

side event



The 48th session of the
World Heritage Committee

Panel discussion

From Risk to Resilience: World Heritage in a Changing World

Date and time: 23 July 2026, 13:00–14:30

Venue: Room 110, side events area, Level 1, BEXCO

Light lunch: 14:00

Organizers



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Opening remarks

H.E. Ms Jolanta Balčiūnienė

Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Republic of Lithuania to UNESCO

UNESCO World Heritage Centre (TBC)

Moderator

Dr Marija Drėmaitė

Cultural Heritage Expert, Professor at Vilnius University (Lithuania)

Panel

Dr Agnė Jasinaivičiūtė Trakimienė

Natural Heritage Expert, Director of the State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment (Lithuania)

Dr Maya Ishizawa

Programme Officer, World Heritage Leadership Programme, ICCROM

Mr Hosea Wanderi

World Heritage expert (Kenya)



This discussion will bring together international experts representing World Heritage Convention Member States and Advisory Body to explore how World Heritage sites can build resilience in the face of today's most pressing challenges, including climate change, conflicts, tourism pressures, urban development, and other emerging risks.

Bringing together perspectives from across different regions, the session will showcase regional approaches, lessons learned, and practical experiences in protecting and sustaining World Heritage sites in a changing world.