



6. GA2020 Scientific Symposium: Q&A

The 20th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (GA2020) will take place in Sydney from 1-10 October 2020. The theme of the four-day Scientific Symposium: 'Shared Cultures – Shared Heritage – Shared Responsibility', reflects the global context of heritage as part of cultural identity at a time of rapid population shift, conflict, and environmental uncertainty. The important notion of shared stewardship, for which the 'culture-nature journey' is of particular relevance, requires diverse approaches to the sustainable protection, conservation, and safeguarding of heritage.

The GA2020 Scientific Symposium will comprise 6 separate themes: Shared Cultures; Shared Heritage; Shared Responsibility; Indigenous Heritage; Culture-Nature Journey; and Marginalised Heritages. Each of the Australian co-chairs will provide a short introduction to their respective themes, identify key issues, and outline the challenges for advancing those issues via the GA2020 Scientific Symposium. The short presentations will be followed by questions and discussion.

The session provides an opportunity to speak directly to the Co-chairs of the Scientific Symposium and discuss with them how you might contribute to and/or participate in this global event. The call for GA2020 Scientific Symposium session proposals and abstracts opened on 2 October 2019 and will close on 6 January 2020. Hence this session provides an ideal opportunity to discuss your ideas for proposals with the Theme Co-chairs.

Session Format:

1. Overview of the GA2020: Prof Richard Mackay AM (GA2020 Convener)
2. Overview of the Scientific Symposium: Steve Brown (Australian Co-chair, Scientific Symposium)
3. Overview of Scientific Symposium Themes:
 - Cristina Garduno Freeman (Co-chair: Shared Cultures Theme)

- Agnieszka Kiera (Co-chair: Shared Heritage Theme)
 - MacLaren North (Co-chair: Shared Responsibility Theme)
 - Chris Wilson and Diane Menzies (Co-chairs: Indigenous Heritage Theme)
 - Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy (Co-chair: Culture-Nature Journey Theme)
 - James Lesh (Co-Chair: Minority Heritages Theme)
4. Discussion and questions

