

ANNEXURE-6

**COMOS POLICY ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN
CONSONANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
(MOA)**

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The programs, activities and events organized/supported by COMOS must conform to its mission and the objectives as enshrined in the Memorandum of Association (MoA) of the society. The MoA clearly outlines the objects of the society in Section 3, Points (a) – (l). The Regional Representatives and the Coordinators of the various NSCs have to plan and execute the programs, events and activities in a manner that helps them in achieving these goals and objectives.

COMOS through all its programs, activities and events to be undertaken by the Regional representatives and the various NSCs shall at all times endeavor to collaborate and partner with academic institutions, government organizations, urban and civic bodies and community based organizations to increase its outreach and impact.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

In consonance with the objects of the society various programs, activities and events as outlined below can be undertaken by the Zonal Representatives of the 6 Zones of COMOS and the Coordinators of the various National Scientific Committees (NSC):

1. Developing Policy Frameworks and Technical Guidelines:

COMOS has set up various NSCs to promote research on specific subjects and themes related to the conservation of heritage resources. NSCs apart from developing a vision document for itself shall also collaborate with other NSCs, ISCs and partner organizations to develop policy frameworks and technical guidelines as reference material for professional members and the larger professional community as well as organizations engaged in conservation of heritage assets.

2. Organizing Forums for Discussion, Dissemination and Exchange of Information:

Seminars, conferences, workshops and brain storming sessions can be organized on matters of principle, policy, processes and of technical, legal and administrative practice, affecting tangible and intangible heritage including natural and cultural heritage with the aim of understanding both global approaches and national perspectives.

3. Advocacy and Awareness Generation Campaigns and Events:

Advocacy and awareness generation is one of the prime agendas of COMOS. Both short term and long term programs and events can be organized to generate awareness on matters related to conservation of heritage resources, skills and livelihoods. Exhibitions are an excellent way to reach out to the masses. Information brochures, leaflets and short films can also be prepared. Interactions and engagements with school children is extremely critical for passing on the custodianship of our heritage to the next generation and is also a very effective way to transmit the message of heritage conservation to adult members in their families. Debates, discussions and other creative group activities can be organized for school children. Heritage walks can also be organized from time to time both for children as well as senior members.

4. Capacity Building for Young Professionals, Associate and Student Members:

COMOS is an ideal platform for mentoring young fellow professionals, associate and student members. There has to be a conscious effort to organize capacity building workshops to this end. Senior members need to proactively volunteer to act as resource persons for such workshops. A yearly calendar of such programs should be prepared and disseminated.

5. Skill Training Programs:

COMOS as a body for protection, conservation, management and enhancement of our diverse tangible and intangible heritage resources draws its strength from heritage professionals coming from diverse disciplines. The society has a great responsibility towards the conservation of not just tangible heritage resources but also the carriers of skills and traditional knowledge. ICOMOS India is committed to skills training programs not just for the purpose of documenting traditional knowledge but also for facilitating capacity building and skill enhancement of individuals engaged in cultural practices and conservation profession.

6. Publications and Awareness Material:

Technical publications, brochures and leaflets can be developed as IEC material both for the professionals as well as lay persons based on the research work undertaken by the various NSCs. The same can be widely disseminated in form of hard copies and eBooks.