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Museums & Diversity
Part 1 - Museums in Pluralistic Societies
Part 2 - World Watch One: Biodiversity & Conservation
April 18 to 22, 2008

Hosted by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport
The National Museum of Guyana
Georgetown, Guyana

UMANA YANA
Kingston, Georgetown,
Guyana
PROGRAMME
Friday, April 18
Umana Yana

Opening Ceremony

Chairperson: Mr. Tota Mangar
   Chairman, Museum Development Committee
   Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Guyana

9:00 Call to order

Guyana National Anthem: Steel pan rendition

Welcome and Introduction: The Permanent Secretary
   Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Guyana

Remarks: Hon. Minister
   Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, Guyana

Cultural Presentation: National School of Dance

Remarks: President
   Commonwealth Association of Museums

Introduction of Guest Speaker: Dr. James Rose
   Vice Chancellor
   University of Guyana

Keynote Address: Dr. Rex Nettleford,
   Commonwealth Commission on Respect and Understanding
   Vice Chancellor Emeritus, University of the West Indies
   Mona, Jamaica

Vote of Thanks: Administrator
   Guyana National Museum

11:00 End of Opening Session
   Coffee break

12:00 Discussions on Conference Themes

1:00 Lunch

3:00 Tour of the Museums of Georgetown
Saturday, April 19  
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MUSEUMS IN PLURALISTIC SOCIETIES

Session 1

9:00  International Slavery Museum: 07 and Beyond  
      Richard Benjamin  
      Head, International Slavery Museum  
      Liverpool, England

9:45  Democratization of Museums in Post-Apartheid South Africa: A Case Study of Three Museums in South Africa  
      Luvuyo Dondolo  
      Heritage Manager  
      Amatole District Municipality  
      East London, South Africa

10:30  Break

11:00  The Role of National Museums of Kenya in the Wake of Post Election Violence  
      Freda Nkirote  
      Researcher  
      National Museums of Kenya  
      Nairobi, Kenya

12:00  Lunch

Session 2

1:00  The Museums of Malawi and Diversity: A Case Study ‘Safeguarding Traditions Joint Project’  
      Michael Gondwe  
      National Education Coordinator (Curator)  
      Museums of Malawi  
      Blantyre, Malawi

1:45  Museums and Pluralistic Societies: Dealing with Differences in the Societies We Live In and Interact With  
      Lucina Shayo  
      Education Officer  
      Museum and House of Culture  
      Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

2:30  Break

3:00  The Roles of Museums, Heritage and Culture Centres in Nunavut, Canada  
      Catherine Cole  
      Catherine C. Cole & Associates  
      Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Session 3

9:00  *How Caribbean Museums are Dealing with Diversity*
Hazel Bookes
Museum/Heritage Consultant
Newton Ground, St. Kitts

9:45  *Amerindian Heritage in Grenada*
Michael Jessamy
Heritage Conservation Officer
Ministry of Tourism
St. George’s, Grenada

10:30  Break

11:00  *Alleviating Poverty through Cultural Heritage: A New Role for Museums in Guyana – the Lamaha Railway Project*
Lloyd Kandasammy
Cultural Heritage Conservator and Lecturer
University of Guyana
Georgetown, Guyana

12:00  Lunch

1:00  Excursion to Fort Zeelandia
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WORLD WATCH ONE

Session 1

9:00 Connecting People with Nature: Innovative Approaches by Canada’s National Museum
Mark Graham
Director of Research
Museum of Nature
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

9:45 Biodiversity is Everyone’s Business: The Future Role of Any Museum in the Conservation of Biodiversity
Christine Ngereza
Museum and House of Culture
National Museum of Tanzania
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

10:30 Break

11:00 Promotion of Intangible Heritage in the Conservation of Nature at Livingston Museum
Terry Nyambe
Assistant Keeper of Ichthyology
Livingston Museum
Livingston, Zambia

12:00 Lunch

Session 2

1:00 Positioning the Museum Towards Achieving Sustainable Ecosystems (Biodiversity)
Yahkub Tiamiyu
Senior Conservator
National Museum
Lagos, Nigeria

2:00 IWOKRAMA: A Living Apace for Biodiversity Conservation and Development
Dr. Raquel Thomas
Director
Resource Management and Training
Georgetown, Guyana

3:00 Break

3:30 CAM Distance Course Discussion
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9:00  Meeting Resolutions & Wrap-Up

10:00  Break

10:30  Business Meeting and Elections, Commonwealth Association of Museums

12:00  Lunch

1:30  Excursion to the Centre for the Study of Biological Diversity, University of Guyana

5:00  Conference Cultural Event & Closing
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Thank you!
Wednesday, April 23

Departures

Departure information, transportation to the airport

IWOKRAMA

Location of pickup – Iwokrama Head Office
Address: 77 High Street, Kingston Georgetown.
Time of Departure: 5:30am