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Plan to Accelerate Solution: **Capacity building for adapting cultural practices and heritage sites**

Axis: 5. Fostering Human and Social Development ▾

Key objective: 19. Culture, cultural heritage protection and climate action ▾

Solution: **Capacity building for adapting cultural practices and heritage sites**

Host initiative (Name of the initiative responsible for overseeing the plan implementation until 2028): **Heritage Adapts! 3000 x 2030 Initiative** (led by Preserving Legacies for the Heritage Adapts! Steering Group including the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), Climate Heritage Network (CHN), Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage Alliance (SEACHA), Europa Nostra/European Heritage Hub, International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), Heritage Management Organization, ICH NGO Forum, and World Monuments Fund, with financial support from the National Geographic Society)

Scope: [Addressed scope, such as specific technologies and geographic/sectoral focus, if any.]

- Geographic: **Global**
- Sectoral: **Culture** (but connecting to Nature, Water, Food, Infrastructure and more)
- Other aspects: **Includes multiple dimensions of culture including natural, cultural and mixed heritage sites; object, collections, movables and other forms of tangible heritage; intangible cultural heritage; and cultural practice; as well as the closely linked concepts of traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, and local knowledge systems.**

Levers assessment: *(each lever is described in the guidance document)*

- **Risk-informed decision-making:** **Low maturity** ▾
 - *Rationale: Climate risk tools exist but are not widely available and/or in use in the management of heritage places and cultural practices. The results of the Online Consultation conducted by UNESCO between 2019 and 2020 in connection with the updating of the "Policy Document on the Impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties" as well as other inputs indicate that key areas requiring attention include the availability of downscales climate models and climate scenarios; incorporation of diverse knowledge systems into risk assessment; development of methodologies for locally-led adaptation, including for identifying and prioritizing impacts and responses. Climate services are designed to translate scientific data into decision-relevant guidance for climate action, but an informal survey conducted by the National Geographic Society-funded Preserving Legacies project found that heritage places and practices remain largely overlooked by climate services providers.*
- **Technology shifts:** **Low maturity** ▾
 - *Rationale: In the adaptation context, a key technology issue is access to climate data. Many digital platforms, institutional portals, and technical dashboards are too technical, too abstract, or not designed for the languages, technologies, or realities of the diverse communities that care for cultural practices and heritage sites. As a result, data may be technically "available" to culture and heritage advocates but effectively out of reach; it may be published, but not readily understood; it may be free to access, but functionally unusable.*

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- **Knowledge & Capacity building:** **Low maturity** ▾
 - *Rationale:* See generally Supply and Demand analyses. Multiple mapping and assessment exercises undertaken by the UNFCCC in connection with the UAE Belem work programme in the adaptation context found that cultural heritage is the beneficiary of fewer existing indicators, fewer training and capacity building efforts, and less support than any other thematic area surveyed (e.g. food, water, health etc.).
- **Inclusive decision-making governance & design:** **Medium maturity** ▾
 - *Rationale:* In many places, the approaches used to plan climate adaptation actions for culture and heritage are expert- and top-down driven. This includes the foundational processes of mapping, inventorying, documenting and “listing” elements of culture and heritage, which often determines what will be designated as culture and heritage and correspondingly prioritized for adaptation action. In some cases this reflects the “high stakes” nature of working on treasured heritage sites (e.g. World Heritage sites). There is a need for more models of inclusive, locally-led, organised and facilitated multi-disciplinary approaches that bring together local communities, professionals, stakeholders, rights holders, climate scientists, environmental and cultural heritage experts, and policymakers through open discussions (examples from more mature sectors such as biodiversity conservation may be a useful first step).
- **Standards & Taxonomies:** **Medium maturity** ▾
 - *Rationale:* Some methodologies and technical standards exist to support risk assessment and adaptation planning for heritage sites (and to a much lesser extent for cultural practices) but there remain significant gaps. Moreover, many existing methodologies have shortcomings, in part reflecting their importation from other sectors. Especially lacking are widely agreed standards for ethical and equitable engagement with Indigenous Peoples and local communities and methodologies for valuing and using plural knowledge systems; differentiation between heritage values and heritage fabric/attributes; standards for locally-led processes in the culture and heritage contexts, including inclusive models for mapping elements of culture and heritage; and methods for identifying broader effects on associated communities from climate impacts to sites and practices. Taxonomies and agreed definition of basic terms like “heritage site” and “cultural practice” are lacking in the adaptation context. Also needed are commonly agreed protocols/parameters for running future climate scenarios.
- **Supply:** **Low maturity** ▾
 - *Rationale:* The existing supply of capacity building offerings for culture and heritage tend to be focused in the global north. Offerings especially in the global south tend to be limited to a handful of pilot programs with few mechanisms in place to scale opportunities. Many existing offerings require knowledge of English and reliable internet access. (see generally Simpson, Nicholas P., et al (2022) ICSM CHC White Paper II: Impacts, vulnerability, and understanding risks of climate change for culture and heritage: Contribution of Impacts Group II to the International Co-Sponsored Meeting on Culture, Heritage and Climate Change. Discussion Paper. ICOMOS & ISCM CHC, Charenton-le-Pont, France & Paris, France, 109p. ISBN 978-2-918086-72-7. [Book] <https://openarchive.icomos.org/id/eprint/2718/>).

