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ABOUT

ICOMOS



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ICOMOS (the International Council on Monuments and Sites) is a global organisation of cultural heritage professionals with its headquarters in Paris, which serves as the principal advisory body on cultural heritage to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. ICOMOS has over 11,000 members and more than 110 National Committees throughout the world.

ICOMOS works for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage places. It is the only global non-government organisation of this kind, which is dedicated to promoting the application of theory, methodology, and scientific techniques to the conservation of the architectural and archaeological heritage.

The ICOMOS network of experts benefits from the interdisciplinary exchange of its members, among which are architects, historians, archaeologists, art historians, geographers, anthropologists, engineers and town planners.

Members of ICOMOS contribute to improving the conservation of heritage, the standards and the techniques for each type of cultural heritage property: buildings, historic cities, cultural landscapes and archaeological sites.

ABOUT

ICOMOS Malaysia



ICOMOS Malaysia forms part of the ICOMOS international network of multi-disciplinary professionals involved in the conservation of tangible and intangible heritage. It is an independent organization that acts as a national and international link between public authorities, institutions, and individuals involved in the study and conservation of all places of cultural heritage significance. At the national level, the Committee serves as a forum for discussion and information exchange, both nationally and internationally, on matters of doctrine and on technical, legal, and administrative practices affecting the conservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and enhancement of monuments, groups of buildings, and sites. The ICOMOS Malaysia National Committee represents ICOMOS' interests at the national level and our members' views within the international network. At present, our membership has expanded to 161 professionals across the country, made up of government servants, academicians, and private practitioners. We engage our members in national and regional initiatives.

WELCOME

Message from the Convenor of ICOMOS GA2026

Selamat Datang to Kuching!

It is my great pleasure to welcome colleagues, friends, and their families to Kuching, Sarawak, for the **22nd ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026 (ICOMOS GA2026)**.

As with previous ICOMOS General Assemblies, this gathering brings together cultural heritage professionals, scholars, practitioners, and advocates from across the world to exchange knowledge, share experiences, foster collaboration, and strengthen our collective commitment to the safeguarding of cultural heritage. It is a valuable opportunity for global dialogue, made all the more meaningful by our gathering here in Sarawak.

Kuching provides a remarkable setting for this occasion. Its distinctive character reflects a harmonious blend of Indigenous traditions, cultural diversity, colonial history, and an extraordinary natural environment. Beyond the city, the lush rainforests of Sarawak and the World Heritage properties of Niah and Gunung Mulu provide a powerful backdrop to our discussions—a reminder of the close relationship between people, culture, place, and nature.

At the heart of our gathering is the five-day Scientific Symposium under the theme **“Living Heritage: Respect – Enhance – Accept – Partnership.”** The theme reflects the challenges facing heritage today and the importance of inclusive, respectful, and collaborative approaches to heritage stewardship in an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world.

Alongside the General Assembly and Scientific Symposium, a programme of public events provides opportunities for delegates and their families to engage with Malaysians from the many communities and cultures that call this country home. We are particularly proud that this is the **first time the ICOMOS General Assembly is being held in the ASEAN region**, making GA2026 an important milestone for ICOMOS and for our regional heritage community.

I encourage you to make the most of your time here—not only through the meetings, discussions, and professional exchanges, but also by experiencing the warmth, diversity, landscapes, traditions, and living heritage of Kuching and Sarawak.

May our time together strengthen existing friendships, create new partnerships, and inspire ideas that will continue well beyond this General Assembly.

Welcome to Kuching, welcome to Malaysia, and welcome to ICOMOS GA2026.



Ar. Tiong Kian Boon

Convenor,
ICOMOS GA2026

WELCOME

Message from the President of ICOMOS Malaysia

Selamat Datang – Welcome to Malaysia!

It is with great pleasure and honour that I welcome you to Malaysia for the **22nd ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026 (ICOMOS GA2026)**.

On behalf of ICOMOS Malaysia, I am delighted to welcome heritage professionals, scholars, practitioners, and advocates from around the world to Kuching, Sarawak. Your presence here reflects the strength of our global heritage community and our shared commitment to safeguarding cultural heritage for generations to come.

Malaysia is a vibrant tapestry of cultures, traditions, languages, and communities—a country where heritage lives not only in monuments and historic places, but also in our landscapes, customs, crafts, food, and everyday life. Kuching and the wider state of Sarawak provide a particularly meaningful setting for us to come together, exchange knowledge, strengthen collaborations, and explore new perspectives on the challenges and opportunities facing heritage conservation today.

Over the course of this General Assembly and Scientific Symposium, I encourage you to engage fully in the discussions, workshops, meetings, and exchanges that have been carefully prepared. Your knowledge, experience, and perspectives are what make ICOMOS such a diverse and dynamic international community.

I also hope you will take the opportunity to experience Malaysia beyond the conference. From the historic cities of Melaka and George Town and the Archaeological Heritage of the Lenggong Valley to the remarkable natural and cultural landscapes of Gunung Mulu, Kinabalu, and Niah, Malaysia offers an extraordinary diversity of heritage to discover.

This gathering would not be possible without the dedication of our organising committees, volunteers, partners, supporters, and the wider ICOMOS community. I extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed towards making ICOMOS GA2026 possible.

We hope your time here will be professionally rewarding, personally memorable, and filled with meaningful connections.

Selamat Datang ke Malaysia. Welcome to Malaysia, and welcome to ICOMOS GA2026!



Faisal Abd Rahman

President,
ICOMOS Malaysia 2024 - 2026

WELCOME

Message from the Convenor of the Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS GA 2026

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the **Scientific Symposium of the 22nd ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026 in Kuching, Sarawak.**

The Scientific Symposium lies at the heart of ICOMOS GA2026, providing a global platform for heritage professionals, researchers, practitioners, communities, and emerging professionals to exchange knowledge, challenge established perspectives, and explore new approaches to the conservation and stewardship of our shared heritage.

Our theme, **“Living Heritage: Respect – Enhance – Accept – Partnership,”** reflects the evolving ways in which we understand and care for heritage. Heritage is not static. It is shaped by people, communities, traditions, environments, and changing circumstances. Its continued relevance depends upon our ability to respect its values, enhance understanding, accept diverse perspectives, and build meaningful partnerships.

Over five days, the Symposium brings together voices and experiences from across the world through presentations, discussions, workshops, and exchanges. The programme explores the many dimensions of living heritage—from traditional knowledge and community participation to climate resilience, sustainability, technology, and new approaches to heritage management.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our speakers, session convenors, reviewers, Scientific Committee members, partners, and everyone who has contributed their knowledge and time towards developing this Symposium. I also thank all participants whose ideas, experiences, and perspectives will give life to the discussions over the coming days.

I encourage you to approach the Symposium with curiosity and openness: to share your experiences, question assumptions, discover new perspectives, and build connections across disciplines, cultures, and generations.

Welcome to the Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS GA2026. I wish you an inspiring and rewarding five days in Kuching.



Dr Ar Goh Ai Tee

Convenor, Scientific, Symposium
ICOMOS GA 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

About Malaysia

Malaysia welcomes delegates to the 22nd ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026. The following information is provided to assist international guests during their stay.

CURRENCY

The official currency is the Malaysian Ringgit (MYR), denoted by RM. Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants and shopping centres. Delegates are advised to carry some cash for smaller establishments and local markets. Automated teller machines (ATMs) are widely available in urban areas.

CLIMATE

Malaysia has a tropical climate characterised by warm temperatures, high humidity and rainfall throughout the year. Lightweight clothing is recommended. Delegates may wish to carry an umbrella and a light jacket for use in air-conditioned venues.

ELECTRICITY AND POWER PLUGS

The standard electricity supply is 230V at 50Hz. Malaysia uses Type G plugs with three rectangular pins. Delegates should bring a suitable travel adapter and ensure that their electrical devices are compatible with the local supply.

