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## African World Heritage Fund

The African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) was launched in 2006 to support the effective conservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage of outstanding universal value in Africa. It is the outcome of initiatives of African Members States of UNESCO to develop a strategy for dealing with the challenges faced by many African countries regarding the implementation of the 1972 World Heritage Convention.

The African World Heritage Fund's Mission is to:

- Provide support to identify and list African heritage sites on the World Heritage List;
- Provide support and assistance for the conservation and management of heritage sites in Africa, particularly those already inscribed on the World Heritage List;
- Rehabilitate sites inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
- Train heritage experts and site managers as ongoing capacity building;
- Involve communities in decisions concerning their heritage and ensuring that tangible benefits accrue to them

In order to fulfill this Mission, the Fund is committed to capacity building. The capacity building programmes focus on training on the World Heritage nomination process and on conservation and site management. The Fund is accessible to all African countries who are Member States to the World Heritage Convention.

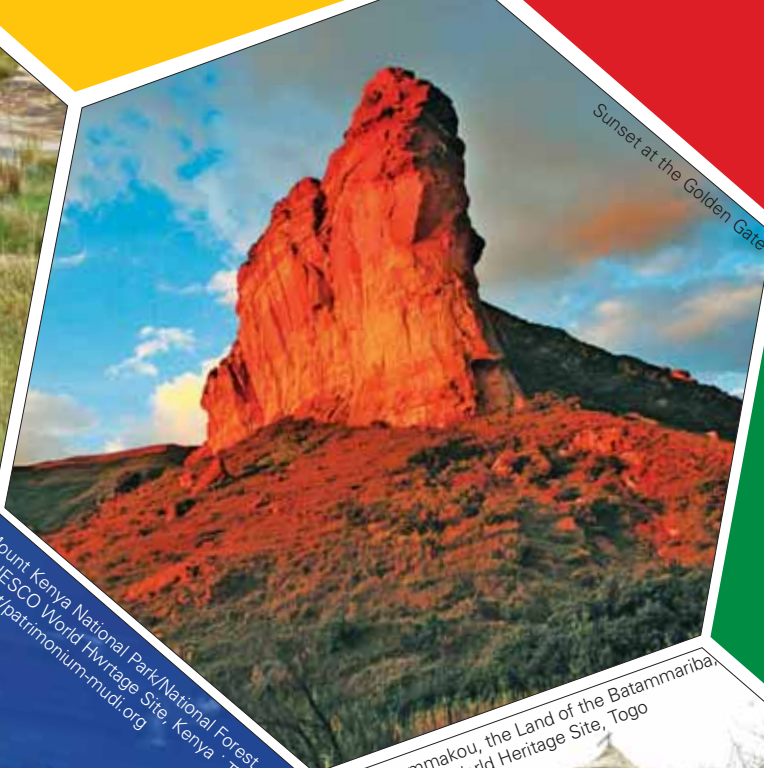
### Governance

In October 2009, AWHF became a Category II Centre under the auspices of UNESCO. Category II Centres contribute to the strategic objectives of UNESCO, implementing its mandate throughout the world. As a member of this large family, AWHF is committed to World Heritage-related training





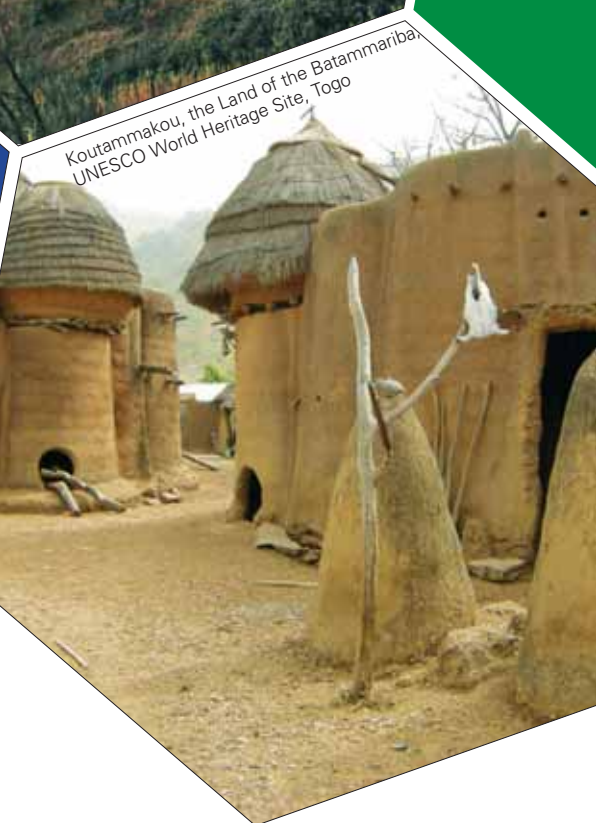
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Sunset at the Golden Gate



Mount Kenya National Park/National Forest  
UNESCO World Hyrthage Site, Kenya  
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Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba  
UNESCO World Heritage Site, Togo

and research directed at increasing the visibility, relevance and impact of UNESCO's programmes.

The AWHF is registered as a trust and located at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) in Midrand, South Africa.