

**Strategic Conference of:
TOURISM, URBAN PLANNING AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT IN HERAT
April 29,2017- 8:00 am to 3:30 pm**

Agenda:

1. Opening: 8:00 am- 8:30 am

- a. Reciting Holly Quran
- b. H.E President Ashraf Ghani Video Massage
- c. National Anthem
- d. Welcoming by the H.E. the Governor of Herat
- e. Introduction of the agenda by the Conference Moderator – Mr. Kabiri

2. Technical and Professional Meetings

a. Ghoharshad Panel: 8:30- 10:00 am

The Ghoharshad panel will address the current situation of Herat’s cultural heritage, its state of conservation and its foreseeable evolution in the present context.

Subject: Current Situation of Herat Cultural Heritage, its Protection and Management

Moderator: Excellency Acting Minister of Information and Culture

Panel Members:

- **History and Background of Cultural Heritage** by Ms. Nahid Farid (Master in Law and Political science, Parliament Member, University Lecturer and researcher)
- **Current Bureaucracy and Organizational problem** by Mr. Abdulqader Rehimi (Engineer in East Architecture Design and Heart Chief of Independent Human Right Commission)
- **Previous and current physical damages** by Mr. Zalmi Safa (Manager of Heart Cultural Heritage)
- **International Organization view about current situation of Heart Historical monuments and solutions** by Ms. Maria Achtozo (Aghakhan Foundation) and UNESCO
- **The cases destruction problems** by Mr. Rafiq Shaheer (With Experience in Law and Management, University Lecturer and Chief of Experts Council in Heart)

Open discussion/ all participants

A panel member will take minutes of the meeting and hand them over to the moderator.

b. Musalla Panel 10:00 am -11:15 am

In the Musalla Panel, the discussion will center on what solutions planning can provide for the conservation of the Old City, the rehabilitation of historic buildings and spaces and its contribution to urban economic regeneration through tourism and creative economy. Different modalities for the management of Herat Cultural Heritage will be discussed at this panel.

Subject: Management Plan: Analysis of suggested models for management of Heart Cultural Heritage sites

Panel Manager: H.E. Heart Governor

Panel Members:

- **The Legal Aspects of Suggested Models** by Mr. Ghulam Mohammad Rabani (Master of Law, University Lecturer with research experience, Chief of Justice Department in Heart)
- **Cultural Dimension of Suggested Models** by Mr. Naseer Rahyab (Master of Literature and Humanities, University Lecturer and researcher)
- **Dimensions and Cultural Perspective of Suggested Models** by Mr. Ghulam Nabi Farahi (Former Deputy Minister in MoIC and Parliament Affairs, Current Minister in Tourism Affairs)
- **Long-term Solutions for Cultural Heritage Management with Analysis of Suggested Models** by Ms. Maria Van Teslaar (UNESCO representative) and AghaKhan Foundation Representative

Open discussion/ all participants

A panel member will take minutes of the meeting and hand them over to the moderator.

c. Arg Panel 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

During the Arg panel, different modalities of financial support and cross-institutional cooperation will be reviewed and discussed.

Subject: Government and International Aid for Cultural Heritage protection

Moderator: H.E. Minister of Finance or his Representative

Panel Members:

- **Potential Financial and Income Capacities** by Mr. Aria Rauffian (Master in Journalism, Media Activist and DoIC)
- **Regular and Development Government Budget** by Mr. Anwarshah Yousefi (Master of Economy and Management, University Lecturer and Chief of Banks Zone)
- **International Community Aid and Assistance** by UNESCO representative:

Open discussion/ all participants

A panel member will take minutes of the meeting and hand them over to the moderator.

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d. UNESCO Panel and Conclusion 13:30 pm – 15:00 pm

UNESCO will give information about the procedure and requirements to be admitted in the list of World Heritage Properties. Context and actions supporting this process will also be discussed.

Subject: Nominating Herat as a World Heritage site

Moderator: Excellency Minister of Urban Planning and Development

Panel Members:

- **The Registration process of Heart in World Heritage Sites and Importance of Management Plan for this Registration:** UNESCO representative (Ms. Patricia Mc Philips and Ms. Sara Noshadi for answering the questions)
- **The commitments of Afghanistan Government** by Mr. Abbass
- **Herat Strategic Master Plan and its role in preparing cultural heritage management plan** by University of Florence Representative:
- **Local and Technical Commitment** by Mr. Freydun Sarwari

Open discussion/ all participants

A panel member will take minutes of the meeting and hand them over to the moderators

3. Conclusion 3:00 pm- 30:30 pm

- Advisor to the President for Cultural Affaires
- Conclusion and result statement by Mr. Matin
- Concluding statement from the Governor of Herat
- Signing of the Conference Outcome Document by the Advisor to the President of Afghanistan and the Governor of Herat.