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- **Demand:** Low maturity
 - *Rationale: Most heritage sites are not currently preparing for the impacts of climate change. (See generally, Chen, Y., Wang, D., Zhang, L. et al. World Heritage documents reveal persistent gaps between climate awareness and local action. Nat. Clim. Chang. (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-025-02461-4>). Reasons include competing demands for scarce resources, lack of policy and financing structures to support scaling action, lack of access to data and agreed methodologies, and other factors.*
- **Public/private finance:** Low maturity
 - *Rationale: Public finance for adaptation of heritage sites and cultural practices is scarce with private finance generally even harder to secure. The historic omission of culture and heritage from adaptation policy has tended to drive a corresponding, categorical omission from public **climate** financing schemes including, critically, funding for loss and damage. As a result, the public finance which is available typically comes from already small and over-stretched culture/heritage budgets and not from climate finance instruments. In many cases private finance for adapting cultural heritage is only available in the context of tourism promotion schemes, leading to contradictory results owing to the GHG intensive nature of some tourism models and the increased exposure to climate risks that can accompany over-tourism.*
- **Partnerships and collaboration:** High maturity
 - *Rationale: The #ClimateHeritage movement has become increasingly sophisticated in recent years – led by initiatives like the Climate Heritage Network and the ICOMOS Climate Action Working Group. New global projects like World Monuments Fund Cultivating Resilience are indicative of emerging efforts to support networks of heritage custodians and cultural practice advocates in responding to climate change and adapting to future extremes.*
- **Policy & regulatory:** Low maturity
 - *Rationale: Across the globe, the omission of heritage from climate change adaptation policies and finance windows is a barrier to scaling up work to protect culture and heritage from climate-related risks. See Guzman, P. and Daly, C. (2021) Cultural Heritage in Climate Planning; The HiCLIP Pilot Project for Understanding the Integration of Culture into Climate Action. A report on the Climate Heritage Network WG4 HiCLIP project. ICOMOS. Europe is to some extent an exception. The breakthrough recognition of heritage in the Global Goal on Adaptation framework offers an opportunity to begin fixing this problem but with only a few exceptions (Germany, Brazil, Ireland), that potential has not yet been realized.*
- **Public opinion:** Medium maturity
 - *Rationale: Anecdotal evidence suggests that the public is interested in the fate of heritage sites and cultural practices in the face of climate hazards, though there is less evidence of that interest being translated into support for concrete actions.*

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Expected impact of this plan on the 2030 targets (if any):

[Please articulate briefly how this plan will contribute to accelerate the delivery of 2030 targets (if any) by addressing key implementation blockers. Please also share further details on the expected impact of this plan, including its contributions to the Global Stocktake (GST), SDGs or other processes]

The Heritage Adapts! 3000 x 2030 Plan to Accelerate Solution aims to see thousands of heritage sites and cultural practices adapted to climate risks by 2030 in support of the 2030 Climate Solution Targets on Adaptation and resilience. Specifically, this PAS will build the capacity for advocates and custodians for at least 3000 heritage sites and cultural practices across the globe to implement by 2030 locally-led climate adaptation strategies for their place/practice, while also promoting collective action to tackle climate planning and finance systems that often overlook the sector. This Plan also supports the 2030 Climate Solution Nature Target as heritage sites include natural heritage sites/protected areas.

