



**15<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing**  
**the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World**

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### **15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World**

Pursuant to the relevant resolution of the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held in Muscat on the occasion of the celebration of Nizwa as the Arab Region's Islamic Culture Capital (2-4 November 2015), based on the recommendations of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in Charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, and as part of the celebration of Sinnar as Islamic Culture Capital for 2017, ISESCO, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of the Sudan and in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), held the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, in Khartoum, on 18-19 September 2017. The meeting examined the documents to be submitted to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, due to be hosted by the Republic of the Sudan under the high patronage of His Excellency the President of the Republic, Field Marshal Omar Hassan Al-Bashir (Khartoum, 21-23 November 2017).

The meeting was attended by the members of the Consultative Council representing the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Indonesia, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Sultanate of Oman, the Republic of Guinea, the State of Palestine, the Republic of Mali, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Federal Republic of Nigeria, in addition to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The representative of the State of Kuwait and that of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) failed to attend the meeting.

#### **The Opening Session:**

The opening session was held on Monday 18 September 2017 in the morning under the chairmanship of His Excellency the State Minister of Culture of the Republic of the Sudan, in the presence of several senior government officials, and representatives of the Arab and Islamic diplomatic corps accredited to Khartoum.

After recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, addresses were delivered by:

- H.E. Dr Hasab Al-Rasoul Ahmed El Shikh Badar, State Minister of Culture of the Minister of Culture of the Republic of the Sudan;
- The representative of the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Mr Mohamed Ghemari, Director of the Secretariat of the Executive Council, General Conference and Specialized Ministerial Conferences;

- The representative of the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Mrs Mehla Ahmed Talebna, Director General for Cultural, Social and Family Affairs and
- The representative of the Sultanate of Oman, Chair of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, Ms Maryam Nasser Sulaiman Al Kharbooshi.

At the outset of his address, the State Minister of Culture conveyed his thanks to ISESCO Director General and hailed ISESCO's efforts in promoting joint Islamic action. He also praised the programme of Islamic Culture Capitals, which is supervised by the Organization, and reviewed the efforts exerted by the Republic of the Sudan to ensure the success of these festivities. In the same vein, he expressed his country's pleasure in hosting this Council meeting and the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers to be held in Khartoum on 21-23 November 2017 under the high patronage of His Excellency Field Marshal Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of the Republic. He also expressed thanks to the OIC and its Secretary General for their continued support to the Republic of the Sudan in the different areas relating to the Muslim Ummah's revival and prosperity.

For his part, ISESCO's representative conveyed the Director General's greetings to His Excellency the President of the Republic and the Sudanese government, particularly the Minister of Culture of the Republic of the Sudan, for cooperation with ISESCO General Directorate and the facilities provided for the convening of this meeting in the best conditions. He also praised the close coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and conveyed his greetings to the Council members, while commending their efforts and wishing them success in their work during their mandate. In addition, he stressed the importance of the Consultative Council's cooperation with ISESCO General Directorate in activating joint Islamic cultural action and commended the Council's important role in ensuring follow-up to the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World. By the same token, ISESCO's representative expressed his hope that this meeting will achieve the sought-for objectives, particularly through examining the documents prepared by ISESCO General Directorate and contributing to the development of a clear vision of the topics to be considered by the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.

In her address, the representative of the OIC Secretary General thanked ISESCO General Directorate and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of the Sudan for their cooperation and coordination in preparing the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Consultative Council. She also conveyed the greetings and appreciation of His Excellency the OIC Secretary General to His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Sudan for kindly agreeing on the Sudan's hosting of the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers and holding this event under his patronage. In addition, she underscored the central role of the OIC in the various areas of the Muslim Ummah's civilizational edification and its continued support to ISESCO's mission towards enhancing joint Islamic cultural action in the Member States.

The representative of the General Secretariat also expressed the latter's hope that the recommendations of the colloquium on "the preservation and protection of cultural heritage in

OIC Member States” (Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 14-15May 2017) be included in the amended version of the Cultural Strategy.

The representative of the Sultanate of Oman, Chair of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, took the floor to thank the organizers of this meeting. She also stressed the importance of the topics and documents submitted to this meeting, inviting the Council members to examine and adopt these documents and refer them to the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.

