



# Mobilizing Cultural Heritage for Climate Action

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# RAPA NUI, CHILE



Photo: Adam Stanford

Coastal erosion & storm damage are threatening the famous Moai statues and their platforms (Ahu) as well as ancient walls, boat ramps and burial sites.



Photo: Aerial-Cam



# HOI AN, WORLD HERITAGE CITY, VIETNAM FLOODING & STORM SURGES



Photo: UNESCO

# Heritage and Climate Change: Dual Considerations



**Resolution 19GA 2017/30 – Mobilizing ICOMOS and the cultural heritage community to help meet the challenge of climate change**

**The 19th General Assembly of ICOMOS,**

## **Emphasizes**

- i that cultural heritage is both impacted by climate change and a source of resilience for communities;
- ii that heritage sites as well as local communities' intangible heritage, knowledge and practices constitute an invaluable repository of information and strategies to address climate change, even while those resources are themselves at risk from climate impacts;
- iii the value of cultural heritage-based solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation;



# SDG Target 11.4 #HeritageTarget



Making cities and human settlements sustainable, resilient, safe and inclusive by . . .

Strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage.



# Heritage and Carbon Mitigation



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Valuing **older neighborhoods** and **historic buildings** puts communities on the road to **Net Zero**.

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# Heritage and Adaptation



Heritage focuses on what residents **value**, promoting a **people-centered** approach to community **resilience**.

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# Heritage, Climate Science and High Ambition



The Statue of Liberty stands beyond parts of a brick walkway damaged in Superstorm Sandy.

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Every heritage **place**  
has a **climate story** to tell.

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# Planning for Loss and Damage



**Heritage** is helping communities plan for loss from **climate impacts** with a uniquely **inter-generational perspective.**



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**THANK YOU!**



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