REPORT


« HERITAGE AS A BUILDER OF PEACE »

ITALIE, FLORENCE, 1th-3 MARCH 2019
As part of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Italian Foundation Romualdo Del Bianco, the International Institute of Life Beyond Tourism and United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Africa), Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, General Secretary of UCLG-Africa was invited to the 21th General Assembly of International Experts and to the Symposium on "Heritage as a Builder of Peace", in Italy, Florence, from 1th to 3 March 2019.

The General Secretary of UCLG-Africa was represented to this activity by the Director of the African Local Governments Academy(ALGA), Dr Najat Zarrouk.

**47 Countries and 89 Cities** attended this event.

The agenda of the event UCLG-Africa and ALGA were mentioned as key Partners on the agenda of the General Assembly which work was as following:

- **A cultural opening**, with a tribute to Georgia which celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University;

- **An opening ceremony** marked specially by the greeting messages from International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), ISESCO, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and the Ministers of Culture of Armenia and Azerbaijan;

- **A Plenary Session on Cultural Heritage Management** where the Director of ALGA made a presentation on “Challenges, issues, and New approaches to Protect, Promote and Enhance Culture & Heritage at the Local Level in Africa”, attached to this Report;
- Presentation of ERASMUS+ project SURE (Sustainable Urban Rehabilitation) launched by the University La Sapienza de Rome;
- **Life beyond Tourism Movement International showcase** from Azerbaijan, Bahrain, China, Czech Republic, Georgia, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Russia, Spain, and USA;
- **Signing of MoU** with the Fondation Romualdo Del Bianco;
- **Organization of an Exhibition for which the Kingdom of Bahrain was the Guest of the Event**;
- **Visit of the Intercultural Creativity Laboratory** where was organized also an exhibition of cultural expressions from Italy and other Countries, to discover the know-how of territories;
- **Organization of an Award Ceremony for the Winners of the Photo Contest “Heritage for Planet Earth 2018”.** This contest raises awareness about the importance of safeguarding cultural heritage and heath of the planet Earth. The 3 final winners were from Bangladesh (2) and Italy (1);
- **Organization of 12 Parallel Sessions** on diverse issues linked to culture and heritage, namely: Dialogue among cultures, travel and development, cultural heritage experiences, heritage for multiculturalism, cultural expressions of Territories, Heritage and Memory, Education and dissemination, Heritage and environment, Heritage and Society, Environment and technology, Architectural Heritage Preservation, Heritage Preservation through Cross-fertilization.

The Director of ALGA took this opportunity to review with the Secretary general of the Fondation Romulado Del Bianco, Mr Simone Giometti, the activities planned with this Partner in 2019, namely:
- The Training of Trainers on Life beyond Tourism from 17 to 21 June 2019 in Florence, Italy;
- Organization of 2 Training Sessions in Africa;
- Participation of the Fondation to the Celebration of Monuments and Sites, on 18-19 April in Rabat, Morocco, in partnership with ISESCO;
- Participation to the annual Forum of Territorial Managers and Training Institutes targeting the Local Level in Africa;
- Dissemination of the Photo Contest.

Rabat, 5 March, 2019

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