

## Call for Abstracts

**Symposium: Safeguarding Living Heritage and Community Resilience through Tourism: From Principles to Practice**

*Kuching, Malaysia | 17-24 October 2026*

**Organised by: ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Committee (ICTC)**

**Chair : Ivan Anthony Henares PhD.**

**Living heritage** functions as a dynamic ecosystem, where communities, cultural practices, and the environment interact continuously. Tourism is part of this ecosystem — it can support or stress heritage depending on how it is managed. Realising its potential requires a mindset shift and transformative approaches, moving beyond the conventional perpetual growth model of tourism toward strategies that strengthen **resilience**, sustain community practices, and ensuring heritage continues to thrive amidst **conflict, disasters**, and social or environmental change.

This symposium explores how the **2022 ICOMOS Cultural Heritage Tourism Charter** can guide such transformative action. We invite practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and community representatives to submit abstracts highlighting strategies, innovations, or lessons learned in:

- **Operationalising Charter Principles** to support heritage as an ecosystem.
- **Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance** involving local and indigenous communities.
- **Risk, Conflict, and Disaster Management** integrating resilience into heritage tourism planning.
- **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Lessons Learned** from practical case studies.

**Abstracts (300–500 words)** should include context, methods, outcomes, and relevance to one or more of the above themes. Include author(s), affiliation(s), and contact details.

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