LOCAL TIME ZONE

Malaysia observes Malaysia Time (MYT), UTC+8, throughout the year, without daylight saving time. All times in the congress programme are stated in MYT unless otherwise indicated.

LANGUAGE

The official language is Malay, also known as Bahasa Malaysia. English is widely used in hospitality, tourism and business. Malaysia's cultural diversity is reflected in the many languages spoken by its communities.

Useful Malay expressions include:

Selamat Datang – Welcome

Terima Kasih – Thank you

Selamat Pagi – Good morning

Apa Khabar? – How are you?

DRINKING WATER

Delegates are advised to drink bottled or filtered water, which is readily available. Adequate hydration is particularly important during outdoor activities and technical visits.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNETS

Prepaid SIM cards and eSIMs are available from local telecommunications providers. Delegates should check device compatibility and registration requirements before purchase. Wireless internet access is commonly available at hotels and commercial establishments; coverage and service quality vary by location.

ATTIRE AND CULTURAL ETIQUETTE

Business or smart casual attire is generally appropriate for congress sessions. Specific dress requirements, where applicable, are indicated in the programme.

Malaysia is a multicultural and multireligious country. Delegates are requested to observe local customs and dress respectfully when visiting places of worship and heritage sites. Please follow site guidance on footwear, photography and access, and seek permission before photographing individuals or ceremonies.

FOOD AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Malaysian cuisine reflects the country's diverse cultural traditions. Halal dining options are widely available. Delegates with allergies or dietary requirements should confirm ingredients and preparation methods with the food provider before consumption.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Dial **999** for police, ambulance, fire and rescue emergencies.

Delegates are advised to keep their accommodation address, emergency contacts and travel insurance details readily accessible. Enquiries relating to congress arrangements should be directed to the Congress Secretariat.

HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE

Malaysia has public and private hospitals, clinics and pharmacies. Delegates are encouraged to obtain travel and medical insurance covering the full duration of their visit.

Personal medication should be brought in sufficient quantities, preferably in its original packaging, together with a prescription or supporting medical documentation where appropriate.

GENERAL INFORMATION

About Kuching

KUCHING, the capital of Sarawak, lies on the banks of the Sarawak River on the island of Borneo. Its relaxed atmosphere, cultural diversity and rich heritage provide a distinctive setting for the 22nd ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium 2026.

Sarawak is home to diverse communities, including the Iban, Bidayuh, Malay, Chinese and Orang Ulu. Their traditions, languages, crafts, architecture and food form an integral part of the city's living heritage.

The Kuching Waterfront connects historic neighbourhoods with contemporary landmarks. Nearby, the Main Bazaar, Carpenter Street, traditional shophouses, temples and mosques reflect the city's development as a trading settlement and administrative centre.

ARRIVING IN KUCHING

Kuching International Airport (KCH) is approximately 11 km from the city centre. Allow additional travel time during busy periods and check the journey time to your hotel when booking a transfer. Taxis and e-hailing services are available. Keep your hotel's name and address readily accessible and follow the airport signage or your booking app's instructions to the pick-up point.

GETTING AROUND

Grab is an app-based transport option for journeys around Kuching. Download the app and set up your account before travelling. Check the fare and pick-up point, and confirm the vehicle registration number and driver's details before entering the vehicle. Many attractions around the Kuching Waterfront can be explored on foot. Traditional *tambang* boats provide crossings of the Sarawak River. Check availability and fares locally before boarding.

EXPLORING RESPECTFULLY

Explore the Main Bazaar, Carpenter Street and the Waterfront to encounter the city's historic buildings, local businesses and everyday community life. Wear comfortable footwear, carry drinking water and an umbrella, and follow local guidance at places of worship and heritage sites. Ask permission before photographing people or ceremonies.

FOOD AND CULTURE

Kuching's food traditions reflect Sarawak's diverse communities. Local favourites include:

Sarawak Laksa

Rice vermicelli in a spiced broth.

Kolo Mee

Dry-tossed noodles with savoury toppings.

Manok Pansoh

Chicken cooked in bamboo.

Midin

A local edible fern, often stir-fried.

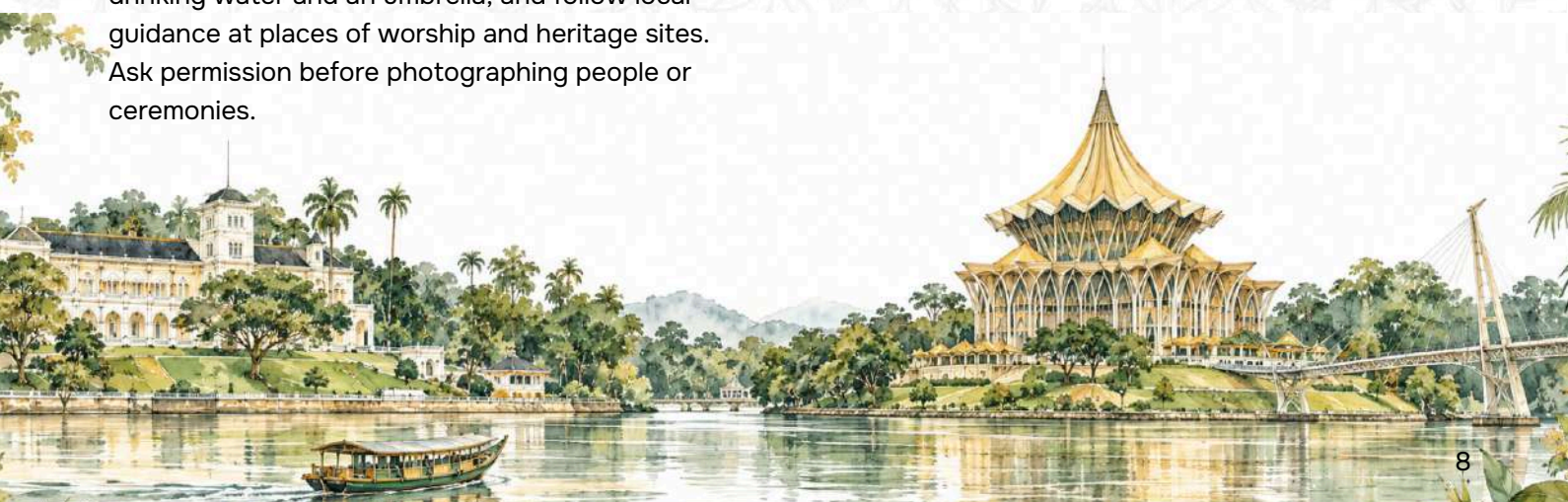
Kek Lapis Sarawak

Sarawak's distinctive layered cake.

Ingredients and preparation vary. Delegates with allergies, halal requirements or other dietary needs should confirm suitability before ordering.

HERITAGE BEYOND KUCHING

Sarawak is home to two UNESCO World Heritage properties: **Gunung Mulu National Park** and **The Archaeological Heritage of Niah National Park's Caves Complex**. Both are located outside Kuching and require separate travel planning.



Photography & Filming

Official photographers and videographers will be present throughout ICOMOS GA2026 to document the General Assembly, Scientific Symposium, social events and other official activities.

By attending the event, delegates should be aware that photographs and video recordings may be taken in conference and event areas and may be used by ICOMOS, ICOMOS Malaysia and the GA2026 organisers for event documentation, reports, publications, websites, social media and future promotional or archival purposes.

Delegates are welcome to take photographs for personal use during the conference unless otherwise indicated. However, photography or recording may be restricted during certain meetings, presentations, ceremonies, technical visits or culturally sensitive activities. Please observe any announcements or signage provided by the organisers.

When photographing local communities, ceremonies, places of worship or culturally sensitive sites, delegates are encouraged to seek permission and respect local customs and privacy.

Please also be considerate when photographing or filming fellow delegates, particularly during informal conversations, networking activities and social events.

