



CLIMATE CHANGE
IMPACTS ON
CULTURAL HERITAGE:

FACING THE CHALLENGE
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Today, 22 June 2019, world experts have convened at the International Conference “**Impacts of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage: Facing the Challenge**” after recognizing that climate change is impacting on all aspects of world cultural heritage and in particular the integrity of monuments and sites of universal value adopted the following actions:

1. Research

The creation of a strategy that furnish better tools for our understanding of the threats as well as a more efficient mitigation of climate change effects. This will include:

Measure 1.1 Improve the quality of information on impacts of climate change on cultural heritage monuments and sites by installing detailed recording and monitoring systems for environmental threats on materials and socio-economic effects in various parts of the world.

Measure 1.2 Creation of a vulnerability index for each one and for groups of monuments and sites including those who might be affected in the future by extreme weather events in a destabilized climate environment applied worldwide.

2. Infrastructure

The creation of a strategy to help mitigation efforts of climate change effects on cultural heritage. This will include:

Measure 2.1 The creation of a repository of good practice for actions, site management and risk management plans for the prevention of climate change impacts, to be used by the relevant services for the protection of cultural heritage.

Measure 2.2 Creating actions that ensure interdisciplinary cooperation in order to investigate and implement methodologies for development of effective sustainable adaptation strategies for the climate derived threats to heritage.

Measure 2.3 Design of increased readiness action programs in Emergencies.

Measure 2.4 Create risk assessment maps for specific threats based on climatic projections.

Measure 2.5 Elaboration, on the appropriate investment programs for the protection against extreme weather events.

3. Education

The formulation of an education policy that will advise educational institutions and other stakeholders on the appropriate content for such programs for the better coordination of education efforts. This will include:

Measure 3.1 Educating children: Integrating into the educational material of primary and secondary education the impacts of climate change on cultural heritage.

Measure 3.2 Educating the public: Informing the public about the effects of climate change on heritage through programs and actions in museums, archaeological sites and schools. Traditional knowledge of indigenous people and local knowledge systems shall be included in the curricula.

Measure 3.3 Training seminars for decision-makers management authorities and services on climate change risk management and prevention.