



St. Maarten



UNESCO Meeting on Eastern Caribbean Coastal Fortifications Maho, St. Maarten 8 – 10 May 2014

Recommendations

We the participants of the meeting on Eastern Caribbean Coastal Fortifications (Maho, St. Maarten 8 – 10 May 2014), mindful of the common circumstances, uniqueness of the countries' coastal fortifications, threats that they face and the opportunities that exist, endeavour in nominating them to the Tentative list for World Heritage, and intervening in our personal capacities¹, recommend:

A) UNESCO States Parties of the Caribbean Sub-Region:

- a) to recognize the 20th anniversary of the UNESCO Slave Route Project as an essential element in the interpretation and clarification of documented Caribbean history especially given that so much of our historical experience is interwoven in its complexities;
- b) to review and revise MOU of 2012 coming out of the Kingston Action Plan (KAP) where necessary – May 14, 2014;
- c) to establish an interim Eastern Caribbean Working Group – May 10, 2014;
- d) to select a State Party to take the lead - May 2014 (*St. Maarten / Neville York will lead this initiative*);
- e) to define the uniqueness of the Individual Eastern Caribbean Coastal Fortifications and what they have in common. - August 2014 (*Each State party will prepare this information and forward to St. Maarten / Neville York*);
- f) to meet to finalize submissions to the National Tentative list by - July 2015 in SVG / Grenada;
- g) to support the purposes and activities already undertaken by some Caribbean states to prepare a serial transnational nomination on fortifications, recommending the inventory and analyses of the other different forts and defence related sites existing at their own and neighbor territories, inviting to link also with other states not yet involved, and liaise together with ICOMOS and the other advisory bodies to strengthen the linkages with other Caribbean countries and the overseas states concerned, in order to highlight Caribbean Heritage resources and uniqueness at World level;
- h) to work together through appropriate mechanisms to enhance collaboration among Caribbean States Parties to the World Heritage Convention in the identification and preparation of properties for inscription on the World Heritage List, including the support and coordination necessary for serial, trans- boundary nominations;
- i) to inform the UNESCO World Heritage Centre of the progress of the individual Member States in advancing their respective dossiers and nominated sites to the tentative list

B) UNESCO World Heritage Centre:

- a) to reinforce technical assistance in the sub-region, particularly to the States Parties involved with the transnational / trans - boundary serial nominations;

C) Participants:

- a) To set up Skype accounts and schedule meetings through St. Kitts and Nevis / Cameron Gill – May 2014;
- b) To communicate with ICOFORT about space on website and work closely with their experts – June 2014 - (*St. Kitts and Nevis - Cameron Gill to liaise with Milagros Flores of ICOFORT*);
- c) To communicate with French islands and St. Eustatius as well to become part of serial transnational nomination – July & August 2014 - (*St. Lucia / Augustine Dominique will make contact with Martinique & Guadeloupe; St. Maarten / Neville York will make contact with French St. Martin and St. Eustatius*);
- d) Individual countries submit their Tentative Lists to the World Heritage Centre via their National Commissions for UNESCO on or before December 2015;
- e) To contact the Secretariat of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to explore the possibilities for collaboration with Serial Nomination of Eastern Caribbean Forts project.- (*St. Lucia National Trust/Germaine Joseph will make contact with OECS Secretariat*);
- f) To bring to the proposed July 2015 meeting all work accomplished, their dossiers and copies to be forwarded in advance to the Cluster Office for distribution to the participants.

ⁱ The participants are from the following States Parties: Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Maarten and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.