

Lucio Costa Heritage Management Regional Training Centre, IPHAN, Category 2 Centre, under the auspices of UNESCO

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1. General Information

Name of the Centre	Lucio Costa Heritage Management Regional Training Centre, IPHAN, Category 2 Centre, under the auspices of UNESCO
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2. Institutional and Operational Structure of the Centre

The Lucio Costa Heritage Management Regional Training Centre is based in Rio de Janeiro at the premises of the Institute of National Historical and Artistic Heritage (IPHAN), a federal public agency that presently reports to Brazil's Ministry of Culture. This arrangement was established in the first agreement signed by the Brazilian government and UNESCO on 26th July 2010, and in renewed agreement signed on 13th June 2018.

The Category 2 Centre Lucio Costa was created aiming at improving the management capabilities of institutions and professionals involved in the preservation of cultural and natural heritage in the region that encompasses Portuguese and Spanish-speaking countries in South America (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela), Africa (Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe) and Asia (Timor-Leste).

In addition to Brazil, nine countries (two African Portuguese-speaking countries, Mozambique and Cabo Verde; and seven South American Spanish-speaking countries, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay) have so far signed up to participate in Lucio Costa Centre structure and activities.

The institutional structure of the Centre is composed by the Governing Board, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat.

The Governing Board is currently chaired by the President of IPHAN and composed by representatives of all Participating States, a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO and other non-voting participants, that include: a representative of the Brazilian Ministry of Culture (MinC), a representative of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE), a representative of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), the President of the Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation (ICMBIO) or his /his representative, as well as the Director of the Center, as observer.

The Executive Committee is currently composed by Cape Verde, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay, also counting with Brazil as chair of the Committee.

During the III Meeting of the Governing Board (march 2021) the participants of the the Advisory Committee were elected: Dr. Marcela Hurtado, from Argentina, representative of the South America Region, and Dr. Ziva Domingos, from Angola, representative of the African Region. The indication of the representatives from the Advisory bodies (IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM) is still pending. The director of the Centre is the coordinator of this Committee, as stated in the Agreement.

The Secretariat is composed by the Director of the Centre (appointed by the Governing Board) and currently staffed by a team of IPHAN civil servants assigned to work with the C2C.

The Centre´s estimated budget for 2024 is USD 225,000.00.

3. Updates on the Management of the Centre

When the new Brazilian government came into office, in January 2023, the Lucio Costa Management Training Centre (CLC/CC2) was able to resume its operations, which were significantly hampered during the previous government (2019 – 2022) due to severe budgetary reduction and restrictions to multilateral cooperation activities.

In 2023, Lucio Costa Centre was granted with a budget of USD 315,000.00, which were partially applied in implementing operation resumption of the Centre, as detailed in the table below (“4. Main Programmes and Activities”). The budgetary source was the Brazilian Government's own budget, destined for the Center's institutional actions (investment cost), in addition to running costs (staff, venue, equipment, services etc.). For 2024, the Centre estimated budget is USD 225,000.00, still to be released for implementation.

In parallel, the Center has developed strategies and actions in search for partnerships and other sources of external funding. That includes not only Brazilian funding institutions, but also organizations from countries in its region of coverage and international institutions, aiming at support and funds for a broader offer of actions and training events, aligned with core themes within World Heritage and South-South Cooperation concerns, as well as with Sustainable Objective Goals. Also, Lucio Costa Centre aims at fulfilling the expectations manifested toward C2C's in the results for the Third Cycle for Periodic Reporting both in Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa, mainly related to capacity-building strategies, representativeness of the Global South on the UNESCO World Heritage List, integration of UNESCO conventions, engagement of indigenous people and local communities in managing World Heritage sites, among others.

In 2023, two external experts were assigned by UNESCO to carry on the evaluation of Lucio Costa Centre, the results of which may be finalized soon. Meanwhile, the Agreement between the Brazilian Government and Unesco, which was signed in 2018 and is due in August 2024, was extended until December 2025, according to UNESCO Executive Board decision in its 219th session (219 EX/15.XIV).

4. Main Programmes and Activities

Number	Title of the activity	Date
1	Acquisition of the Zoom software license	July/2023
2	Hiring specialized consulting for evaluation and preparation of subsidies for renewal of the Lucio Costa Center Agreement	August/2023
3	IV Executive Committee Meeting/ V Governance Board Meeting.	August/2023
4	Implementation of the Moodle platform	October/2023 to December/2024
5	Proposal of Triangular Cooperation with Mozambique and Portugal within Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) call for proposals	March-April/2024 (development of proposal estimated to July/2024-December/2025)
6	Support for IILA workshop “I Caschi Blu per la cultura - cultural heritage in the event of disaster: risk and safety interventions Blue Helmets for Culture, cultural heritage in the event of disaster: risk and safety interventions” in Brazil	March-July/2024
7	Risk Management Course in Natural, Cultural and Mixed Heritage: evaluation methodologies (online)	August/2024
8	Workshop: Cultural tourism in World Heritage Sites (presential)	September/2024
9	Translation into Portuguese and Spanish of Unesco’s and Advisory Bodies’ reference documents and resource manuals, with Zacatecas Regional Centre assistance	October to December/2024
10	Workshop on the Process for the preparation of the Indicative List (online)	November/2024
11	Seminar on Modern and Contemporary Architecture in historic World Heritage centers (online)	December/2024