In order to meet the goal of implementation of an adaptive strategy by 2030, advocates for a site or practice will be encouraged to make their Heritage Adapts! pledge by 2028. Accordingly, by 2028, this PAS aims to unlock measurable progress towards capacity building for adapting heritage sites and cultural practices through the following impact pathways:

- **Addressing demand by making climate change adaptation a top-of-mind concern for all those who work on safeguarding heritage places and caring for cultural practices**
 - This PAS will increase demand for adaptation support and action in the heritage/culture sector through the Heritage Adapts! 3000 x 2030 Campaign, which aims to build awareness of heritage site custodians and cultural practice advocates (including local governments and regional authorities) of the increasing climate risks posed to sites/practices (especially during periods of potential 1.5 degree overshoot) and the need for commensurate responses. The Campaign aims to inspire custodians and advocates to make a formal “Heritage Adapts! Pledge” to implement an adaptive strategy for their site/practice by 2030.
- **Addressing supply of capacity building offerings through the new Heritage Adapts! Community of Action**
 - The diverse initiatives that make up this PAS are joining forces and pooling their respective training and educational offerings in a new, common online platform called the Heritage Adapts! Community of Action. Part learning platform, part social network, the Community of Action aims to help those who have made the Heritage Adapts! pledge succeed in their goal of implementing an adaptive strategy by 2030 by improving access to resources while democratizing capacity building via a global peer-to-peer network to support exchange on better practices and guiding methodologies, including practices for promoting locally-led

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adaptation and valorising diverse knowledge systems. Technologies developed with the help of National Geographic Society will eventually help make capacity building resources available in multiple languages and to those with lower internet access. A new service provider directory will connect users to businesses, NGOs, and research organizations offering free and for-pay services supporting adaptation action in the sector.

- **Shifting Technology by Making Climate Data Available to Culture and Heritage Stewards**

- The Heritage Adapts! Community of Access will include groundbreaking Heritage Regional Data Hubs, an innovative geographic information platform that delivers downscaled climate data, bridging the gap between global climate information and its application in the culture sector at local and regional scales. Climate data becomes empowering only when people can understand it, trust it, and apply it in meaningful ways. The aim of these five regional hubs (collectively covering the whole planet) is to not only expand access to climate data but to make it functionally unusable by the diverse custodians and advocates that care for culture and heritage.

- **Promoting Risk-informed decision-making for culture and heritage custodians and advocates**

- The Heritage Adapts Learning Journey delivered via the Community of Action includes an innovative set of open source learning resources, worksheets, case studies and methodologies designed to support culture and heritage advocates to engage with all the dimensions of adaptation, including incorporating climate risk-informed decision making into heritage management and adaptation planning and implementation, as well as basic climate and heritage literacy. This Learning Journey delivered asynchronously via the Community of Action platform will be complemented by a Climate Literacy Training for Heritage (CLTH) course generally delivered in person at locations around the world. A new Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Toolkit for Culture-Based Resilience and Adaptation Action under development with support from the Mellon Foundation will fill a critical gap in existing adaptation methodologies and practice for culture and heritage, unlocking the benefits of MEL for the sector.

- **Expanding access to finance for culture and heritage adaptation projects**

- The Heritage Adapts Community of Action aims to include most if not all of the major philanthropic institutions and grantmakers currently funding adaptation projects for culture. This will allow the Community of Action to become a clearinghouse on such sources of finance. Perhaps more importantly, the Heritage Adapts! Coalition will build on the policy work discussed below to advocate for new financing windows for culture-based climate action, filling a distinct gap in current climate finance offerings. The NCQG decision taken at COP29 called for taking account of the targets of the GGA framework – including the new cultural

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heritage target (GGA 9g/GST 63g) -- in scaling up adaptation finance which creates an as-of-yet unrealized opportunity to advance this advocacy.

