

Call for Proposal

ICCROM-ICOMOS Research Project: Analysis of Case Studies in Recovery and Reconstruction

The scale, intensity and frequency of catastrophic events affecting cultural property has been a subject of international concern. Efforts at recovery and reconstruction of damaged communities and environments have increasingly attracted attention, from the perspective of supporting peoples impacted by such events while attempting to maintain the cultural significance of places. This project arises from the decision of the World Heritage Committee of 24 June 2018, directing the attention of advisory bodies towards the examination of case studies.

Separately, ICCROM and ICOMOS have addressed the issues involved in post trauma recovery and reconstruction in the context of cultural heritage. The project, **Analysis of Case Studies in Recovery and Reconstruction**, is a joint endeavour that seeks to bring the knowledge and capacities of both bodies to bear, in order to enhance understanding of experience with the aim of clarifying issues and improving guidance.

This ICCROM-ICOMOS collaboration is to be carried out in 2019/2020 through a joint Working Group comprising members of both organisations and administered through the ICOMOS Secretariat, in coordination with ICCROM-Sharjah Office. It involves the commissioning of a range of case studies, chosen to represent a comprehensive set of factors, including geographical, cultural and causal. The causal factors will focus primarily on natural occurrences and human conflict.

This Notice is being issued to disseminate the project to both organisations and to invite expressions of interest in preparing a case study within the project. After review of proposals a selection will be made by the Working Group for development as case studies. The authors of selected case studies will receive a modest honorarium in recognition of their work.

Among the criteria for selection are the following:

1. The events or series of events reported on should have reached a point where objective reportage is possible. There would be preference to avoid cases where developments and outcomes remain fluid;
2. The experience of the intending author(s) is critical: ideally, the author(s) will have had direct experience of the specific situation being described, and be in a position to access records and resources in preparing the case study;
3. The case studies should be modelled on the *ICOMOS Matrix for the Compilation of Case Studies*, prepared within its Global Project on Post-trauma Recovery and Reconstruction 2018. (The ICOMOS Matrix can be viewed at: <https://www.icomos.org/en/what-we-do/621-english-categories/what-we-do/focus/reconstruction/41704-icomos-global-case-study-project-on-reconstruction>). The case studies will take account of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the *Thematic Discussion on Post-conflict Reconstructions: recovery and community involvement*, formulated at ICCROM's 30th General Assembly 2017 (This can be viewed at: <https://www.iccrom.org/report/annual-report-2017>).
4. Attention is also drawn to the Position Paper on Culture in City Reconstruction and Recovery (CURE) published by UNESCO and The World Bank in 2018. This can be accessed: (<http://www.unesco.org/open-access/terms-use-ccbysa-en>)
5. The range of case studies commissioned will reflect the factors outlined above.
6. Evaluation of proposals for case studies will take into account the understanding of matrix criteria demonstrated in the proposals.
7. To be selected, authors must undertake to write their case study within the time frame set out in the project schedule below.

To respond to this call potential authors should submit:

- a. up-to-date CV(s) that shows relevant experience in preparing analytical reports, and establishes the status of the applicant under criterion 2 above;
- b. a brief description of the proposed case study (maximum 500 words). Since the case studies are to follow the outline of the *ICOMOS Matrix for the Compilation of Case Studies*, addressing each of the sections of the *Matrix* as appropriate, the proposal should follow a similar structure.

Note: While the focus of much discussion has been on recovery and reconstruction in the context of World Heritage sites, case studies need not carry this level of recognition, but must address instances of significant damage to a significant resource.

Please send your proposals to maureen.thibault@icomos.org by 3 June 2019.

Project schedule

Call for proposals	2 May 2019
Submission deadline for proposals	3 June 2019
Commissioning of case studies	early July 2019
Submission of case study drafts	10 October 2019
Final submission of case studies	30 November 2019

May 2019