Where a session contains unpublished research, copyrighted material or content identified by a speaker as confidential or not for recording, delegates should refrain from photographing, filming or recording that material.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference Registration & Badge Collection

The ICOMOS GA2026 Registration Desk will be located at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK).

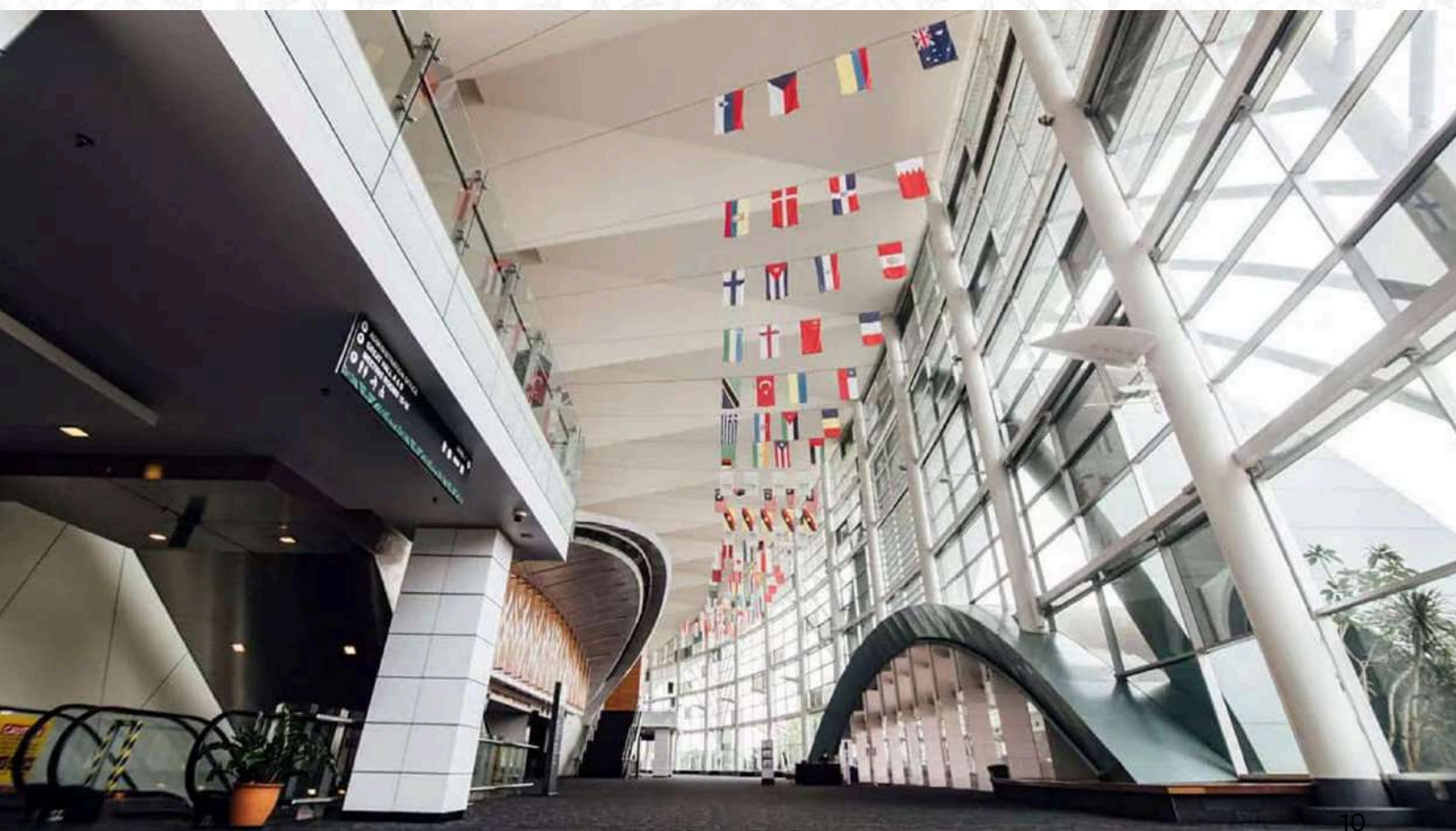
Registration & Badge Collection Hours

18 October 2026	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
19–22 October 2026	7:30 AM – 5:30 PM daily

Delegates are encouraged to collect their conference badge as early as possible upon arrival. Please wear your badge at all times while attending conference sessions, meetings, official functions and other GA2026 activities.

Your conference badge may be required for access to designated conference areas, social events, technical visits and transportation provided as part of the official programme.

Please approach the Registration Desk during the above hours if you require assistance with your registration or conference badge.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Transfers & Shuttle

Shuttle services will operate between the designated hotel pick-up points and Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK).

Hotel pick-up points: Grand Margherita Hotel, Hilton Kuching and The Waterfront Hotel.

Delegates staying at nearby panel hotels may make their way to any of these designated pick-up points to board the shuttle to BCKK. Return services will operate from BCKK to the designated drop-off points.

Please arrive before the scheduled departure time. Buses will depart promptly.

18 October 2026, Sunday		
Pick-Up Time	Pick-Up Point	Drop-Off Point
18:00, 18:15, 18:30 (To BCKK)	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel	BCKK
21:15, 21:30, 21:45 (Return Service)	BCKK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel

19 October 2026, Monday		
Pick-Up Time	Pick-Up Point	Drop-Off Point
7:30, 7:45, 8:00 (To BCKK)	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel	BCKK
17:00, 17:15, 17:30 (Return Service)	BCKK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel
19:00 (Additional evening return) 100 passengers	BCKK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel

20 October 2026, Tuesday		
Pick-Up Time	Pick-Up Point	Drop-Off Point
7:30, 7:45, 8:00 (To BCKK)	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel	BCKK
17:00, 17:15, 17:30 (Return Service)	BCKK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel Borneo Culture Museum
19:00 (Additional evening return) 100 passengers	BCKK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel

21 October 2026, Wednesday

Pick-Up Time	Pick-Up Point	Drop-Off Point
7:30, 7:45, 8:00 (To BCCK)	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel	BCCK
17:00, 17:15, 17:30 (Return Service)	BCCK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel
19:00 (Additional evening return) 100 passengers	BCCK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel

22 October 2026, Thursday

Pick-Up Time	Pick-Up Point	Drop-Off Point
7:30, 7:45, 8:00 (To BCCK)	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel	BCCK
16:00, 16:15, 16:30 (Return Service)	BCCK	Grand Margherita Hotel Hilton Kuching The Waterfront Hotel

Transfer Assistance

For assistance with transfers or shuttle arrangements, please contact:

Ms Lek | Logistics Helpline
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Program Overview

Dates & Timeline

15 - 18 October	Pre-Assembly
19 - 22 October	ICOMOS GA 2026
23 October	Post-Assembly

Legend

	Pre-assembly and Statutory Meetings
	ISC Meetings
	Scientific Symposium & Workshops
	Social Events
	Public Events
	Heritage Exposition

Time	15 October		16 October	17 October
0800				
0830		08:30 - 18:00 WS2: People-Centred AI and Digital Twins for Historic Places ♀ Borneo Cultures Museum	08:30 - 12:00 ICOMOS Board Meeting ♀ Grand Margherita	08:30 - 12:30 ICOMOS National Committee Meeting ♀ Riverside Majestic Hotel (Puteri)
0900				
0930				
1000				
1030				
1100				
1130				
1200				
1230				
1300			13:00 - 18:00 ICOMOS Regional Group Meetings ♀ Riverside Majestic Hotel (Puteri)	
1330				
1400	14:00 - 17:30			14:00 - 18:00 ICOMOS Scientific Council Meeting ♀ Riverside Majestic Hotel (Puteri)
1430	ICOMOS Bureau Meeting			
1500	♀ Grand Margherita			
1530				
1600				
1630				
1700				
1730				
1800				
1830				
1900	19:00 - 22:00 Welcome Dinner for ICOMOS Board & Invited Guests ♀ River Cruise		19:00 - 21:00 Reception for Advisory Committee and Board ♀ English Tea House	
1930				
2000				
2030				
2100				
2130				