- **Improving recognition of culture and heritage in climate adaptation policy**
 - The Heritage Adapts to Climate Alliance (HACA) Advocacy Toolkit current under development by an international team of experts with support from the Mellon Foundation will help local advocates leverage the breakthrough recognition of cultural heritage in the 2023 GST/GGA Framework in order to mainstream culture and heritage into local and regional climate adaptation plans and policies. New recognition of the culture sector in climate planning can drive greater support for local culture and heritage adaptation work, including opening up a seat at the table of adaptation policy making for advocates. This advocacy work will build on success stories like Ireland, Germany and Brazil which have already moved to bring their national adaptation planning into alignment with the GGA Framework by adding or enhancing cultural heritage sectoral adaptation plans or targets.

Transparency and accountability: A dashboard built into the Community of Action platform will monitor progress of each pledgee towards implementing a locally-led climate adaptation strategy for their place/practice, with anonymized results towards the 3000 by 2030 goal publicly reported. At the site/practice level, a monitoring, evaluation and learning toolkit will be made available to allow each site to monitor and evaluate the quality and success of their adaptive strategies and to learn from these outcomes.

Contributions to GST, SDGs and Other Processes

- **Global Stocktake (GST):** Paragraph 63g of Decision -/CMA.5 Outcome of the first global stocktake (which parallels para 9g of the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience) urges Parties and invites non-Party stakeholders to increase ambition and enhance adaptation action and support by 2030 for “protecting cultural heritage from the impacts of climate-related risks by developing adaptive strategies for preserving cultural practices and heritage sites and by designing climate-resilient infrastructure guided in by traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples’ knowledge and local knowledge systems.” This PAS is expressly calibrated and timed to accelerate delivery of this target by enhancing the capacity of culture advocates and heritage custodians to implement adaptive strategies by 2030. This PAS will be one of, if not the, premier efforts in the world to fulfill this GST/GGA ambition.
- **SDGs:** The Heritage Adapts! 3000 by 2030 Plan to Accelerate Solution also supports delivery of **Sustainable Development Goal Target 11.4**, in which countries have pledged to “strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage.” SDG 11.4 builds on science which shows that increased safeguarding of cultural and natural heritage makes cities and human settlements more “inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.”. Climate change is increasing the defining threat to heritage but many

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cultural managers are ill equipped to implement safeguarding measures against current and future climate risks. By enhancing capacity in this regard, the Heritage Adapts! PAS will improve heritage safeguarding, directly and indirectly supporting delivery of the safety, resilience and inclusion benefits contemplated by SDG 11.4. The PAS also contributes to all five targets of **SDG 13** (Climate Action).

- **Other Processes:** The Plan to Accelerate Solution complements the **Race to Resilience Culture** campaign of the CHLC's Race to Resilience, which aims to enhance climate resilience through the integration of cultural and heritage-based strategies within communities in the United States and Africa. It also supports the Culture, Heritage and Arts Thematic of the 7th Capacity Building Hub being organized at COP30 by the **Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)**.

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| Heritage Adapts! 3000 x 2030 Coalition formed and launched | Assemble a coalition led by a 10-15 member Leadership Partner Steering Group as well as dozens of Supporting Partners around the world | *Draft Heritage Adapts Leadership Partner MOU *Convene Steering Group of 10-15 Leadership Partners drawn from climate and cultural organizations around the world. *Launch Campaign for dozens of supporting partners | New action ▾ | Inclusive deci... ▾ | Preserving Legacies | Novemb... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Preserving Legacies, ICOMOS, Climate Heritage Network, Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage Alliance (SEACHA), Europa Nostra/European Heritage |

¹ Such as national governments, local and regional governments, regulators & public agencies, utilities & system providers, large companies, small and medium enterprises, investors and private finance institutions, MDBs, academic and technical institutions, youth, indigenous peoples and women-led groups, multi-stakeholders platform (non-exhaustive)

