, orientations and awareness-raising activities of Bamiyan Preserver Association for Cultural Heritage (BPACH) by Mr. Amir Foladi, Executive Advisor to the Governor of Bamiyan

15:30-16:30 Discussion on the presentations and future actions

Break for 10 minutes

Drafting session

Chair Professor Michael Jansen

16:40-18:00 Drafting of Recommendations upon free discussions

Saturday, 16 December 2006

Adoption of Recommendations

Chair Professor Michael Jansen

9:00-12:45 Final discussion and adoption of Recommendations on all aspects of the preservation of the Bamiyan site

Closure

12:45-13:00 Chair Professor Michael Petzet

Departure of some participants

Side session for the setting of benchmarks for the Archaeological Remains and the Cultural Landscape of Bamiyan as well as for the Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam

14:00-17:00 *Participation restricted to representatives from Afghanistan, nominated ICOMOS expert, Advisor on Afghanistan to the ADG for Culture of UNESCO and UNESCO representatives*

Departure of some participants

Sunday, 17 December 2006

Departure of participants including representatives from Afghanistan