Time	18 October	19 October	
0800			
0830		08:30 - 12:00	08:30 - 17:00
0900	09:00 - 17:30	ICOMOS GA Opening Plenary	ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo
0930	ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting	♀ Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (Level 2)	♀ Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (Level 1)
1000	♀ Riverside Puteri		
1030			
1100			
1130			
1200			
1230			
1300			
1330		13:30 - 17:00	
1400		Scientific Symposium: Plenary Lectures	
1430		♀ Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (Level 2)	
1500			
1530			
1600			
1630			
1700			
1730		17:30 - 19:30	
1800		WS1:	
1830		3-Day Workshop	
1900	19:00 - 21:30	♀ BCCK	
1930	ICOMOS GA2026 Official Opening Ceremony		
2000	♀ Borneo Convention Centre Kuching		
2030			
2100			
2130			

Time	20 October		21 October	
0800				
0830	Panel Discussion & Symposia 1 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)	08:30 - 17:00 ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo ♀ Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (Level 1)	Panel Discussion & Symposia 5 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)	08:30 - 17:00 ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo ♀ Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (Level 1)
0900				
0930				
1000				
1030	Panel Discussion & Symposia 2 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)		Panel Discussion & Symposia 6 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)	
1100				
1130				
1200				
1230				
1300				
1330	Panel Discussion & Symposia 3 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)		Panel Discussion & Symposia 7 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)	
1400				
1430				
1500				
1530	Panel Discussion & Symposia 4 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)		Symposia 8 ♀ BCCK (Level 2)	
1600				
1630				
1700				
1730	17:30 - 19:30		17:30 - 19:30	
1800	WS1: 3-Day Workshop ♀ BCCK	18:00 - 21:30 A night at the museum ♀ BCCK	WS1: 3-Day Workshop ♀ BCCK	18:30 - 19:30 UNESCO 80th year ♀ BCCK
1830				
1900				
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2100				
2130				

Time	22 October		23 October	
0800				
0830	08:30 - 12:00	08:30 - 17:00	08:30 - 12:00	08:30 - 12:00
0900	ICOMOS GA Closing Plenary	ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo	ICOMOS Board Meeting	Delegate Day Trip
0930	Q BCCK (Level 2)	Q BCCK (Level 1)	Q Grand Margerita	Q Kuching, Sarawak
1000				
1030				
1100				
1130				
1200				
1230				
1300				
1330	13:30 - 15:00			
1400	Symposia 9			
1430	Q BCCK (Level 2)			
1500				
1530	15:30 - 17:00			
1600	Symposia 10			
1630	Q BCCK (Level 2)			
1700				
1730				
1800				18:00 - 21:30
1830				ICOMOS GA Gala Dinner
1900				Q Riverside Majestic
1930				
2000				
2030				
2100				
2130				

All times are Malaysia Time (MYT), UTC+8.

Pre-Assembly 15 - 18 October 2026	ICOMOS GA2026 19 - 22 October 2026	Post-Assembly 23 October 2026
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15 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–18:00	WS2: People-Centred AI and Digital Twins for Historic Places	Borneo Cultures Museum
14:00–17:30	ICOMOS Bureau Meeting	Grand Margherita Hotel
19:00–22:00	Welcome Dinner for ICOMOS Board and Invited Guests	Rivercruise

16 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–12:00	ICOMOS Board Meeting	Grand Margherita Hotel
13:00–18:00	ICOMOS Regional Group Meetings	Riverside Majestic Hotel (Puteri)
19:00–21:00	Reception for Advisory Committee and Board	English Tea House

17 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–12:30	ICOMOS National Committee Meeting	Grand Margherita Hotel
14:00–18:00	ICOMOS Scientific Council Meeting	Grand Margherita Hotel

18 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
09:00–17:30	ICOMOS Advisory Committee Meeting	Riverside Majestic Hotel
19:00–21:30	ICOMOS GA2026 Official Opening Ceremony	BCCK

19 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–12:00	ICOMOS GA Opening Plenary	BCCK, Level 2
08:30–17:00	ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo	BCCK, Level 1
13:30–17:00	Scientific Symposium: Opening & Keynote Lectures	BCCK, Level 2
17:30–19:30	Workshop 1: 3-Day Workshop	BCCK, Hall 2

20 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–17:00	Panel Discussion & Scientific Symposia	BCCK, Level 2
17:30–19:30	Parallel Session	BCCK, Level 2
08:30–17:00	ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo	BCCK, Level 1
17:30–19:30	Workshop 1: 3-Day Workshop	BCCK, Hall A
18:00–21:30	A Night at the Museum	Borneo Cultures Museum

21 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–17:00	Panel Discussion	BCCK, Level 2
17:30–19:30	Parallel Session	BCCK, Level 2
08:30–17:00	ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo	BCCK, Level 1
17:30–19:30	Workshop 1: 3-Day Workshop	BCCK, Hall A
18:30–19:30	UNESCO 80th Anniversary Celebration	BCCK

22 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–12:00	ICOMOS GA Closing Plenary	BCCK, Level 2
08:30–17:00	ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo	BCCK, Level 1
17:30–19:30	Parallel Session	BCCK, Level 2
13:30–17:00	ICOMOS Triennial Scientific Plan 2027–2030 Workshop	BCCK, Level 2
14:00–17:00	Workshop 4,5	BCCK, Level 2

23 October 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:30–12:00	ICOMOS Board Meeting	Grand Margherita Hotel
08:30–12:00	Delegate Day Trip	Kuching, Sarawak
18:00–21:30	ICOMOS GA Gala Dinner	Riverside Majestic Hotel

Venues

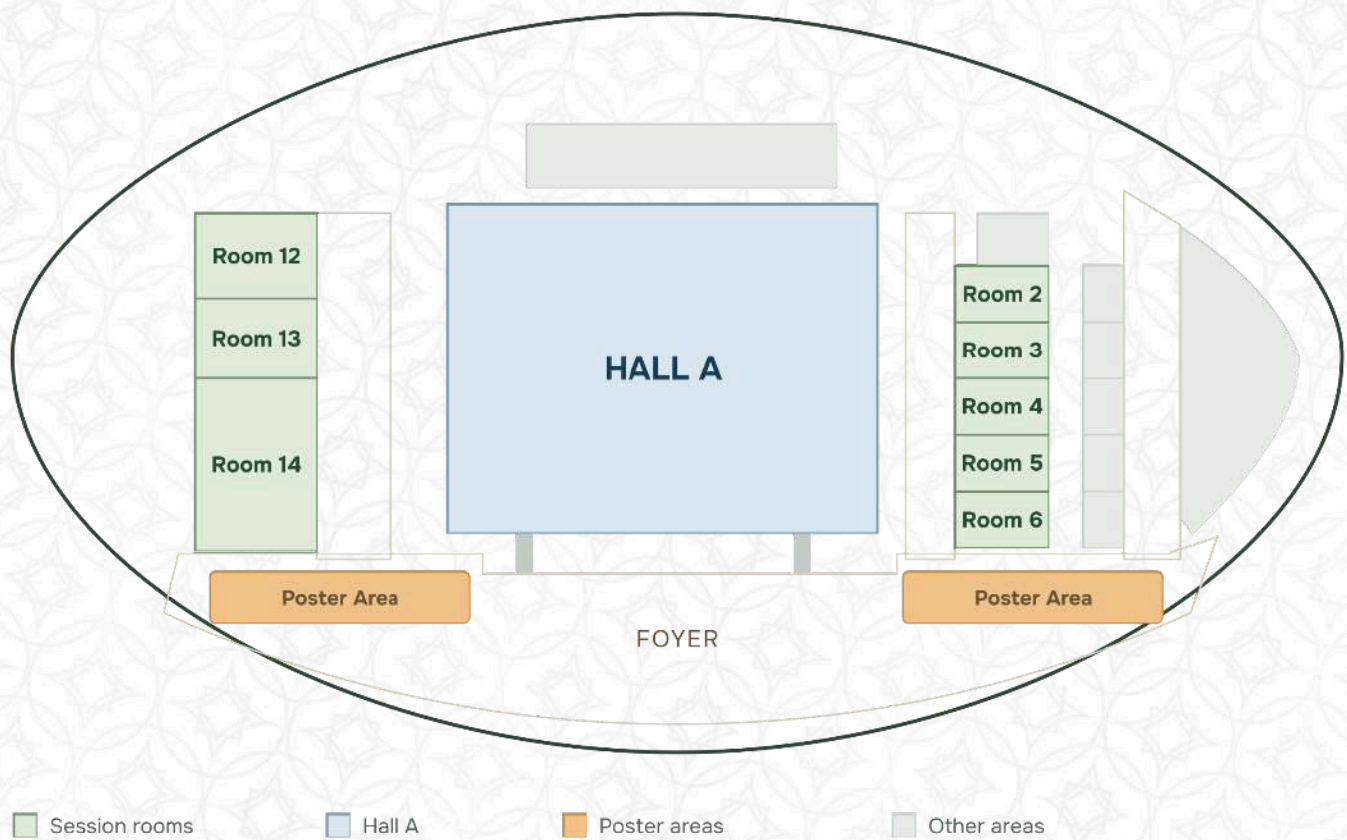
Venue	Activities
01 Borneo Convention Centre Kuching	• Opening Ceremony & Welcome Reception • ICOMOS General Assembly 2026 • Scientific Symposia • ICOMOS GA Heritage Expo • Workshops • International Scientific Committee (ISC) Meetings
02 Grand Margherita Hotel	• Statutory Meetings • International Scientific Committee (ISC) Meetings • ICOMOS General Assembly
03 Borneo Cultures Museum	• Workshops • A Night at the Museum
04 Riverside Majestic Hotel	• Statutory Meetings • Gala Dinner

