





ICESCO works on capacity-building programmes at both regional and international levels to address the needs **of Member States** and for the heritage practitioners, institutions, communities and heritage networks. ICESCO should reinforce the capacity-building efforts in heritage for ICESCO and prioritise equipping **Member States** with the relevant expertise to protect and manage their heritage in a sustainable manner as well as to ensure presentation of the Islamic world.

In the case of heritage places, 18% (211) of World Heritage places are in the Islamic World; more than thirty **Member States** have less than three sites on the list with nine countries having zero. Yet 63% of the sites on Danger list are from this region (28% of the WH members). On the Intangible List ICESCO members have 306 (42%) elements registered yet eleven members have none. The thrusts of our programmes is to improve the management of the heritage assets (both intangible and tangible) and ensure that the number on the Danger list are reduced. It is equally imperative that more be added to the prestigious lists to ensure that the Heritage of the Islamic World is properly showcased in its richness and diversity. Thus, the aim for ICESCO is not only improving the heritage management systems but also promoting and profiling this rich heritage to the rest of the world.



NEED FOR THE FUND

It has become clear that more funding is required to ensure that the objectives of ICESCO to its **Member States** in the heritage arena are meet.

Established in accordance with the provisions of ICESCO's Financial Regulations and under its supervision, the Fund is aimed at supporting the Heritage Centre programmes and activities within its remit. The current resources consist of:

- Deductions from the general budget of ICESCO's two-Year Action Plan;
- Contributions and subsidies from States, bodies, entities and individuals, in accordance with the Organization's Rules of Procedure

These are not adequate to support the efforts of ICESCO to ensure better effective management and promotion of the rich and diverse heritage in the Islamic World.

CORE AIMS OF THE FUND

The consolidation of a vibrant, agile and sustainable Cultural Heritage Centre, serves as a catalyst for heritage management and entrepreneurial activities in the Islamic World. The aim is to develop an enhanced creative system to ensure better management of integrated heritage assets, which will, led to:

- Strong promotion and showcasing the diversity and richness of the Islamic World, Heritage in its totality at the international level.
- Sustainable and integrated management system for Heritage amongst Member States.
- Effective capacity in Member States to respond to factors affect Heritage management

This approach will ensure that heritage assets will contribute to sustainable development in the Islamic World through heritage projects that are geared towards generating job opportunities and wealth, curbing unemployment, and integrating youth;

AREAS OF OPERATION

The fund will provide resources specifically to the flagship programs and activities; and to the **Member States.** These are based on the guidance provided by Islamic World Heritage Committee of ICESCO, as outlined in the Executive Plan for the Development of Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World. Flagship programmes:

- Promote and Profile the Heritage assets of the Islamic World.
- Effective Management of Heritage Assets in the Islamic World through an integrated and sustainable approach.
- Develop viable measure to deal with major Heritage Concerns such as conflict, illicit trafficking, climate change, community participation etc.

The Fund will also support member states with resources and expertise according to their needs for specific heritage projects within the remit of the flagship footprint. These will be through grants for a member state or region. The member state projects/activities may include community-based engagement, traditional skills capacity building, emergency safeguarding and even awareness.



WHAT IS THE TARGET

Flagship	Target per biennium
Promote and profiling cultural heritage assets of the Islamic world	400 000 USD
Effective Management of Heritage Assets in the Islamic World	600 000 USD
Heritage Concerns such as conflict, climate etc	400 000 USD
Country specific projects addressing above or emergency issues	600 000 USD

An initial biennium target of two million is expected to start the Fund

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

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