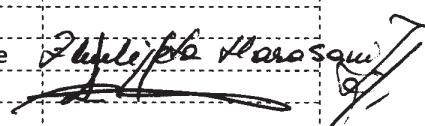




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Short title annual work plan	Promotion of Cultural Heritage and Tourism for Economic Development
Code + full text of Outcome¹	3.1 Institutional capacities, frameworks and policies meeting international standards promote equitable and sustainable regional development focusing on land use and livelihoods for women and men, agriculture, tourism and cultural and natural heritage resources.
Code + full text of Output²	3.1.3 Legal institutions have the capacity to effectively manage and promote cultural and natural heritage as well as tourism.
Implementing Partner³	UNDP, UNESCO, IAEA
Responsible Parties⁴	MoTCYS
Participating UN agencies	UNESCO, UNDP, IAEA

Year	2012		
Total budget	1,159,000		
Total Available budget	733,000		
Total Unfunded	426,000		
 UN core / regular funds	245,000		
Government contribution			
Donor contributions			
• European Union	300,000		
• Government of Italy	90,000		
• Donor C			
In kind contributions			
Coherence Fund contribution	524,000		
 For the Implementing Partner			
Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports			
 For the UN Agencies			
• UNESCO	Engelbert Ruoss	Director, Venice Office	
• UNDP	Norimasa Shimomura	Country Director	
• IAEA	Manase Peter Salema	Regional Director	

¹ from the Programme of Cooperation 2012-2016

² from the Programme of Cooperation 2012-2016

³ Implementing Partners, by signing the Annual Work Plan assume the responsibility for the achievement of deliverables and the appropriate use of resources provided under this agreement; appropriate responsible parties can be contracted to implement one or more activities needed for a specific deliverable.

⁴See above.

Short narrative on the output and the annual work plan

The MDG-F UN Joint Program on Culture and Heritage for Social and Economic Development jointly implemented by UNESCO and UNDP during 2008-2011 managed to put culture into the economic development agenda and to instill in the relevant institutions, officials and gateway communities a quite positive attitude towards the potentials of culture and cultural tourism into the economic advancement of the country. 3.1.3 Output Annual Work Plan will seek to support Albania's development potential to advance priority national goals, such as:

- Rural development
- EU accession (defining Albania's uniqueness and its contribution to the broader Union)
- Strengthening of national identity (through cultural validation)

2012 AWP deliverables build upon the priorities that were jointly identified for further follow up by MoTCYS and UN agencies at the completion of the MDG-F JP. The establishment of the new ethnography pavilion in the National History Museum represents a major milestone in the overall enhancement of visitor experience within the NHM and will set a high standard for the future physical interventions and substantive undertakings in NHM. The renovation of the Conference hall into a multipurpose facility will upgrade the museum performance in terms of its everyday management and self-sustainability. During 2012 the NHM staff will be provided with training around the new NHM functions like "education" and "communication" introduced by MDG-F JP. MoTCYS will be supported in its efforts to revise the museum legal framework, to best respond to the museum system needs for legal regulation.

Through a participatory process a comprehensive management plan will be elaborated for the Apollonia archaeological park taking into consideration the unique environment and community within which this park resides. Innovative best practices will be considered to involve the nearby communities in using civil society to help sensitize local citizenry to the specific natural and cultural patrimony entrusted to them, guaranteeing environmental sustainability for the immediate area surrounding the park. The endorsed management plan will be a good basis for the following interventions which will convert the park into an important touristic and cultural destination.

The recommendations provided to the Government with regard to the revision of Albania's fiscal structure and relevant fiscal mechanisms in support of the strengthening of cultural heritage will be carried out during 2012 by bringing together decision-makers, cultural institutions and local authorities to develop and endorse new provisions that would contribute towards an empowered and better managed cultural heritage sector.

The knowledge and skills of the cultural heritage staff and specialists in charge of protection, conservation and promotion of the cultural heritage will be enhanced through trainings, courses and conferences tailored to their specific needs, as jointly prioritized, with an eye to best meet the specific cultural sector requirements. Experts from other non-culture institutions, rendering their contribution to the protection of the cultural heritage properties will be invited to attend specific courses to upgrade their relevant performance.

In close partnership with the EU, UN has provided assistance to Kukes region for improving local capacities for sustainable development and cross-border cooperation programmes. Through the ongoing Kukes Region Tourism and Environment Promotion (KRTEP) and the recently ended Kukes Region Cross-Border Cooperation Programme (KRCBC) it is being sought to concurrently (i) improve local stakeholders' capacities for programming and managing CBC as well as regional cultural and eco-tourism development projects, (ii) enhance awareness about potentials of cross-border cooperation and regional assets, and (iii) contribute to improving or developing CBC small-scale interventions and regional/local tourism related infrastructure. In this context, activities in 2012 will be focused in full construction and refurbishment of a Regional Tourist Information Center and a town museum in Kukes and the refurbishment of the Bajram Curri museum.

Within the Durres Feasibility Study project, technical assistance will be provided to the MoTCYS regarding possible interventions that can be introduced in the coastal area of Plepa-Perroi i Agait aiming at an improved tourism potential through the application of new and environmentally friendly technologies, the consolidation of shoreline and sandy beaches and finally, an expansion of touristic activities.

The ongoing cooperation with the MoTCYS and the National Tourism Agency (NTA) in the framework of the implementation of the Cultural Marketing Strategy and the Visit-Albania-Year 2012 initiative will increase the international awareness around the country's tourism and heritage assets.

3.1.3

Legal institutions have the capacity to effectively manage and promote cultural and natural heritage as well as tourism.