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| | | | | | | | | Hub, International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), Heritage Management Organization, ICH NGO Forum, and World Monuments Fund, with financial support from the National Geographic Society |
| Heritage Adapts! 3000 x 2030 Campaign Launched | Design and launch a global campaign aimed at inspiring advocates and custodians for at least 3000 heritage sites and cultural practices to pledge to work to implement an adaptive strategy for their site/practice by 2030. | *Design the campaign to take forward this Plan to Accelerate Solution. The Campaign's working title is "Letters from Heritage" *Implement Letters from Heritage Campaign across Heritage Adapts coalition. | New action ▾ | Demand ▾ | Preserving Legacies/Heritage Adapts Steering Group | March 2... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Preserving Legacies, ICOMOS, Climate Heritage Network, Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage Alliance (SEACHA), Europa Nostra/European Heritage Hub, International Federation of |

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| | | | | | | | | Library Associations (IFLA), Heritage Management Organization, ICH NGO Forum, and World Monuments Fund, with financial support from the National Geographic Society |
| Heritage Adapts! 3000 x 2030 Community of Action Launched | To help assure that each succeeds in implementing an adaptive strategy by 2030, the HA Coalition is building a companion Heritage Adapts “community of action”. Part learning platform, part social network, it aims to democratize climate and | *Design Community of Action platform via integration of Webflow and Circle Apps, including functionality as follows: • Pledge form and intake, including self-assessment/ diagnostic tool. Immediately upon taking the pledge, advocates and custodians will join the Community of Action at the stage that matches their experience level and then will be supported to progress to the end of the Journey, culminating in the implementation of adaptive strategies for their site or practice and fulfillment of their pledge. | New action ▾ | Supply ▾ | Preserving Legacies/Heritage Adapts Steering Group | March 2... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Preserving Legacies, ICOMOS, Climate Heritage Network, Europa Nostra/European Heritage Hub, International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), Heritage Management Organization, ICH NGO |

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| | heritage education, expand access to climate data, and foster a global peer-to-peer network. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Journey (ie Self-paced training via sequential learning modules for each stage) – See below • An individualized interactive online dashboard to track progress • Peer-to-peer discussion forums for each stage as well as thematics like geographic region, heritage typology, and specialist topics • Regular virtual live events and office hours with expert advisors • A resource library • Directory of service providers (see below) | | | | | | Forum, and World Monuments Fund, with financial support from the National Geographic Society |
| Heritage Adapts Learning Journey Pilot | Education and training platform structured around a three-stage, self-directed learning and support experience that guides users through the 4 dimensions of the iterative adaptation cycle as well as climate and heritage literacy | Pilot beta version of the Learning Journey included modules and units covering all stages with 40 learners, mostly from the global south. | Existing a... ▾ | Risk-informed... ▾ | Preserving Legacies | Novemb... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Initial funding secured through a grant from National Geographic Society |

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| Heritage Adapts Learning Journey – Learning Content | Education and training platform structured around a three-stage, self-directed learning and support experience that guides users through the 4 dimensions of the iterative adaptation cycle as well as climate and heritage literacy | <p>*Create over 200 training modules/units built around the following 3-stage journey (itself inspired by the UNFCCC's Iterative Adaptation Cycle and the dimensional targets of the GGA Framework):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage A. Climate literacy and heritage literacy. • Stage B. Locally-led climate risk assessment and adaptation planning. • Stage C. Implementing adaptation actions and MEL (see below for development of MEL Toolkit). <p>*Create AI-enabled WhatsApp Delivery mechanism through partnership with National Geographic to support content delivery in areas with low connectivity and for non-English proficient users.</p> | New action ▾ | Risk-informed... ▾ | Preserving Legacies/Heritage Adapts Steering Group | March 2... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | ICOMOS, Europa Nostra/European Heritage Hub, Climate Heritage Network and other Coalition Members. Initial funding secured through a grant from National Geographic Society |
| Heritage Adapts Learning Journey - Regional Data Hubs | Heritage Regional Data Hubs are an innovative geographic information platform that delivers downscaled | <p>*Design and implement Regional Data Hubs for each of five regions covering the planet.</p> <p>*Trainings designed to enable users to make well-informed decisions, craft targeted strategies, and foster effective collaboration in addressing the challenges of heritage place</p> | Existing a... ▾ | Technology sh... ▾ | Preserving Legacies | March 2... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Initial funding secured through a grant from National Geographic Society |