Then the respective members of the Council and the Supreme Committee and the General Secretariat of the celebration of Sinar as the Arab Region’s Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017 posed for a souvenir photo.

Thereafter, H.E. the Minister of Culture of the Republic of the Sudan gave a reception in honour of the participants in the meeting.

### **The first session:**

At the outset of the first working session, the meeting’s agenda and programme were adopted. Then, the members of the Council bureau were elected as follows:

- Republic of the Sudan (Chair)
- Republic of Indonesia (Vice-chair)
- Kingdom of Morocco (Rapporteur)

During the first and second working sessions, the Council examined the documents placed on the meeting’s agenda, namely:

- The Director General’s Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World;
- The Draft Amended Version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World;
- The Draft Document on the Guidelines Related to Culture and the City;
- The Draft Guidance Study on Cultural Indicators of Development.

### **The second session:**

- The Draft Islamic Declaration on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World;
- The Draft Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Consultative Council in Charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World;
- The Draft Rules of Procedure of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers;
- The Draft Agenda of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.

Following their presentation, these documents were thoroughly discussed.

### **Observations of the members of the Consultative Council:**

During the discussion of these drafts, studies and rules of procedure, the observations of the members of the Consultative Council focused on the following:

- Underscoring the need to promote ISESCO's active contribution to joint Islamic cultural action and the achievements made at this level, in line with the aspirations of the Member States' societies within a world where culture has taken on a central role in asserting the self and supporting development;
- Hailing the importance of the topics submitted by ISESCO General Directorate to the sessions of the Consultative Council and the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers as well as the quality of their guiding documents which seek to be aligned with the new cultural roles;
- Stressing the importance of enhancing communication and consultation between the members of the Consultative Council and ISESCO General Directorate regarding issues related to the Council's mandate and the effective implementation mechanisms;
- Inviting the competent authorities in the Member States concerned with the celebration of Islamic culture capitals to further coordinate with ISESCO in relevant matters, and calling for establishing partnerships with the Member States and other non-member states wishing to participate in the events of these festivities.

### **The closing session:**

At the close of its meeting, the Consultative Council adopted the documents placed on the agenda. It also adopted the Draft Amendment to its Rules of Procedure along with the changing of the Council's name to "the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World". Besides, the Council adopted the Rules of Procedure of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers. In addition, it considered the Draft Agenda of the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers and examined the draft resolutions on the items of its agenda, while recommending their adoption by the Conference.

In the same vein, the Council thanked ISESCO General Directorate for the efforts exerted in preparing these documents.

The Council adopted the following recommendations:

- 1.** To invite the sectors and parties concerned to draw on the contents of the Guidance Study on Cultural Indicators of Development and to give further attention to these indicators in policies and in preparing and implementing national cultural and development plans;
- 2.** To invite the Member States to build on the contents and general guidelines of the adopted amended version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World in their national cultural plans, and to redouble efforts to publicize this Strategy in the cultural circles and civil society bodies concerned;

3. To invite the Member States to give further attention to the development dimension of culture in city policies by widely publicizing the contents of the document on the Guidelines Related to Culture and the City and enhancing coordination and partnership in activating them with the government sectors concerned and the local authorities of cities and territorial communities;
4. To call for redoubling efforts and strengthening the practical measures regarding the protection of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, in the light of the relevant international instruments and the guidelines set out in the Islamic Declaration on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World;
5. To call for the proclamation of 2019 as the International Year of Heritage in the Islamic World, in conjunction with the celebration of Al-Quds as the Islamic Culture Capital for 2019, and to urge the competent parties in the Member States to schedule a series of activities and events for the benefit of Al-Quds and its population to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the burning of Al-Aqsa Mosque;
6. To invite the Member States to contribute to the celebration of Al-Quds as Capital of Islamic Culture for 2019 and the countries hosting cities selected as capitals of Islamic culture to twin these capitals with the city of Al-Quds;
7. To call for adopting the “Open National Heritage Days” to enable citizens in the Member States to visit historical sites, heritage landmarks and museums free of charge, in order to raise awareness of the importance of heritage and education in heritage preservation;
8. To commend the efforts of the Member States with cities celebrated as Capitals of Islamic Culture for 2017 in commemorating this event and to invite the States with cities to be celebrated as Islamic Culture Capitals to launch major cultural projects on this occasion, extend the scope of the celebration of Islamic culture capitals as to include other cities, through the organization of festivals and cultural weeks in parallel and organize large-scale advertising and media campaigns among the public opinion, both locally and internationally;
9. To invite ISESCO to prepare educational, scientific and cultural programmes and activities based on the contents and trends of the adopted draft documents for the benefit of Member States and Muslims outside the Islamic world with regard to the amended version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, particularly the new cultural issues and needs arising from international and regional changes; and for the benefit of the Member States based on the Document on the Guidelines Related to Culture and the City, and with regard to the protection and promotion of and the rational and sustainable investment in cultural heritage as well as the adoption of cultural indicators and statistics in the cultural development policies and plans of these countries, and to work towards the establishment of a cultural statistics institute under ISESCO’s supervision;
10. To call for increased cooperation among Member States and for their adoption of coordinated and unified stances at the official and technical conferences and meetings

