



Tbilisi, 20-22 September 2011

International Conference Community and Historic Environment

Second Call for Case Study Presentations

10 years have passed since ICOMOS Georgia had launched Betlemi Quarter Revitalisation Programme. Betlemi Quarter is one of the oldest and peculiar sites within the historic core of the Tbilisi Historic District and faces all major threats and problems endangering Old City.

The Conference is intended to highlight community oriented Betlemi Project (<http://www.icomos.org.ge/betlemi/index.htm>), its multidisciplinary approach, achievements and challenges both for the local professionals, authorities, wide public and wider international conservation community. The Conference is designed to achieve promotion of the Betlemi Project, as well as thoroughly focused exchange of experience and practices in the historic urban conservation.

Cultural heritage conservation experts with similar / relevant experience are invited to present their case studies, share their skills and knowledge, outline and evaluate common problems and challenges, lessons learnt and perspectives.

The Conference seeks for the presentation of the case studies with the creative approaches concerning major subject of the Conference comprising possibly wide range of aspects linked with the community-based urban rehabilitation:

- Management tools;
- Community empowerment through participation in: the decision making process, implementation, maintenance, family business development, cultural tourism development, etc.;
- Methods to solve a problem of keeping to conservation standards versus everyday life needs;
- Public initiatives to raise awareness of the urban heritage values, importance of its preservation and advocacy, etc.

Poster presentations on the major subject of the Conference are also most welcome.

Urban conservation practice refers to diverse schemes of managing pilot urban revitalization projects, led by the local authorities, central government, public or non governmental organisations, as well as international agencies. Although, the Conference is mainly focused on the discussion of grass-root initiatives, welcome are any presentations of the innovative and successful case studies.

Abstracts presented in English, should not exceed one page A4 format, 12-point type, Times New Roman, single spacing. All authors should attach filled in registration form and short CV.

Deadline for abstracts submission – 20 March 2011.

Authors will be informed about the selection of submitted abstract on 30 April 2011.

Abstracts and supplementary files with the reference (subject) – **Community and Historic Environment. Abstract by XY**

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