Indicator	Baseline	Target 2016	Annual Target 2012
Indicator 1: # of national policies and strategies on tourism and cultural/natural heritage that are in line with international standards	Baseline 1: National Law on culture upgraded to meet international standards but not yet approved or implemented. - National law on museums was last updated in 2003 - National law on tourism upgraded to int'l standards and approved in 2007 - Tourism Sector Strategy 2007-20013 approved and being implemented - Cultural Marketing Strategy drafted	Target1: National law on museum aligned to international standards and approved - The Management plan for Apollonia Archaeological Park designed. Strategy for NHM development, management and financing initiated	Draft new Law on Museums prepared for consideration. Recommendations on the fiscal management of NHM incorporated in the draft law on Museums (under revision).
Indicator 2: Availability of national strategy on culture is budgeted resourced	Baseline 2: Draft exists	Target 2: National Strategy on Culture Endorsed	
Indicator 3: # of culture heritage staff trained on protection, management and promotion of cultural and natural heritage	Baseline 3: 50 cultural heritage staff trained under the Culture Heritage and Social Economic Development MDG-F JP (2009-2011)	Target 3: 150 cultural heritage staff	20 cultural heritage staff trained in conservation and restoration of cultural heritage via hands-on experience with restoring mural paintings in situ 15 Museum and MotCYS staff trained on development of communication, management, promotional and educational tools

3.1.3.a (Indicator 1.3)	The new Ethnographic Pavilion established and opened to visitors at the National History Museum (Indicator 3) A feasibility study on the touristic improvement of the area of Plepa-Perroi i Agit in Durres completed (Indicator 1) Comprehensive management plan for Apollonia Archaeological Park drafted and first relevant interventions initiated (Indicator 1)	Q1	MoTCYS	UNDP	133,000	-	UNCF/UNDP	Equipment (audio guides)	Consultants, contracts
		Q1	MoTCYS	UNDP	98,000	-	UNCF	Consultants, contracts	Consultants, contracts
3.1.3.b	I. Training course on restoration provided for the Albanian restorers at the Centre of Restoration (Indicator 3) II. Training course on the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property (Indicator 3) III. Capacity building on cultural marketing provided to the National Tourism Agency.(Indicator 3) IV. Cultural heritage staff/ technical specialists trained in	Q4	MoTCYS	UNESCO	20,000	50,000	UNCF	Consultant, contracts, trainings missions Publications Equipment (audio guides) Physical interventions	Consultant, contracts, trainings missions Restoration materials and equipment
		Q4	MoTCYS	UNESCO	90,000	60,000	UNESCO extra budgetary resources/Italy	Consultant, contracts, trainings missions Restoration materials and equipment	Consultant, contracts, trainings missions Restoration materials and equipment
3.1.3.c	I. Training course on the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property (Indicator 3) II. Capacity building on cultural marketing provided to the National Tourism Agency.(Indicator 3) III. Capacity building on cultural marketing provided to the National Tourism Agency.(Indicator 3) IV. Cultural heritage staff/ technical specialists trained in	Q4	MoTCYS	UNESCO	0	11,000	55,000	Consultant, contracts, trainings missions Publication of marketing tools	Support for participation in
		Q4	MoTCYS	UNDP	IAEA	14 000	IAEA	IAEA	IAEA

	Advanced Characterization of Cultural Heritage Artifacts using Nuclear Analytical Techniques and Radiation Technology for Cultural Heritage Preservation	Community based inventorying of the Intangible heritage conducted (Indicator 1)	Q4	MoTCYS	UNESCO	0	25,000	- Consultant, contracts, trainings missions
3.1.3.d	New fiscal support of cultural heritage introduced (Indicator 1)	Q2	MoTCYS	UNDP		5,000		Consultant, contracts, trainings missions
3.1.3.e	A Regional Tourist Information Center in Kukes built and refurbished	Q3	UNDP	UNDP			EU	Infrastructure works
3.1.3.f	I. A new museum in Kukes town built and refurbished in accordance with an agreed upon museum theme	Q4	UNDP	UNDP	88,000			
3.1.3.g	ii. The museum of Bajram Curri town refurbished in accordance with an agreed upon museum theme	Q4	UNDP	UNDP	212,000		EU	Consultancy museum development, Infrastructure
						50,000	90,000	UNDP

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
UNESCO	138,000	276,000	414,000		
UNDP	581,000	150,000	731,000		
IAEA	14,000	0	14,000	14,000	14 000
Totals	733,000	426,000	1,159,000		
					TOTAL

Annex 2 Monitoring tool

Technological Solutions	Implementation	Monitoring	Reporting	Review	Planning
N/A		Each agency will closely monitor implementation of deliverables through regular field visits to project sites.			
N/A			The output working groups will convene quarterly to review progress, obstacles and issues of concern.	May, September, December	Zhulieta Harasani, chair z.harasani@unesco.org
N/A					

**REQUEST for FUNDS
2012**

Summary

a. Short name AWP	Promotion of Cultural Heritage and Tourism for Economic Development
b. Total request for Funds	426,000 USD
c. Total budget ($c = d + e$)	1,159,000 USD
d. Total available Budget ($d = c - e$)	733,000 USD
e. Total unfunded ¹ ($e = c - d$)	426,000 USD
f. Implementing Partner	MoTCYS
g. Participating UN Agencies	UNESCO, UNDP

Annexes

Self Assessment	Y / N
Signed Annual Work Plan	Y / N
Progress Report	N/A

Scores against criteria²

Eligible	Yes
Performance	3
Priority	0

Remarks on eligibility for (soft-) earmarked funds

¹ Please note that the 'total unfunded' has to come from the signed AWP and is thus the 'unfunded amount' including the amount that is requested in this submission

² Annex 1 provides the full picture of the scores against each criteria of the self assessment