organized by UNESCO and its bodies as well as the other international forums concerned with culture, education, media and human rights issues related to identity and culture, protect tangible and intangible cultural heritage and address the phenomena of extremism, racism and Islamophobia;

- 11.** To Welcome the plea of the representative of the State of Palestine that his country be admitted to the Council as ex-officio member, given the status of Al-Quds Al-Sharif in the psyche of Muslims, and the current delicate juncture of the Palestinian cause, along with his request to the Council to refer this plea to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Culture;
- 12.** To express profound thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the President of the Republic of the Sudan for having kindly agreed to host the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Khartoum, 21-23 November 2017) under his high patronage;
- 13.** To extend thanks to the competent authorities of the Member States of the Consultative Council for their cooperation in the preparation stages for the amendment of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World;
- 14.** To extend thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Field Marshal Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, and to Government of Republic of the Sudan, represented by the Ministry of Culture, H.E. Mr Altayib Hassan Badawi, his assistants at the ministry and the Secretary General of the Sudanese National Commission for Education, Culture and Science for their good cooperation in holding, in coordination with ISESCO General Directorate, the Consultative Council's 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was held in the best conditions and fulfilled its expected objectives;
- 15.** To extend congratulations and appreciation to H.E. Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, ISESCO Director General, for his efforts in advancing joint Islamic action; and commend the achievements made by ISESCO in its areas of competence and its sustained efforts in the joint Islamic cultural action geared to the Islamic world and Muslims outside the Islamic world, and invite it to continue these efforts;
- 16.** To extend thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Dr Yousef Al-Othaimen, Secretary General of the OIC; for his efforts to promote joint Islamic action and for his relentless support for ISESCO's programmes and activities.

The Council welcomed the request of the Republic of Sudan to establish the Sinnari Regional Cultural Center for Cultural Diversity and Dialogue as an institution reporting to the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and operating under its supervision, and invited the Minister of Culture to present the details of the project to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers as a typical example of cooperation and partnership within the framework of the implementation of the Islamic Culture Capitals Programme.

The Council decided to hold its 16<sup>th</sup> session in the second half of 2019 in the city of Tunis on the occasion of the Republic of Tunisia's hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (November 2019).

The closing session of the meeting was held under the chairmanship of H.E. Karmallah Khalfallah, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Sudan, Chairman of the Consultative Council; and in the presence ISESCO delegation and the representative of the OIC General Secretariat. During this session, the participants delivered addresses wherein they praised the positive atmosphere which prevailed throughout the sessions of the Council and which contributed to its successful outcome. The expertise and proficiency of the Council members contributed to coming up with important recommendations for joint Islamic cultural action which will ultimately ensure a successful conclusion for the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers.

At the end of the meeting, a message of thanks and gratitude was addressed to His Excellency Field Marshal Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan.

**Done in Khartoum, on 19 September 2017**

# Decisions



## **Decision on the Agenda**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sennar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Having considered its Draft Agenda as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/1.1, prov.),

### **Decides as follows:**

- **Adopts** its Agenda as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/1.1, adopted).



