



The 15th International Conference of National Trusts

“Our heritage, our future”

30 September – 4 October 2013, Entebbe, Uganda

Asante Sana – Thank you very much!, October 2013



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Asante sana!

We would like to thank you again for spending last week with us in Entebbe.

We trust that you have all reached home safely by the time you read this.

Your feedback has been positive and very encouraging. We were disappointed by our politicians, but this was more than compensated for by your presence from such far-flung (for us!) corners of the world – Australia, Bolivia, Fiji, Sumatra, Taiwan, Russia, St. Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago, to mention a few. The numbers exceeded our expectations.

Your encouragement, engagement and friendship made this conference a success!

If you have remarks, criticisms or advise, please let us know – it will help us and future ICNT organisers.

Did we achieve what we set out to do?

The decision is yours but you will recall that we set out to:

- Make new connections between heritage promotion and conservation, and concerns of sustainable development. This was a central issue for Ugandans, and many of us felt that new perspectives had been explored in the course of the week. There were also many presentations and discussions from elsewhere in the world: from Australia to Indonesia to Zanzibar. We often sought ways to think in terms of heritage *for* development and recall Moses Mapesa’s vision to see heritage *drive* development.
- Reflect on issues of people’s rights to access and enjoy their culture, especially in less endowed countries. Here again, many presentations highlighted efforts to ensure that the cultural rights of all are respected, including in conflict zones. Our Entebbe Declaration (now on our website – www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug), with its emphasis

on protection and access to cultural heritage was very relevant in this respect and we all signed up to it!

- Explore the linkages between tangible and intangible heritage: our learning journeys and many presentations helped us to witness how intimately connected these are. We all also no doubt remember Gulrose’s inspiring words...
- Strengthen the global heritage movement: your presence in Uganda was a huge boost to the Africa INTO group – new connections were certainly made and a feeling of togetherness and solidarity marked the week, almost right from the start.



For Getty Foundation sponsored delegates

If you received financial support to attend the 15th ICNT, this is most likely through the generosity of the Getty Foundation.

It has now been clarified that your anonymous evaluation form should be emailed to us for onward transmission to Getty. Please therefore return your evaluation form at your earliest opportunity to ccfu@crossculturalfoundation.or.ug. You can find a copy of the evaluation form on our website www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug

Post conference blog

The blog can be accessed on ccfublog.wordpress.com or through our website - www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug.

Please send your comments and any good photograph you may have.

Papers and final list of participants

These will be found at www.crossculturalfoundation.or.ug in the next few hours.

Joining INTO

In the course of the conference, several delegates asked us to join INTO. For details, see www.internationaltrusts.org

And finally...

We all look forward to meeting up again for new experiences and new insights in England. See you in Cambridge, for the 16th ICNT!