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| | climate data, bridging the gap between global climate information and its application at local and regional scales. Five core qualities, accessibility, localization, comprehensiveness, visualization capabilities, and a robust ethical framework, position the regional Data Hubs as a transformative tool for heritage place management and climate adaptation. | adaptation to climate change. | | | | | | |
| Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Toolkit for Culture-Based Resilience and Adaptation Action | Create Toolkit for Culture-Based Resilience and Adaptation Action, including a workbook of indicators and quantified elements for | <p>Research and Methodology Plan: Coordinate development of the Research and Methodology Plan with PL and ICLEI (June – August 2025)</p> <p>Literature Review: Conduct review on cultural/ heritage-based resilience actions and MEL</p> | New action ▾ | Risk-informed... ▾ | ICLEI/Preserving Legacies | Novemb... ▾ | Local and reg... ▾ | Initial funding secured via ICLEI and the Power of Preservation Foundation from a grant from the Mellon Foundation |

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| | evaluating the effectiveness of (1) culture-based strategies for strengthening the resilience of populations in the face of climate change and (2) strategies for adapting heritage sites and cultural practices to the risks of climate impacts. | <p>systems; collect cohort inputs through a survey and five expert Key Informant Interviews. (July –September 2025)</p> <p>Create Version 1: MEL Toolkit: Develop draft Toolkit + metrics/indicators; collaborate with RTRC and PL cohort (Sept 2025 – April 2026)</p> <p>Trial Version 1: MEL Toolkit: Trial Toolkit with at least 2 communities, including Nadoba, Togo (April – September 2026)</p> <p>Final Version & Project Closeout: Revise Toolkit post-trial (one round of revisions). (Sept – December 2026)</p> <p>Trainings: Execute two identical, 90 minute training sessions on the Toolkit, one as part of the Race to Resilience Culture Academy and Heritage Adapts Community of Action</p> <p>.</p> | | | | | | |
| Heritage Adapts to Climate Alliance (HACA) Advocacy Toolkit | Toolkit to aid advocates in securing incorporation of | <p>Research and Methodology Plan (June to July 2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report: Undertake and | New action ▾ | Policy & regul... ▾ | Preserving Legacies | March 2... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Initial funding secured via Preserving Legacies and |

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| | culture and heritage provisions aligned with the GGA Framework into climate policies and adaptation finance mechanisms in their countries. The Toolkit will be proceeds by a which tracks and analyzes incorporation of culture and heritage into national climate adaptation policy instruments. | Complete desktop review of incorporation of culture and heritage into national climate adaptation policy instruments and in the work of key international organizations with a focus on provisions that implicitly or explicitly respond to the relevant provisions of the Global Goal on Adaptation Framework (see, for example, Brazil's new national adaptation objective on cultural heritage contained in its 2024 NDC or Goal U-4 on heritage in the Deutsche Anpassungsstrategie an den Klimawandel 2024). July – October 2025) *Create Version 1: Advocacy Toolkit: (June 2025 to January 2026) *Validation Version 1: Advocacy Toolkit (February 2026) *Advocacy Toolkit and Report Launch: (June 2026) | | | | | | the Power of Preservation Foundation from a grant from the Mellon Foundation |
| Climate Finance for Cultural Adaptation Advocacy | Advocate for increased climate finance for adaptation of heritage places and cultural practices | Engage in policy conversations accompanying expiration of the “Glasgow pledge” to double adaptation finance from 2019 levels which was adopted at COP26 by working to include in the Baku-to-Belém Roadmap set for adoption at COP30 the provisions of the New Collective Quantified Goal | New action ▾ | Public/private ... ▾ | Preserving Legacies | Novemb... ▾ | National gove... ▾ | |

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| | | (NCQG) agreed at COP29. which links the need to dramatically scale up adaptation finance to the GGA's targets—including cultural heritage. | | | | | | |
| Heritage Adapts! 3000 x 2030 Service Provider Marketplace | The project will have a marketplace for Service Providers. These are for-profit (e.g. consultancies) and non-profit (e.g. universities or NGOs) who offer services to support custodians in the journey to implementing adaptive strategies. Some services may be free of charge, while some services may involve fees. These could be a proprietary data set of climate hazards sold by a consultant or a free course | <p>*Open call for service providers launched in December, 2025.</p> <p>*Online service provider marketplace currently under development as part of the design and wireframing of the Heritage Adapts! Community of Action.</p> <p>*Service Provider Marketplace launched in March 2026 as part of the launch of the Community of Action.</p> | New action ▾ | Supply ▾ | Preserving Legacies | March 2... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | All Heritage Adapts Coalition members |

