

### Criteria for the Victoria Falls Solidarity Fund

Adopted by the Board in October 2007, amended in March 2011 and in November 2022

- 1 The purpose of the ICOMOS Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya Solidarity Fund is to maximise the attendance at General Assemblies of ICOMOS so that they are genuinely representative and inclusive of the global membership of the organisation.
- 2 The Director General, together with the President of the Advisory Committee will take steps to encourage donations to the ICOMOS Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya Solidarity Fund.
- 3 The National Committees will be reminded by the International Headquarters that any support to individuals not in their Committee to attend the General Assembly, should be channelled through the Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya Fund.
- 4 The ICOMOS Victoria Falls/Mosi-oa-Tunya Solidarity Fund and any external grant support received will be administered together using a single Grants Committee and a consolidated list of criteria for allocation.

#### Grants Committee

- 5 The Board will decide on the composition of the Grants Committee at least 8 months before a General Assembly takes place, based on the following characteristics that (ref. RoP Article 133-6):
  - The membership reflects to the extent possible in a small group, the cultural and geographical diversity of ICOMOS,
  - All members are likely to be available and willing to accept the workload associated with the role,
  - At least one representative of the Scientific Council should be included as a member of the Grants Committee,
  - Members intending to stand for election to a position at the General Assembly should not participate in the Grants Committee (with the exception of the ex officio members),
  - The Treasurer-General and the President or Vice-President of the Advisory Committee should participate in the Grants Committee as ex officio members.
- 6 The Grants Committee will submit a report on its work to the Board and make recommendations as appropriate.

#### Criteria

- 7 The Grants Committee will select ICOMOS members to receive grants according to the following criteria:

##### Criteria for eligibility/ineligibility

- The grants are reserved for ICOMOS members from eligible countries
- Only members from National Committees that are up to date with their 2025 fees at the time of submitting an application to the Grants Committee will be eligible.

- For members in countries where there is no National Committee yet, only members that are themselves up to date with their 2025 fees at the time of submitting an application to the Grants Committee will be eligible.
- Grants are open to all members with eligibility and not reserved for National Committee Presidents.
- In principle, only one grant per country will be given. If a National Committee has two candidates, the grant can be equally divided between the candidates in a joint decision of the National Committee and the Grants Committee. If sufficient funds are available – more than one grant per country may be considered.
- Bringing an accompanying person to the event will result in an immediate determination of no financial need. Should an accompanying person be brought despite having stated otherwise in the questionnaire, all funds will have to be refunded to ICOMOS Headquarters.
- Registering for/Undertaking post-GA tours or travel will result in an immediate determination of no financial need. Should such travel be undertaken despite having stated otherwise in the questionnaire, all funds will have to be refunded to the ICOMOS Headquarters.

### **Candidates need to demonstrate**

- Personal financial need,
- Clear understanding of benefits foreseen of attending the General Assembly,
- Personal involvement in ICOMOS National or International Scientific Committee, Working Group or other ICOMOS activities,
- Their commitment to obtain a visa in time, should a visa be required,
- That all other parts of the cost of their participation are covered by themselves or by additional funding.

### **Preference will be given to**

- Applicants who have not previously been supported to attend a General Assembly,
- Applicants from new or presently emerging National Committees,
- Applicants submitting abstracts for papers at the Scientific Symposium,
- Emerging Professionals,
- Applicants who are the representative of their National Committee in one of ICOMOS' International Scientific Committees or Working Groups
- Applicants from active National Committees (based on their Annual Report and fulfilment of the Dubrovnik-Valetta Principles, as well as on the record of attendance by the National Committee to previous General Assemblies and Symposia),
- Applicants from Indigenous communities,
- Applicants from countries with restricted official availability of foreign currency to travel abroad.

Unless there is a compelling reason not to do so, grant recipients are requested to allow publication of their name and expected to participate in acknowledgement functions or ceremonies for travel grant donors during the General Assembly.

### **Selection process**

- 8 Each application received will be verified for completeness by ICOMOS Headquarters; the Grants Committee will consider only applications that are complete.

- 9 Applicants will be requested to present a budget for their participation at the Triennial General Assembly indicating the amount that they can contribute and those they may perceive from other sources. The General Assembly Organising Committee will be asked to allow selected grantees to benefit from the “early bird registration fee” regardless of when they register (both those for whom registration is covered by the grant or those who have to pay it themselves).
- 10 In allocating amounts to applicants, the Grants Committee offers grants depending on the location and costs of attending the General Assembly and Scientific Symposium. The amounts of the grants will be proposed by the Deputy Director General in consultation with the host Committee, based on the likely costs of participation in the General Assembly and Scientific Symposium.
- 11 All applicants will be informed of the Grants Committee’s decisions according to the tentative schedule below. The Grants Committee’s decisions are final.
- 12 Applicants selected to receive support but unable to accept it due to unforeseen circumstances must notify ICOMOS Headquarters at once so that those funds may be redirected to meet other applicants’ needs.
- 13 Information contained in the applications as well as the financial support given to individuals will be treated as confidential.

**Members from the following countries are eligible for grant programme support:**  
 (Depending on whether their Committees have paid their membership fees in time)  
*This list is subject to changes*

### Asia/Pacific – 16 countries

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Bangladesh	Pakistan
China	Philippines
India	Sri Lanka
Indonesia	Thailand
Kazakhstan	+ ICOMOS Pasifika (transational
Malaysia	committee of Pacific island states)
Mongolia	
Nepal	

### Central America and the Caribbean – 9 countries

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Chile	Honduras
Costa Rica	Mexico
Cuba	Nicaragua
Dominican Republic	Panama
Guatemala	

### Central and Eastern Europe – 25 countries

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Albania	Macedonia
Armenia	Moldavia
Azerbaijan	Palestine
Belarus	Poland
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Romania
Bulgaria	Russia
Croatia	Serbia
Cyprus	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Slovenia
Estonia	Turkey
Georgia	Ukraine

### North Africa and Middle East – 4 countries

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Iran	Tunisia
Lebanon	Syria
Morocco	
Jordan	

### South America – 10 countries

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Argentina	Colombia
Brazil	Peru
Bolivia	Venezuela

### Sub-Saharan Africa – 10 countries

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Burkina Faso	Mali
Madagascar	Mauritius

Nigeria  
Senegal  
Togo

South Africa  
Zambia

**Other eligible countries where ICOMOS is pursuing the creation or recreation of an ICOMOS National Committee/or an increase of individual membership**

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Afghanistan

Tanzania

Algeria

Uganda

Angola

Uzbekistan

Benin

Vietnam

Bhoutan

Yemen

Botswana

Zimbabwe

Burkina Faso<sup>i</sup>

<sup>i</sup> Burkina Faso defaulted on the 1993 grant and has been ineligible since then. Considering that today's leadership is active and not responsible for past behaviour - it has been reintegrated among eligible countries

Cambodia

Cameroon

Cape Verde

Central African Republic

Chad

Congo, Dem. Rep. of

Cote d'Ivoire

Ecuador

Egypt

El Salvador

Ethiopia

Gabon

Ghana

Guinea

Haiti

Iraq

Jamaica

Kenya

Korea, People's Dem. Rep. of

Kyrgyzstan

Libya

Malawi

Maldives

Mauritania

Montenegro

Mozambique

Namibia

Niger

Paraguay

Saint Lucia

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Sierra Leone

Somaliland

Surinam

Swaziland

Tajikistan

