

CCOP-SEADPRI-ANCST Workshop on Disasters and Heritage Areas

Date: 15 October 2017
Time: 1400 - 1630
Venue: 53rd CCOP Annual Session 2017 in Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino,
Cebu, the Philippines

Invitation for presentations by country or case study

Introduction

Heritage Areas or Sites, are cultural and/or natural sites considered to be of outstanding value, selected on the basis of having cultural, historical, and scientific; or some other form of significance. The scope of heritage areas in this workshop expands to include World Heritage Sites, national heritage sites, geoparks and conservation parks/areas, of being unique in some respect as a geographically and historically identifiable piece of special cultural or physical significance (i.e. ancient ruins or historical structure, building, city, complex, desert, forest, island, lake, monument, or mountain).

The workshop intends to highlight the inclusivity of three elements: **(1) heritage areas of national significance; (2) disasters;** and **(3) human**, where these geological and/or cultural heritage areas exhibits the relict, processes or vulnerability to geological or climatic disasters within the living community. Some examples of the disaster-related heritage areas where they are in the proximity and threat of natural hazards or geohazards: volcano, large-scale landslide, earthquake, tsunami or mega-flood and other potential disasters. The sites could be areas showcasing sustainable utilization, public education, geotourism and ultimately disaster risk reduction (DRR).

Objectives

1. To promote development of heritage sites associated with disaster risk or impacts.
2. To share experience on the role of public education for heritage areas in the context of disasters.
3. To create awareness on the importance of sustainable development and DRR for local community living in the vicinity of the disaster-prone natural heritage areas.

Tentative Program:

1. Opening & Introductory Remarks (10 minutes)
2. Short presentation on (a) General Overview and/or (b) Cases of disasters in heritage areas in their country (12 minutes each, estimate 6 presenters)
3. Discussion (45 minutes)
4. Closing (5 minutes)

Estimated participant: 30 – 45 person. The content of the workshop will be compiled to capture information on the status, development and threats to heritage areas in the region.