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| | offered by an NGO on developing gender responsive adaptation plans. | | | | | | | |
| Climate Literacy Training for Heritage (CLTH) | CLTH is a course delivered around the world that addresses key climate action competencies for heritage professionals and heritage communities. It is built around four cross-cutting themes. These are: 1. Climate Science and Impacts; 2. Carbon Footprints and Vulnerability; 3. Adaptation and Mitigation, and 4. Climate Justice and Equity. On top of the basic course there are | <p>*Hold two pilot CLTH Courses to support refinement of curricular and pedagogy: ++First pilot course held in Dublin on October 4, 2024, in collaboration with the Irish government's National Monuments Service. ++Second pilot will be a 3-day course held in Hamman, Jordan with Petra National Trust, Queen's University, and EAMENA – Oxford University.</p> <p>*Refine course offerings and coordinate with the asynchronous offerings of Stage A of the online Heritage Adapts! Learning Journey.</p> <p>*2026: Implement thematic and topical across the globe; learnings then contributed back to Stage B of the CoA Learning Journey.</p> | Existing a... ▾ | Knowledge & ... ▾ | ICOMOS Climate Action Working Group | Novemb... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Preserving Legacies |

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| | modules applicable to the specific heritage sites, heritage themes or typologies. | | | | | | | |
| Intergenerational Climate Conversations at European Heritage Label Sites | Intergenerational Climate Conversations at EHL sites aim to engage site managers, local stakeholders, young professionals and a climate adaptation expert to explore how climate change is impacting the site and how it can begin or strengthen adaptation planning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept developed: September-December 2025 - Identifying the EHL sites: December 2025 - Identifying key local actors (site managers, municipal authorities, heritage professionals, environmental NGOs, schools/universities, cultural associations, and community leaders), creating a small local steering group (site manager + youth representative + local stakeholder), involving local climate scientists or adaptation experts: May 2026 - Conversations at Heritage sites: June-December 2026 - Final reporting: February 2027 | New action ▾ | Demand ▾ | ICLEI Europe | Novemb... ▾ | Civil Society/... ▾ | Europa Nostra (Co-lead) European Heritage Label Bureau Youth.Heritage. Europe |
| Capacity building for communities to take adaptive action regarding their Intangible Cultural Heritage(ICH). | Leverage the 2024 Declaration on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage for Climate Action developed by | The Declaration on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage for Climate Action is intended to build the capacity of all actors and stakeholders to integrate ICH safeguarding into climate action strategies, including “community and indigenous | Existing a... ▾ | Knowledge & ... ▾ | ICH NGO Forum of the UNESCO 2003 Convention | Not Appl... ▾ | Multi-stakehol... ▾ | Heritage Adapts Steering Group |

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| | members of the Working Group of the ICH, Climate Change and the Environment (of the ICH NGO Forum) to fill gaps in the resources available to adapt ICH (as distinguished from tangible heritage/heritage sites). | knowledge.” Through the framework of the Declaration, this action will result in the creation of additional materials for the Heritage Adapts! Learning Journey which fills gaps in the capacity building resources available for culture practices/intangible heritage. | | | | | | |
| Handbook of best practices across the Southeast Asian region tailored to the landscape, the climate, culture, and knowledge that offer proven solutions for climate resilience, displacement, recovery and resettlement, cultural erosion, and sustainable development | To collect best vernacular practices across Southeast Asia, through academic research and practical cases, in housing solutions that withstand against natural disasters and cases from displacement and resettlement projects, and modern buildings that applied | Development of Handbook | New action ▾ | Knowledge & ... ▾ | Southeast Asian Cultural Heritage Alliance (SEACHA) | Novemb... ▾ | Multi-stakehol... ▾ | Climate Heritage Network |

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