

CULTURE Conference

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CULTURE: Conserving it Together

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An ICOMOS conference on heritage conservation across the Pacific

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A very successful Conference in glance:

- Held in Suva, Fiji between 2 and 5 October
- First annual conference of Australia ICOMOS that was held abroad
- Joint conference with ICOMOS Pasifika
- President Toshiyuko Kono, Secretary General Peter Phillips & a few Asia-Pacific National Committee Presidents were attended



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A very successful joint Conference in glance:

- Approximately 100 eminent local and international experts from 14 countries including -
Australia, China, Fiji, France,
Japan, Mexico, Myanmar,
New Caledonia, New Zealand,
Papua New Guinea, Taiwan,
Tuvalu, United States and Vanuatu
- 43 paper presentations
(2x pre-recorded PPTs)



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Pre-conference Pasifika Charter Workshop:

- Held in Levuka World Heritage Port Town between 29 September and 2 October
- Foundation of a Pasifika Charter has been drafted
 - Non-doctrinal
 - For whole of the Pacific



Principles of the Pasifika Charter

- 1 -Transmission of knowledge:
 protection of traditional knowledge
- 2 – Documenting, researching,
 understanding heritage values
- 3 - Recognising shared/co-existent/diverse values
- 4 - Traditional ownership, governance and rights
- 5 - The process of heritage conservation
- 6 – Sustainability



Outcomes - Declaration

The delegates of the joint conference noted:

- the outstanding diversity and richness of the region's cultural and natural heritage
 - the importance of intangible cultural heritage, traditions and customs
 - the role that heritage can play in building sustainable and resilient communities
 - the importance of regional collaboration and resourcing for heritage conservation; and
- their shared concerns about climate change and the risks it poses to heritage across the region.

They also noted concerns that Levuka Port Town's World Heritage values are at risk.



Outcomes - Where to from here

All feedback received on the Conference were excellent and very positive, and as such proved to us that we had reached the goal in increasing awareness of ICOMOS in the region and assisted in improving the activity of ICOMOS Pasifika.

- Conference PPTs, Photos and Papers will be on the CULTURE Conference website soon
- Selective papers will be published in HE next year
- Pasifika Charter will be progressed with the aim to launch it at the Pacific Arts Festival (July 2020) and at the ICOMOS GA in Sydney (October 2020)

