

ICNT 2017

The 17th International Conference of National Trusts
“Strengthen Our Culture to Promote Environmental Sustainability”
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REGENCY OF GIANYAR

INDONESIAN HERITAGE TRUST

BACKGROUND

The safeguarding of historic urban and rural areas and of their associated traditional knowledge and practice reduces the environmental footprints of societies, promoting more ecologically sustainable patterns of production and consumption and sustainable urban and architectural design solutions. Access to essential environmental goods and services for the livelihood of communities should be secured through the stronger protection and more sustainable use of biological and cultural diversity, as well as by the safeguarding of relevant traditional knowledge and skills, paying particular attention to those of indigenous peoples, in synergy with other forms of scientific knowledge (The Hangzhou Declaration, 2013).

The long-term sustainability of cultural heritage depends on ensuring its use and developing local support. Without heritage being valued and protected, it will become irrelevant and disappear (Taboroff, June, 2013). UNESCO has developed a set of indicators highlighting how culture contributes to development at the national level fostering economic growth, and helping individuals and communities to expand their life choices and adapt to change. After The ICNT 2015 Cambridge, we began to think more about how INTO and its members make a positive impact in national development and well-being. This discussion could continue in Indonesia and we could gather some good evidence from our members which we could use in future advocacy work.

THE 17th ICNT

With the tagline “Strengthen Our Culture to Promote Environmental Sustainability”, the 17th International Conference of National Trust (ICNT) 2017 expects to bring together 150 delegates from across the world who will explore the connection between their culture tradition and concerns of sustainable development. We need to share our experiences in scientific as well as practical, on the conservation towards sustainable environmental. The ICNT 2017 Bali will elaborate this into concrete and practical issues about how local resident strengthen their culture and improve their quality of life while conserving their environment.



VENUE

The ICNT 2017 will take place in Bali.

Bali is an island in Indonesia which has a strong cultural life. Religious rules and rituals are embedded in the family life, social interaction, arts, occupation, and practical works. Its richness of tradition expressed in the daily life integration of culture and environment.

CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Preparations are started and we are expecting over 46 countries with their heritage trust organizations, conservationists, academics, cultural activists and related government institutions from all parts of the world will join us.

We will invite proposals for papers and workshops covering all the themes on the conference, including Integration of Culture within Development Policies, Nature and Culture Landscape Development, Cultural Rights to Promote Social Development, Culture for Poverty Reduction, Disaster and Climate Change through Culture Resilience. These will cover case studies and best practices in sustainable development from diverse perspectives. These papers will be delivered by each of participants from the INTO members and other representatives of the worldwide national trusts.

The five-day conference will be held at Gianyar, one of regencies in Bali. Delegates will also have an opportunity to discuss topics ranging from how to strengthen culture in the dynamic development to managing and promoting it across the world, including their integration with development policies and programs. Delegates will also examine issues of economy development impact on culture landscape, the relation of cultural rights to social development, issues of poverty and the preparedness for disaster risk management and the impact of climate change.

*the date is to be confirmed

