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ICOMOS New Zealand (Board Member), Emerging Professionals Working Group (Secretary), ISCARSAH (Associate Member), Climate Change and Heritage Working Group (EPWG Member).

**PLATFORM / PLATE-FORME / PLATAFORMA**

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History, and recent world events continue to demonstrate that global conditions are never static. My earliest experience of ICOMOS arose as an undergraduate student eager to connect local experiences and international discourse. More recently, my involvement within ICOMOS Committees and Working Groups highlighted the inherent role of flexible platforms for communication across different groups. Drawing from these experiences, I am passionate about enabling more equitable access to professional opportunities for all ICOMOS members.

Achieving greater equity and spread of opportunities can take place through establishing local connections between heritage education and practice, while harnessing diverse perspectives to generate resilient networks. I believe that promoting the wide applications of heritage education and practice across public and private sector industries, facilitated through digital technologies, offers exciting pathways forward for ICOMOS.

Local, living histories of innovation to environmental challenges drove my professional interests in addressing risks to public wellbeing. Academic research and daily conservation practice within the Australasian region for example, reveals the ongoing need to trial, and adapt the practical application of ICOMOS conservation theories to the local context. While this process generates rich localised responses, I wish to support the emergence, development, and dissemination of original, local principles to foster local communities of practice.

The following sections of this statement outline the specific workstreams to which I would like to contribute. Through submission of this statement, I confirm my commitment to attending Board Meetings if I am elected to the ICOMOS International Board.

#### **Enhancing the ICOMOS Mission: Intergenerational Dialogue and Continuing Professional Development**

Emerging and established heritage professionals currently face unprecedented changes in the workplace. What constitutes 'workplace' has evolved, and will continue doing so, for the following generations. Transition between different career stages, or across professional disciplines will take place during highly fluid global conditions, warranting robust professional support networks. I believe intergenerational dialogue is intrinsic to successfully navigating this process and can take place through the development of shared platforms for mentorship and continuing professional development. To this end, I would like to support the development of such platforms for adaptation and implementation within National Committees and International Scientific Committees. Core activities can include contribution to scientific projects, in conjunction with learning about technical operations of ICOMOS to develop a new generation of leaders.

#### **Prioritising Innovative, Sustainable Communication: Towards Democratisation of Knowledge**

Existing and emerging digital technologies can offer flexibility in dissemination, contributing to greater democratisation of knowledge. Diverse learning needs, and pathways for continuing professional development demand different options to facilitate more meaningful participation. I would like to foster the development of creative solutions, that may include, but is not limited to adapting multidisciplinary collaborative formats for use by ICOMOS. For example, 'hackathons' ('hacking marathons') are commonly intensive 24 - 72-hour, collaborative workshops, bringing together diverse groups to define and develop solutions to specific problem statements. While webinars have comprised important communication mechanisms, there are many formats suited for different types of online, and in-person collaboration. The lessons presented by ICOMOS' first ever virtual General Assembly can be used to establish new frameworks of reference.

#### **Engaging Cultural Heritage in Disaster Recovery Response: Broad Cross-Committee Collaboration**

Acknowledging ICOMOS' ongoing scientific focus on preparedness for natural/environmental, and manmade disaster, broad cross-Committee collaboration can be enhanced to enable multidisciplinary, intergenerational dialogue and greater public awareness. The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the wide-ranging impacts of a global disaster that has affected all of society. Developing internal ICOMOS cooperation, supported by external partnerships can democratise knowledge, and showcase the advantages of including cultural heritage as part of the solution to many pressing environmental challenges, such as climate change.

#### **Closing Statement**

Since establishment in 1965, ICOMOS has become an active, evolving professional network. Sharing intergenerational perspectives, supported by creative means of collaboration and heritage education, will maximise the impacts of ICOMOS' Mission and influence its many important workstreams. Post-pandemic global conditions are redefining the experience and treatment of cultural heritage sites, and ICOMOS is now uniquely positioned to transform challenges into new, unprecedented opportunities.

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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Bonjour; Hola, Hello!

My Māori Pepeha, referencing personal connections:

**Tēnā koutou katoa**

**Ko Sahyadri ngā Maunga  
Ko Arabian te Moana  
Ko Godavari, Ko Krishna, Ko Kaveri ngā Awa  
Ko India te Whenua**  
*[The mountains, sea, rivers, land of my birth]*

**I te taha o toku mama  
Ko te twelve tribes of Israel te iwi  
Ko Te-Aitanga-a-Benjamin te Hapu**  
*[The people of my heritage]*

**Ko Pukematekeao te Maunga  
Ko Waitemata te Moana  
Ko Whau te Awa  
Kei te Uru-o-Tāmaki ahau e noho ana**  
*[The mountains, sea, rivers, land where I live]*

**Ngā mihi nui kia koutou**

Academia & Research (University of Auckland, 2016-2019)

- PhD Researcher: national disaster risk collaborations; *conducted:* QuakeCoRE, GNS Science Ltd., Universities of Otago, Canterbury, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Adelaide, Australia.
- Teaching Staff: Undergraduate and Postgraduate Design Studios; Diagnosis & Adaptation of Historic Buildings course
- Research Supervision: Coordinated internship programs, University of Notre Dame, USA

Professional Practice (2014-2020)

- Heritage Specialist: Conservation and Adaptive Reuse (Tanner Kibble Denton Architects, Sydney, Australia), Graduate (Matthews & Matthews Architects, Auckland New Zealand)

Education (University of Auckland) (2011-2020)

- Ph.D (Architecture): 'Unreinforced Masonry Precincts in New Zealand: History, Heritage, Seismic Retrofit'
- Master of Architecture (Professional)(Hons)
- Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Since 2018, I have contributed to ICOMOS as (Secretary) ICOMOS Emerging Professionals Working Group; Climate Change and Heritage Working Group, and ISCARSAH. Excited and motivated by these experiences, I believe that important priorities for accomplishing ICOMOS' Mission is ongoing multidisciplinary, multilingual intergenerational dialogue, enhanced by strong cross-Committee collaboration, and supported by emerging digital technologies.