Programme Outline

Time	19 Oct 2026	20 Oct 2026	21 Oct 2026	22 Oct 2026
08:30 - 10:00	ICOMOS GA2026 Opening Plenary	Parallel Sessions R1 · E1 · A1 · P1	Parallel Sessions R5 · E5 · A5 · P5	ICOMOS GA2026 Concluding Plenary
		EPWG S1a · S2a · S12a	S4a · S5a · S9a · S14a	
		Panel Discussion 1 My Island Home – the challenges and opportunities facing island heritage across Southeast Asia Pacific	Panel Discussion 4 (Part 1) Emergency Preparedness and Response for Cultural Heritage: The Charter and Shared Experiences	
10:30 - 12:00		Parallel Sessions R2 · E2 · A2 · P2	Parallel Sessions R6 · E6 · A6 · P6	
		S1b · S2b · S11 S12b + S13	S4b · S5b · S9b · S14b	
		Panel Discussion 3 How can Culture Heritage Sites Contribute to the World's Common Future?	Panel Discussion 4 (Part 2) Emergency Preparedness and Response for Cultural Heritage: The Charter and Shared Experiences	
13:30 - 15:00	Scientific Symposium 13:50–14:00	Parallel Sessions R3 · E3 · A3 · P3	Parallel Sessions R7 · E7 · A7 · P7	Poster R · E · A · P S1 – S14
	Welcome Remarks Goh Ai Tee	S1c · S2c · S6a · S7a	S3a · S4a · S8a · S10a	WS4 Shared Visions: Implementation of the Earthen Charter
	Keynote 1 (Respect) Zaki Aslan	Panel Discussion 2 Conserving Cultural Heritage in the Global South – collaborative exchanges	Panel Discussion 6 The Significance of Historic Water Related Tangible and Intangible Sites	WS5 Addressing the Tangible-Intangible Divide in the Management of Heritage Places: Sharing Emerging Solutions From Asia and the Pacific
	Keynote 2 (Enhance) Tino Mager	Parallel Sessions R4 · E4 · A4 · P4	Parallel Sessions R8 · E8 · A8 · P8	WS7 ICOMOS Triennial Scientific Plan 2027-2030 Workshop
15:30 - 17:00	Keynote 3 (Accept) Thabo Solomon Manetsi	S1d · S2d · S6b · S7b	S3b · S4b · S8b · S10b	Parallel Sessions E9 · A9
	Keynotes 4 (Partnership) Antonio Augusto Arantes Neto	Panel Discussion 5 Peacebuilding in Everyday Heritage Practice	Panel Discussion 7 Travel and Human Movement as a Unifying Global Story: The Contribution of Cultural Routes and Historic Road	EPWG
	Keynotes 5 (ISC sessions Overview) Douglas C. Comer			
	Scientific Council Address & Symposium Opening Elizabeth Brabec			
17:30 - 19:00	WS1: 3-Day Workshop - Preliminary Assessment Process 19–21 Oct 2026			

Borneo Convention Center Kuching (Floor Plan)

Level 2 @ BCCK



Workshops & Masterclasses

WS1: 3-Day Workshop

Date: 19, 20 and 21 October 2026 | Three evening sessions, approximately two hours each

Venue: Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

Organised by: ICOMOS World Heritage Evaluation Unit and World Heritage Advisory and Monitoring Unit

Coordinators: Ms Gwenaëlle Bourdin and Ms Regina Durighello

Overview

This three-part workshop explores complementary aspects of World Heritage processes. Sessions will be prepared and delivered by representatives of the two ICOMOS units, together with their assigned advisors and experts.

Programme

Day 1: Preliminary assessment process

Day 2: Evaluation of nomination dossiers

Day 3: State of conservation and advisory and monitoring processes

Participation: Open to all registered General Assembly participants, free of charge.

WS2: People-Centred AI and Digital Twins for Historic Places

Date: 15 October 2026

Venue: Borneo Cultures Museum

Coordinators: Dr Stacy Vallis and Dr Mario Santana

Trainers: Eugene Ch'ng, Alex Yen and Chao Zhou

Overview

This workshop explores how artificial intelligence and digital twins can support the documentation, monitoring, management and conservation of historic places. It is presented in connection with the UNESCO Chair on Digital Twins for World Heritage Conservation, established by Carleton University and the University of Azuay, with support from CIPA Heritage Documentation.

Objectives

- Integrate community knowledge, participation and diverse values into digital approaches to conservation.
- Introduce AI, digital twins and related technologies for heritage documentation and management.
- Explore emerging methods for documenting and monitoring heritage values and character-defining elements.
- Encourage international collaboration and knowledge exchange in digital heritage and sustainable development.

WS4: Shared Visions: Implementation of the Earthen Charter

Date: 22 October 2026 | Half-day workshop

Venue: Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

Organised by: ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Earthen Architectural Heritage (ISCEAH)

Coordinators: Dr Mariana Correia (Portugal), Dr Amanda Rivera-Vidal (Chile) and Dr Jorge Tomasi (Argentina)

Overview

This workshop provides an open forum to develop a strategy for the dissemination and implementation of the proposed ICOMOS International Charter for the Conservation of Earthen Architectural Heritage, subject to its approval and adoption. Developed through an international review process from 2022 to 2026, the Charter addresses the conservation of earthen heritage across diverse regional contexts.

Programme

1. Introduction to the Charter's core concepts and development.
2. Roundtable on lessons from implementing other ICOMOS charters, with Anna Yau (ICICH) and Celia Martínez

Yáñez (ICTC).

