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Join thought leaders from around the globe in advancing the conservation connections between cultural and natural heritage. [*Forward Together: A Culture-Nature Journey Towards More Effective Conservation in a Changing World*](http://www.usicomos.org/symposium-2018/) builds on the recognition among US and international professionals that integration of cultural and natural heritage conservation and stewardship across professional boundaries and disciplines is essential to improving conservation outcomes.

**WHY ATTEND?**

* Share the latest international theory, practices and techniques with a broad audience of conservation practitioners;
* Explore the power of intangible heritage and the diversity of associative values people hold for special places;
* Address the urgency and impact of climate change on heritage places and explore opportunities to build resilience;
* Consider the evolution of Western and non-Western perspectives on nature and culture;
* Reflect on the status of the first 40 years of US World Heritage inscriptions and the future of US participation in the World Heritage Program;
* Meet a network of international colleagues from a range of disciplines and perspectives.

**REGISTER**

To register, [follow this link](https://www.pastforwardconference.org/pastforward2018/) and be sure to choose either **Forward Together** and PastForward, or just **Forward Together**. Please contact director@usicomos.org with any questions.

Preliminary Schedule

Tuesday, November 13: Concurrent Breakout Sessions Arranged by Theme

1. **Adopting a landscape approach for the conservation of cultural and natural resources -- from urban to rural places.**

* *Stewardship of biocultural landscapes in the 21st century*: *Forging community-based approaches*
* S*trategies for managing multiple values of large landscapes and transboundary sites*
* *Adapting the tools of heritage conservation to meet the challenges of large landscapes*

1. **Recognizing intangible heritage and diverse perspectives as integral to conservation strategies.**

*Intangible heritage as a driver of cultural landscape management and holistic conservation*

* *Stewardship of biocultural landscapes in the 21st century: the role of traditional knowledge and practices*
* *Taking a landscape approach to integrating nature and culture*

1. **Building resilience, adaptation and sustainability for urban and rural landscapes.**

* *Harnessing traditional knowledge to meet the challenge of climate change*
* *Building resilience through a deeper understanding of culture and nature*
* *Linking resilience, sustainable heritage and community livelihoods*

1. **Considering the past and future of the World Heritage List from the perspective of the U.S.**

* *World Heritage: Recent developments and new opportunities*
* *World Heritage Sites: looking through a nature/culture lens*

Wednesday, November 14

The focus of the second day will be working sessions and round-table format discussions. We are planning a series of focused, interactive sessions, including:

* A Tale of Two Cities: Annapolis and St. Augustine, Balancing Preservation and Community Values in an Era of Rising Seas
* Identifying and Implementing Conservation of Key Biodiversity Areas While Integrating Local and Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Values
* Linking Nature and Culture through Capacity Building: Lessons Learned and Challenges Ahead
* Reflection on Day 1 and discussion of key elements in a San Francisco declaration.

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