## **Decision on the Programme**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sennar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Having considered its Draft Programme as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/1.2, prov.),

### **Decides as follows:**

- **Adopts** its Programme as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/1.2, adopted).



## **Decision on**

### **The Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sinner as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Guided by the principles and goals set out in the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Recalling the relevant resolutions of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers,
- Having considered the Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/2.1),
- Having listened to the presentation of the representative of ISESCO in this connection, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

#### **Decides as follows:**

1. **Adopts** the Director General's Report on the Implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, taking into consideration the observations of the Council.
2. **Re-entrusts** ISESCO, as part of its mandate as an Islamic specialized body, to continue the implementation of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and its subsidiary bodies concerned, and in cooperation with the Member States and the relevant regional and international organizations; and **invites** it to update the Strategy whenever necessary.

3. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to promote cultural development in the Islamic world and boost joint Islamic cultural action, as well as its continued support for the implementation programmes of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World for the benefit of the Member States.
4. **Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.
5. **Invites** ISESCO Director General to submit this Report to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers with a recommendation for approval.



## **Decision on the Draft Amended Version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sennar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Based on the relevant resolution of the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers concerning the revision of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World,
- Having considered the Draft Amended Version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/2.2),
- Having listened to the presentation of the representative of ISESCO in this connection, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

### **Decides as follows:**

- 1. Adopts** the Amended Version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, taking into consideration the observations of the Council.
- 2. Invites** the Member States to draw on the contents and general guidelines of the adopted amended version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World in their national cultural plans, while enhancing the implementation mechanisms of this cultural Strategy and redoubling efforts to publicize it in the cultural circles and civil society bodies concerned.

- 3. Invites** ISESCO Director General to devote educational, scientific and cultural field programmes and activities for the benefit of Member States and Muslims outside the Islamic world, based on the contents and guidelines of the amended version of this Strategy, in particular with regard to the new cultural issues and needs arising from international and regional changes.
- 4. Thanks** the competent parties in the Council's Member States on their contribution and positive interaction during the preparatory process of the amendment of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World.
- 5. Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.
- 6. Invites** ISESCO Director General to submit this document to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers with a recommendation for approval.
- 7. Invites** ISESCO to submit the amended version of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World to the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit Conference for adoption and approval.



## **Decision on the Draft Document on the Guidelines Related to Culture and the City**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sinnar as the Arab Region’s Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Guided by the respective contents and goals of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, the document on the “Cultural Roles of the Civil Society for the Promotion of Dialogue and Peace”, the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Rights, and the Action Plan for the Promotion of the Role of Cultural Mediation in the Islamic World;
- Having considered the Draft Document on the Guidelines Related to Culture and the City, as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/3.1),
- Having listened to the presentation of the representative of ISESCO in this connection, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

### **Decides as follows:**

1. **Adopts** the Document on the Guidelines Related to Culture and the City, taking into consideration the observations of the Council.
2. **Invites** the Member States to give further attention to the development dimension of culture in city policies as well as to the cultural dimension of sustainable development, by widely publicizing the contents of this document and boosting coordination with the government sectors concerned and the local authorities of cities and territorial communities.

- 3. Invites** the competent parties in the Member States with cities celebrated as Capitals of Islamic Culture to launch major cultural projects on this occasion and to extend the scope of the celebration of Islamic culture capitals as to include other cities, through the organization of festivals and cultural weeks in parallel.
- 4. Invites** ISESCO to activate the content of this document by implementing activities and programmes aimed at assisting the competent parties in the Member States to renew their city policies based on the city and culture concept.
- 5. Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.
- 6. Invites** ISESCO Director General to submit this document to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers with a recommendation for approval.



## **Decision on The Draft Guidance Study on Cultural Indicators of Development**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sennar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Guided by the respective contents and goals of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity, the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Rights, and the Action Plan for the Promotion of the Role of Cultural Mediation in the Islamic World;
- Having considered the Draft Guidance Study on Cultural Indicators of Development, as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/3.2),
- Having listened to the presentation of the representative of ISESCO in this connection, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

### **Decides as follows:**

- 1. Adopts** the Guidance Study on Cultural Indicators of Development, taking into consideration the observations of the Council.

