

# GLOBAL CONSORTIUM for the PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

*A Network of Universities, Education and Research Institutes  
Devoted to the Future of Our Common Global Cultural Heritage*

## I. Goal, Mission, and Strategy

### The Goal of the Consortium

As stated in the *Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Case for Collaboration* (Attachment 1), the preservation of cultural heritage is one of the grand challenges of the contemporary world, comparable to other grand challenges such as world health or environmental sustainability. These other grand challenges are addressed on the basis of broad educational programs, major research efforts, effective public information efforts, and a global awareness of their importance.

The consortium is a global network to facilitate collaboration and mutual integration among members and other interested parties, to assure the development of the best conditions for the preservation of cultural heritage, as well as for its continuous use, public fruition, enjoyment, and study.

**The goal of the consortium is to enable the global university, education, and research community to make a transformative contribution to the preservation of cultural heritage, through broad educational programs, major collaborative research initiatives, and effective engagement and advocacy.**

### The Mission of the Consortium

To achieve this goal, the consortium will **promote a long-term, collaborative program of education, research, engagement and advocacy** based on the recommendations developed by the scholars who attended the United Nations Global Colloquium at Yale in April 2016 and outlined in the *Scholars Session Recommendations for a "New Haven Declaration"* (Attachment 2).

### The Strategy of the Consortium

The strategy of the consortium will be to serve as a catalyst for Cultural Preservation, primarily by providing information via open data bases to its members and other interested parties, and by providing a forum for meetings and interchanges among its members.

## II Governance and Management

The consortium will be governed by a 3-level model:

- All members, large and small, will be represented in an assembly. The assembly will endeavor to meet once a year. This assembly is purely advisory and informative, to facilitate communication among the members.
- There will be a small – no more than 10 members, nominated by their institutions and elected by the assembly, including a representative of the institution hosting the secretariat – Initial Management Committee, which will meet in person or virtually 2 or 3 times a year to supervise a secretariat.
- A secretariat with staffing sufficient to support the work envisioned. At least initially the secretariat function will be filled by members' personnel.

The consortium could be supported by working committees and or specialized advisory groups (e.g., advisory groups on resource development, education, research, and other topics) as needed. These could be added to, deleted, or modified as needs evolve.

### **III Work Plan and Budget**

The management committee will be responsible for adopting a work plan and budget along the recommendations in the “New Haven Declaration”, as well as securing funding and any expert advice or assistance.

We are guided by four essential principles:

- We aim to help to raise additional resources for research and education around the preservation of cultural heritage;
- We aim to seek at all times to prevent conflicts of interest, and focus on promoting research and education;
- We aim to remain nimble and efficient, both individually and collectively; and
- We aim to define the scope and goals of the consortium, so that our efforts are focused and our progress can be bench-marked and evaluated.

### **III. Legal Status**

To simplify the creation of the consortium, it will not be established as an independent legal entity. Its legal status is that of a project, not that of a permanent body.

### **IV. Membership**

Membership principles, an application process, and criteria are described in a separate document.

### **V. Funding**

Members will fund the time and expenses that their own participants devote to the consortium. Funding for the secretariat and for the consortium’s projects will be sought from outside sources.

As the consortium is not a legal entity, any grants or contracts will have to be given to one (or more) institutions on behalf of the consortium, with appropriate restrictions and constraints.

### **VI Review and renewal**

Consortium members will set measurable three-year and projected five-year goals – within the first six months. The consortium will be re-chartered, recast or allowed to expire at 5 years.

April 3, 2017, modified October 7, 2017