3. Open discussion on national and regional approaches, implementation challenges and conservation priorities.

WS5: Addressing the Tangible–Intangible Divide in the Management of Heritage Places: Sharing Emerging Solutions from Asia and the Pacific

Date: 22 October 2026 | 14:00–17:00 MYT

Venue: Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

Organised by: Australia ICOMOS, ICOMOS China and ICOMOS Nepal, in association with UNESCO and WHITR-AP Beijing

Coordinators: Kristal Buckley, Haiming Yan, Neel Kamal Chapagain and Kuanghan Li, in association with Duong Bich Hanh (UNESCO)

Overview

This workshop examines opportunities to connect the conservation of World Heritage sites with the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage. It builds on the Asia-Pacific capacity-building workshop on tangible–intangible synergies held in Anxi and Quanzhou, China, in August 2026.

Programme

1. Presentations on the capacity-building workshop's outcomes, with a focus on site managers' needs.
 2. A facilitated discussion drawing on the experience of ICOMOS members to identify additional tools and strategies for integrated heritage management.
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WS7: ICOMOS Triennial Scientific Plan 2027–2030 Workshop

Date: 22 October 2026 | 14:00–17:00 MYT

Venue: Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

Overview

The workshop will discuss the content and development roadmap for the ICOMOS Triennial Scientific Plan 2027–2030 under the theme “Heritage in Motion: Movement/Mobility, Change and Connection”.

Focus

The designated Drafting Group, comprising nominated members of the International Scientific Committees and Working Groups, will consult with the Advisory Committee President and Vice-President. Discussions will inform review and consultation with the Scientific Council and National Committees in the first quarter of 2027, with the aim of securing ICOMOS Board endorsement and adoption by the 2027 General Assembly.

Participation: Primarily intended for the designated Drafting Group and open to interested ICOMOS members.

Sub-Themes

Living Heritage: Respect, Enhance, Accept, Partnership

Living Heritage: Respect – Enhance – Accept – Partnership

Living heritage encompasses places, practices, knowledge and traditions that communities continue to use, sustain and adapt. The Scientific Symposium explores how heritage can remain meaningful amid social, environmental and technological change through four interconnected sub-themes: Respect, Enhance, Accept and Partnership.

The sub-themes respond to the ICOMOS Triennial Scientific Plan 2024–2027, “Disaster and Conflict Resilient Heritage”, with particular attention to research and policy, traditional knowledge, collaboration, communication and capacity-building.

Sub-theme 1: Respect

Respect places ethical practice, cultural diversity and community knowledge at the centre of heritage conservation. It recognises living heritage as an evolving expression of identity, memory and cultural continuity, rather than a collection of physical objects alone.

This sub-theme examines how conservation can safeguard authenticity and context while ensuring that communities participate meaningfully in decisions affecting their heritage. It also considers how respect can guide recovery after disasters and conflicts, particularly where heritage carries competing narratives or communities face displacement.

Areas of Focus

- Ethical and inclusive conservation policies and decision-making.
 - Recognition of Indigenous and local knowledge in preparedness, response and recovery.
 - Equitable representation of marginalised communities and diverse heritage narratives.
 - Collaborative governance, shared responsibility and community stewardship.
 - Communication and capacity-building that support cultural continuity and mutual understanding.
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Sub-theme 2: Enhance

Enhance explores how conservation practices can be strengthened through research, education, innovation and appropriate technologies. It considers both tangible and intangible heritage, recognising the need to improve methods without compromising authenticity, cultural values or community relationships.

This sub-theme brings together approaches to documentation, interpretation, adaptive reuse and heritage management. It examines how these approaches can respond to disasters, conflicts and climate change across different cultural, social and economic settings.

Areas of Focus

- Cultural diversity, local knowledge and inclusive conservation practices.
- New technologies and methodologies for documentation, monitoring and risk management.
- Compatible adaptive reuse and the continued use of heritage places.
- Formal and non-formal education, professional development and intergenerational transmission.
- Research and policy that improve conservation, resilience and preparedness.

Sub-theme 3: Accept

Accept recognises that living heritage evolves alongside communities and their changing environments. Disasters, conflict, climate change and displacement can transform how people remember, rebuild and sustain their cultural identities.

This sub-theme considers how acceptance of change and diverse perspectives can support dignity, recovery, reconciliation and resilience while safeguarding heritage values. It places emphasis on listening to youth, Indigenous knowledge holders, women, displaced communities and local custodians, and on ethical responses to loss and transformation.

Areas of Focus

- Plural narratives, cultural diversity and the inclusion of marginalised voices.
 - Digital tools, reconstruction and appropriate contemporary interventions.
 - Community-led recovery, remembrance and resilience after disasters and conflict.
 - Continuity of intangible heritage, youth leadership and intergenerational transmission.
 - Ethical policies and governance that support adaptation and inclusive futures.
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Sub-theme 4: Partnership

Partnership emphasises shared responsibility among communities, governments, heritage organisations, researchers and the private sector. Sustainable collaboration depends on mutual respect, equitable participation and recognition of the knowledge and rights of heritage custodians.

This sub-theme examines how partnerships can connect traditional knowledge with contemporary practice, strengthen conservation and support responses to disasters and conflicts. It considers the relationships, policies and communication methods needed to sustain cooperation over time.

Areas of Focus

- Policies that support equitable partnerships and balance conservation with development.
- Documentation and exchange of traditional knowledge with respect for community ownership.
- Collaboration across communities, institutions, disciplines and sectors.
- Transparent communication, public participation and culturally appropriate engagement.
- Long-term capacity-building through education, practical training and knowledge exchange.

ISC Sessions

The ISC sessions explore specialised aspects of living heritage under the symposium theme “Living Heritage: Respect – Enhance – Accept – Partnership”. Organised by International Scientific Committees and Working Groups, the sessions also contribute to the ICOMOS Triennial Scientific Plan 2024–2027, “Disaster and Conflict Resilient Heritage”.

S1 - Heritage Management Planning Systems: Challenges, Lessons Learned and Potential New Approaches

Organised by: ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM)

Chair: Dr. Matthias Ripp

Co-Chair: Dr. Matt Whincop

This session examines the limitations of conventional heritage management plans and explores more adaptable, inclusive and implementable approaches. International examples will inform discussion of an ICAHM prototype for a modular, layered management system combining a strategic vision, thematic modules and regularly updated action plans.

S2 - Living Historical Cities: New Paradigms and Call to Action

Organised by: ICOMOS International Committee on Historic Cities, Towns and Villages (CIVVIH)

Chair: Dr. Paula Cordeiro

Focusing on historic cities as evolving living heritage, this session examines responses to climate change, migration, tourism pressures, inequality and digital transformation. Discussions address participatory governance, cultural rights, ecological adaptation and disaster preparedness, drawing on practical examples to identify effective approaches and lessons for future urban management.

S3 - 'Doctrinal' Texts in an Age of Living Heritage: What/Who are They For, and Do We Still Need Them?

Organised by: ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration (THEOPHILOS)

Chair: Dr Nigel Walter

This session considers whether universal conservation principles remain feasible and useful within living heritage approaches. Short presentations and discussion will examine the purpose, scope and practical application of doctrinal texts, informing the ongoing review of the ICOMOS Doctrinal Text Adoption Process.

S4 - Knowledge, Standards, Guidelines and Resources for Education and training in Architectural Conservation

Organised by: ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Training (CIF)

Chair: Dr Cristina González-Longo

This session brings together educators from different regions to examine architectural and urban conservation education. Four panels will explore curricula, teaching methodologies, professional standards and training resources, drawing on ICOMOS-CIF guidelines, recent symposia and its Global Architectural Conservation Education and Training Survey.

S5: Living Wooden Heritage

Organised by: Comité international du bois de l'ICOMOS (IIWC)

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Imola Kirizsan

With particular attention to the Asia-Pacific region, this session explores wooden heritage that remains in active use and is sustained by communities. Themes include traditional knowledge, craftsmanship, Indigenous participation, ethical decision-making, risk management and collaborative stewardship, supported by case studies and interdisciplinary discussion.