- 2. Calls for** widely publicizing the contents of this document in the relevant sectors, while giving more attention to the cultural indicators of development in the preparation and implementation of national cultural development policies and plans, through the adoption of a participatory approach that involves all relevant governmental and non-governmental sectors.
- 3. Invites** ISESCO to activate the contents of this document by implementing field activities and programmes and initiatives aimed at the adoption of cultural indicators and statistics in the cultural development policies and plans of Member States, and to work towards the establishment of a cultural statistics institute under its supervision.
- 4. Invites** ISESCO Director General to submit this document to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers with a recommendation for approval.
- 5. Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.



## **Decision on**

### **The Draft Islamic Declaration on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sinnar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Guided by the respective contents and goals of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity, the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Rights, and the Action Plan for the Promotion of the Role of Cultural Mediation in the Islamic World;
- Having considered the Draft Islamic Declaration on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World, as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/3.3),
- Having listened to the presentation of the representative of ISESCO in this connection, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

#### **Decides as follows:**

- 1. Adopts** the Islamic Declaration on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World, taking into consideration the observations of the Council.
- 2. Calls** for redoubling efforts and strengthening the practical measures related to the preservation and protection of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, in the light of the relevant international instruments and the guidelines set out in the General Framework for the Protection of Heritage in the Islamic World.

3. **Adopts** the "Open National Heritage Days" to enable citizens to visit historical sites, heritage landmarks and museums free of charge, in order to raise awareness of the importance of heritage and education in heritage preservation.
4. **Invites** ISESCO to activate the contents of the Islamic Declaration on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in the Islamic World, particularly as regards the protection, publicizing and rational sustainable investment in cultural heritage.
5. **Calls** for the proclamation of 2019 as the International Year of Heritage in the Islamic World, in conjunction with the celebration of Al-Quds as Capital of Islamic Culture for 2019, and **urges** the competent parties in Member States to schedule a series of activities and events for the benefit of Al-Quds and its population to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the burning of Al-Aqsa Mosque.
6. **Invites** the competent parties in the Member States with cities celebrated as Capitals of Islamic Culture for 2019 to host a one-week event dedicated to Al-Quds as part of the celebration's annual schedule, and calls on the rest of Member States to actively contribute to the celebration of Al-Quds Al-Sharif as Capital of Islamic Culture for 2019.
7. **Calls on** the Member States hosting the cities selected as Capitals of Islamic Culture to twin these capitals with the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
8. **Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for having prepared this document.
9. **Invites** ISESCO Director General to submit this document to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers with a recommendation for approval.



**Decision on**

**The Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of  
the Consultative Council in Charge of Implementing  
the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sinnar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Having considered the Draft Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Consultative Council in Charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/4.1),
- Having listened to the presentation of the representative of ISESCO in this connection, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

**Decides as follows:**

- 1. Adopts** the Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Consultative Council in Charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, along with the changing of the Council's name to "The Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World"
- 2. Invites** ISESCO Director General to submit this document to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers with a recommendation for approval.



## **Decision on The Rules of Procedure of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sinnar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Having considered the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, as contained in Document (CCICS-15/2017/4.2),
- Having listened to the presentation of the representative of ISESCO in this connection, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

### **Decides as follows:**

- 1. Adopts** the Rules of Procedure of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, taking into consideration the observations of the Council members.
- 2. Thanks** ISESCO Director General and his assistants for the efforts put in the preparation of this document.
- 3. Invites** ISESCO Director General to submit this document to the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers with a recommendation for approval.



**Decision on**  
**The Draft Agenda of the**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Council in charge of Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 27-28 Dhul Hijja 1438 A.H / 18-19 September 2017, on the occasion of the celebration of **Sinnar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017**,

- Having considered the Draft Agenda of the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, and
- Considering the discussions which have taken place,

**Decides as follows:**

- 1. Adopts** the Draft Agenda of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, due to be held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, over the period on 21-23 November 2017, under the patronage of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Field Marshal Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, on the occasion of the celebration of Sinnar as the Arab Region's Capital of Islamic Culture for 2017.
- 2. Invites** ISESCO to make the necessary organizational arrangements for the Conference, in coordination with the OIC and the competent parties in the Republic of the Sudan.