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25th Anniversary of the ICC-Angkor/Visit of UNESCO Director General Sokha Siem Reap Resort & Convention Center
4-5 December 2018

The meetings of the 31st Technical and 25th Plenary Sessions of *the International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor)* will be held respectively on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 December 2018, at Sokha Siem Reap Resort & Convention Center and will be the occasion to celebrate the **25th anniversary of the ICC-Angkor**, in the presence of **Madam Audrey AZOULAY, Director-General of UNESCO** and several high ranking personalities from the governments of France and Japan .

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the ICC-Angkor, **Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia** will honor the event with his presence by delivering the opening speech on 4 December and **His Majesty Samdech Preah Bâromneath NORODOM Sihamoni, King of Cambodia** will deign to preside over the closing ceremony on 5 December.

After Angkor was inscribed in the World Heritage List on 14 December 1992, an International Coordinating Committee for the Safeguarding and Development of the Historic Site of Angkor (ICC-Angkor) was established in 1993 at the Intergovernmental Conference in Tokyo, Japan. The creation of this ICC-Angkor was one of the conditions given by the World Heritage Committee to accept the Angkor Site on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The ICC-Angkor has convened regularly twice a year, thus consistently following up on all operations being carried out on the site with the assistance of four *ad hoc* Experts in the field of Conservation and archeology and three in the field of Sustainable Development. It is the international mechanism for the coordination of the assistance extended by different countries and organizations, ensures the consistency of the different projects, and defines conservation standards through the Angkor Charter.

The ICC-Angkor is co-chaired by France and Japan. UNESCO in close collaboration with the APSARA National Authority ensures the Standing Secretariat.

This Technical Session will be co-chaired by **Mr. Guillaume NARJOLLET**, Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of France and **Mr. Kenichi BESSHO**, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Japan while the Plenary Session will be held under the presidency of **H.E.Madam Eva NGUYEN BINH**, Ambassador of France to Cambodia and **H.E.Mr. Hidehisa HORINOUCI**, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia.

From 1 to 3 December 2018, the Ad-hoc experts will visit many work sites in the Angkor Park. These visits are organized by the Secretariat of the ICC-Angkor in collaboration with the APSARA National Authority.

The following days, 4 and 5 December will be devoted to a number of presentations on main achievements in favor of conservation and sustainable development within the framework of 25 years of the ICC-Angkor by specialists, featuring themes on restoration, conservation, archaeological research and sustainable development.

The participation of the Government of Cambodia in the works, in partnership with international teams, has increased and diversified and the tribute that the Cambodian authorities and ICC co-chairs are prompted to pay year after year to each of the teams present in the field is an indication of the international and multilateral dimension of the work being done at Angkor.

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