S6 - Safeguarding Living Heritage and Community Resilience through Tourism: From Principles to Practice

Organised by: ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Committee (ICTC)

Chair: Dr Ivan Anthony Henares

This session explores how tourism can sustain living heritage and strengthen community resilience. Guided by the 2022 ICOMOS Cultural Heritage Tourism Charter, discussions focus on community participation, collaborative governance, disaster and conflict preparedness, and practical methods for monitoring and evaluating heritage tourism.

S7 - Heritage interpretation in the mid-21st Century

Organised by: International Committee on Interpretation and Presentation of Cultural Heritage Sites (ICIP)

Chair: Kerime Danis

Co-Chair: Darko Babic, Jae-Heon CHOI

This session examines how heritage interpretation can support inclusive understanding of historic places and the communities associated with them. Topics include living heritage, crisis response, peacebuilding, contested memories and shared histories, with an emphasis on local perspectives and responsible presentation.

S8 - Common Threads: Similarities for a Peaceful Future

Organised by: IIWC, ICICH, ISCEAH, ISC20C

Chair: Asst Prof. Erkan Kambek

This interdisciplinary session explores similarities in architectural forms, construction traditions, spatial organisation and symbolic practices across cultures. It considers how shared patterns in tangible and intangible heritage can support comparative research, conservation, cultural diplomacy, intergenerational transmission and peacebuilding.

S9 - Heritage Ecosystems: Possibilities and Potentials for an inclusive Systems Approach

Organised by: ISCCL, ICTC, ICOFORT, ICOMOS Japan

Chair: (ISCCL): Elizabeth Brabec | **(ICOFORT):** Milagros Flores Roman | **(ICTC):** Ivan Anthony Henares

This session explores an inclusive systems approach linking cultural, natural, tangible and intangible heritage. Drawing on the Gunma Declaration, it considers interdisciplinary collaboration, diverse worldviews, governance and the representation of human and non-human rights-holders, including future generations, in heritage decision-making.

S10 - Shared Built Heritage: Seriality, Connectivity and Global Narratives

Organised by: ISCSBH

Chair: Dr. Maria José Freitas, Dr Romeo Carabelli

This session examines shared built heritage through serial properties, cultural routes and interconnected places. Discussions address how physical connections and shared narratives can inform conservation, governance, interpretation and sustainable development, while supporting intercultural dialogue across regions and communities.

S11 - Local First Responders: Community and Indigenous Leadership in Heritage Emergency Response for the SDGs

Organised by: ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals Working Group (SDGWWG)

Chair: Dr Andris Kairiss

This session places communities, Indigenous peoples and local actors at the centre of heritage emergency response. It examines traditional knowledge, inclusive decision-making and the protection of living heritage during crises, with the aim of developing transferable community-led protocols and guidance aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

S12 - Indigenous Participation in the World Heritage system - Case studies and observations.

Organised by: ICOMOS Indigenous Heritage Working Group (IHWG)

Chair: Prof Bekeh Ukelina

Co-Chair: Dr Elena Chai

This session presents projects involving Indigenous leadership and partnerships in World Heritage nomination and management. Short presentations and moderated discussion will address Free, Prior and Informed Consent, benefits, commitments and safeguards, and barriers to meaningful Indigenous participation in the World Heritage system.

S13 - Living Heritage in Africa: Safeguarding Intangible Practices

Organised by: ICOMOS Africa

Chair: Chilangwa Chaiwa

This session explores the safeguarding of Africa's living heritage, including oral traditions, performing arts, rituals and craftsmanship. Discussions examine pressures arising from urbanisation, climate change, migration and conflict, and identify community-led approaches supporting cultural continuity, sustainable development, peacebuilding and resilience.

S14 - On the Role of Living Heritage in Climate Action

Organised by: ICOMOS Climate Action Working Group (CAWG)

Chair: Ave Paulus (Focal Point of ICOMOS CAWG) and William Megarry (Past Focal Point of CAWG)

This session explores the contribution of living heritage to climate action through three themes: community empowerment, heritage-based climate solutions and traditional knowledge, and the integration of heritage into climate policy. It emphasises climate literacy, equitable partnerships, rights-based approaches and capacity-building.

Keynote Speakers

Zaki Aslan



Respect

Zaki Aslan is an architect, planner and cultural heritage specialist with more than three decades of international experience in conservation, management, policy and education. He serves as Advisor for Cultural Heritage at the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi, contributing to heritage policy, institutional development, professional education and international cooperation. Previously, he spent two decades with ICCROM, leading programmes for the Arab region and serving as founding Director of its Regional Centre in Sharjah. His work focuses on community-centred conservation, traditional knowledge, cultural diversity and long-term stewardship.

From Restoration to Resilience: Respect as a Foundation for Living Heritage

Presentation Abstract

This keynote explores respect as the foundation for shifting heritage conservation from restoration towards recovery, resilience and regeneration. Drawing on crisis-affected contexts, it highlights community knowledge, agency and cultural continuity, examining how heritage can strengthen relationships between people and their environment while supporting adaptation, recovery and more sustainable shared futures.

Thabo Manetsi



Accept

Dr Thabo Manetsi is Chief Executive Officer of the National Heritage Council in Pretoria and Chairperson of ICOMOS South Africa. He has extensive experience in heritage and tourism policy, strategy and management, both nationally and internationally. He previously held senior management positions at the South African Heritage Resources Agency and the National Heritage Council. He holds a PhD in African Studies, specialising in heritage resources management, from the University of Cape Town. He contributes to expert panels involving UNESCO, IUCN, ICCROM and ICOMOS, and publishes in academic and government journals.

Accept and Acceptance in Living Heritage

Presentation Abstract

This presentation explores acceptance as a foundation for safeguarding living heritage, emphasising community participation, cultural diversity, and adaptation to change. It examines intergenerational transmission, heritage resilience, ethical governance, and technological advancement, highlighting how inclusive conservation practices support cultural continuity, social cohesion, human rights, equity, and sustainable heritage preservation for future generations.

Tino Mager



Enhance

Tino Mager is Associate Professor of the History and Theory of Architecture and Urbanism at the University of Groningen and President of ICOMOS Germany. Previously, he worked at Delft University of Technology's Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment and held fellowships with the Leibniz Association and the University of Queensland. He studied media technology in Leipzig and art history and communication science in Berlin, Barcelona and Tokyo. His research has received support from the Leibniz Association, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, University of Queensland and Dutch Research Council.

Bridging Cultures: Mixed Methods, Digital Technologies and the Future of Living Heritage

Presentation Abstract

This keynote explores how digital transformation can enhance cultural heritage conservation by integrating humanistic interpretation, computational analysis, and community participation. Through mixed methods, artificial intelligence, and digital humanities, it examines new approaches to understanding urban heritage while addressing challenges of bias, representation, and accountability in safeguarding living heritage for future generations.

Antonio Arantes



Partnership

Antonio Arantes is an anthropologist and Emeritus Professor at the State University of Campinas (Unicamp), Brazil. He is a former President of IPHAN, Brazil's national heritage institute, and the Brazilian Association of Anthropology, and has served as General Secretary of the Latin American Anthropological Association and Vice-President of the ICOMOS International Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage. His research and consultancy address cultural heritage and public policy, including work with UNESCO and WIPO. He contributed to the development of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and designed the methodology of Brazil's Inventory of Cultural References. He has also supported inventory

capacity-building in Mozambique and Madagascar.

Becoming a Partner. Cross-Cultural Alliance in Safeguarding Living Heritage.

Presentation Abstract

This presentation explores ethical, cross-cultural partnerships in safeguarding intangible heritage amid disasters and social conflicts. Emphasising trust, reciprocity, shared responsibility, and community empowerment, it examines collaborative approaches integrating traditional knowledge with governance practices. Drawing on Brazil's Artesol Programme, it highlights sustainable development, cultural resilience, capacity-building, and long-term partnerships grounded in mutual accountability.

Douglas C. Comer

ISC Sessions Overview



Douglas C. Comer, PhD, is Immediate Past President of the United States National Committee of ICOMOS and Past Vice-President of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee. He served as Co-President of the International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management from 2008 to 2017 and has served on the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel three times. A Fellow by Courtesy at Johns Hopkins University, he leads a NASA Interdisciplinary Science team applying satellite and aerial remote sensing at World Heritage Sites. He is founder and President of CSRM Foundation, which develops plans for the management and protection of cultural and natural heritage sites.

Global in Service of the Local

Presentation Abstract

This presentation explores living heritage as a dynamic relationship sustained by communities, highlighting evolving approaches to conservation, interpretation, and Indigenous participation. Drawing on fourteen symposium sessions, it examines community leadership, climate resilience, and emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, in strengthening heritage knowledge, management, and safeguarding through ICOMOS's global scientific collaboration.

Social Events

ICOMOS GA2026 Official Opening Ceremony

18 October 2026 (19:00 – 21:30)

📍 Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK)

The official opening marks the commencement of ICOMOS GA2026, welcoming international participants and celebrating the shared commitment to cultural heritage.

A Night at the Museum

20 October 2026 (18:00 – 21:30)

📍 Borneo Cultures Museum

An evening at the Borneo Cultures Museum provides a distinctive setting to engage with Sarawak's rich cultural narratives while connecting with fellow delegates.

Delegate Day Trip

23 October 2026 (08:30 – 14:00)

📍 Venue / itinerary varies by selected trip

A selection of daytime excursions gives delegates the chance to discover local heritage, landscapes and community experiences beyond the conference venue.

Gala Dinner

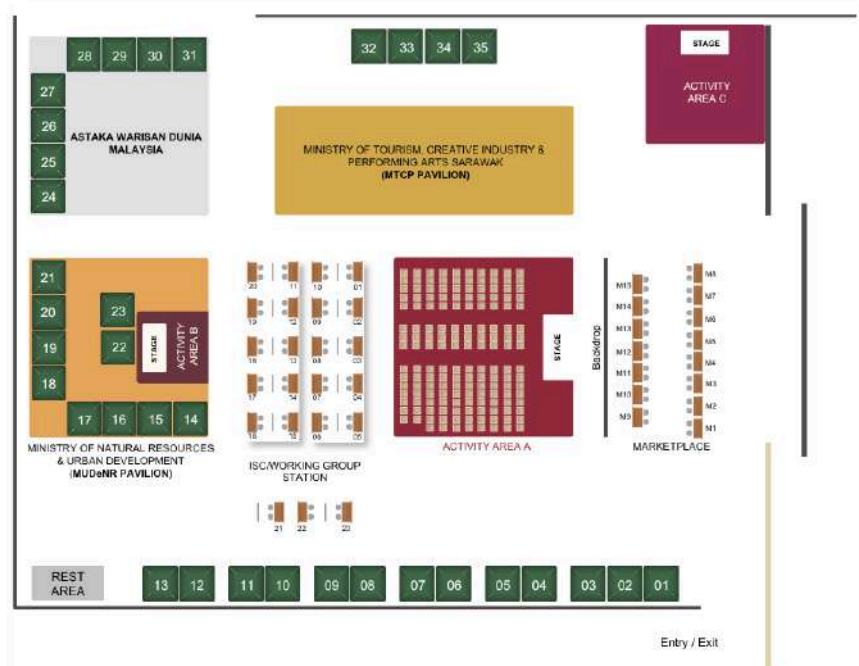
23 October 2026 (18:00 – 21:30)

📍 Riverside Majestic

A celebratory evening bringing the ICOMOS GA2026 community together to reflect on the gathering, strengthen friendships and enjoy a memorable conclusion to the programme.

HERITAGE EXPOSITION

Floor Plan



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ThemuQ	M01
Kek Lapis Warisan Sdn Bhd	M02
Penan Weave Bag	M03
Elly Loe Handcrafts	M04
Tenun Songket Sambas Indonesia	M05
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Centex PPISK	M07
Centex Commercial	M08
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Programme at Activity Area

19 October 2026			
Time	Activity A	Activity B	Activity C
12:30 - 13:00	Exhibition Officiation by MOTAC's Minister		
13:00 - 14:00	Emerging Professionals Working Group		
20 October 2026			
Time	Activity A	Activity B	Activity C
8:30 - 10:00	MUDeNR Professional Dialogue UNESCO 80	Jabatan Hutan Sarawak Introduction About Forest Department Sarawak	
10:00 - 10:30	Tea break		
10:30 - 12:00	MUDeNR Professional Dialogue UNESCO 80	Lembaga Pembangunan dan Lindungan Tanah (LCDA) Projek Pembangunan Darul Hana	UNIMAS
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:00	ThinkCity Forum: HERITAGE: Who Pays? Who Benefits? Making Conservation Work for Cities, Communities and the Economy	MUDeNR	KinMen Disaster Risk Management and Capacity Building for Cultural Heritage
14:00 - 15:00	ICOMOS China	Sarawak Forestry Corporation	
15:00 - 16:00	GBI From Cultural Legacy to Climate Resilience: The GBI Heritage Tool as a Framework for Sustainable Conservation	Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC) / PUSAKA	ThinkCity Can a Festival Transform a City? Living Heritage and the Creative Economy in Downtown Kuala Lumpur
16:00 - 17:00	Malaysian Institute of Architects	Natural Resources and Environment Board (NREB) NREB Education Environment PALS Club-	
21 October 2026			
Time	Activity A	Activity B	Activity C
8:30 - 10:00			
10:00 - 10:30	Tea break		
10:30 - 12:00	Introducing the Sharjah Archaeology Authority and the Sharjah Journal of Archaeological Studies	Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak	
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:00	National Heritage Board (Singapore) Capturing, Safeguarding & Sharing: NHB's Approach to Digital Documentation of Singapore's Heritage		MUDeNR UNESCO 80 Celebration Book Launch : THE INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA: A NEW REGIONAL STUDY FOR UNESCO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TICCIH AND ISC20C
14:00 - 15:00	Preserving Legacy		
15:00 - 15:30	Evening Break		
15:30 - 17:00			
22 October 2026			
Time	Activity A	Activity B	Activity C
8:30 - 10:00	Dragon Boat	Jabatan Tanah dan Survei Sarawak	

10:00 - 10:30	Tea break		
10:30 - 12:00			
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:00	Getty Conservation Institute Meet the Getty team and learn about their current work and opportunities for internships, scholar research, courses, and grants		
14:00 - 15:00			
15:00 - 15:30	Evening Break		
15:30 - 17:00			

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PROFESSIONAL DIALOGUE
**FROM SILO TO SYSTEMS:
LIVING HERITAGE ACROSS
FRAMEWORKS**
20 OCTOBER 2026 | 8.30 AM - 12.30 PM
HERITAGE EXPOSITION, ACTIVITY A
BORNEO CONVENTION CENTRE

DIGITAL BOOK LAUNCH
**INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE
OF SOUTHEAST ASIA**
21 OCTOBER 2026 | 1.30 AM - 3.00 PM
HERITAGE EXPOSITION, ACTIVITY C
BORNEO CONVENTION CENTRE

PUBLIC LECTURE BY PROF TOSHIYUKI KONO
**HERITAGE FUTURE
TOWARD THE NEXT 80 YEARS**
21 OCTOBER 2026 | 5.30 PM - 6.30 PM
ROOM 14, LEVEL 2
BORNEO CONVENTION CENTRE

MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
**80 VOICES, 1 SHARED VISION
A REFLECTION ON UNESCO@80**
21 OCTOBER 2026 | 6.30 PM - 7.30 PM
ROOM 14, LEVEL 2
BORNEO CONVENTION CENTRE

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
**YOUNG EYES ON UNESCO
WORLD HERITAGE SITES**
19-22 OCTOBER 2026 | 8.30 AM - 5.00 PM
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