

ICOMOS Canada and its partners are pleased to announce that the organization's 2018 Annual Meeting will be held in **Montreal** (Quebec), from **May 23rd to May 27th**.

This year's event will highlight one of ICOMOS Canada's thematic priorities: **Indigenous Heritage and Culture**. The Annual Meeting will therefore include presentations, round table discussions, activities and visits that will encourage participants to share experiences and reflect on the directions and challenges affecting Canadian heritage in general, and on the current resurgence of indigenous heritage in particular.

During the five-day event, other key topics will be explored:

- the **conservation and management of Canadian World Heritage Sites**;
- **heritage landscapes**, and ;
- **sustainable development goals**.

This year's main activities consist of a series of technical discussions led by some of our members or guest speakers. Focusing on our **three thematic priorities**, these meetings aim to advance thinking on important topics, draw on the expertise of a wide range of members and develop practical guidance. Designed to encourage collaboration, they will allow participants to exchange knowledge and pool their efforts.

Several activities will complement these technical meetings: an opening event, a round table, visits, exhibitions and an awards ceremony. Most of these activities are open to the public, with prior registration. The ICOMOS Canada Annual General Meeting will also be held during the week.

We will be happy to welcome you to the wonderful city of Montreal.

Further information will be provided in the coming weeks. In the meantime, visit our website [canada.icomos.org](http://canada.icomos.org) regularly: detailed programming will be progressively revealed.

### About ICOMOS Canada

**ICOMOS** is the only global non-governmental organization dedicated to the conservation of the world's cultural heritage places. Through over 100 national committees and 28 international scientific committees, ICOMOS brings together professionals from such disciplines as architecture, archaeology, planning, engineering, anthropology, art history, and geography to develop and discuss the theory and application of best practices to the conservation of buildings, landscapes, and sites. One of its important mandates is to advise UNESCO on cultural heritage matters especially in the context of the World Heritage Convention.

**ICOMOS Canada** is the Canadian national committee of ICOMOS. Since 1975, ICOMOS Canada has been at the forefront of the heritage conservation movement in Canada and abroad, actively contributing to the development of the theory and practice of cultural heritage conservation. The organization and its members continue to play a leading role in influencing national and international policies through innovative thinking and holistic approaches to continuously improve the conservation of cultural heritage for communities.

### Thematic Priorities

Since 2016, the organization invests resources in three thematic priorities: **Climate Change, Cultural Landscapes, Indigenous Heritage**. These are broad societal issues that are key to thinking about the development of best practices for the conservation of cultural heritage.

#### *Indigenous Heritage*

ICOMOS Canada has noted the need to address the representation of Indigenous perspectives in defining and conserving cultural heritage in Canada. The organization aspires to understand, respect, and include indigenous perspectives in the definition of best practices for the conservation of cultural heritage in Canada.

As such, ICOMOS Canada is interested in engaging Indigenous peoples, through individuals and organizations, to:

- find a path forward towards articulating a definition of cultural heritage that reflects Indigenous peoples' perspectives and values,
- outline practices that ensure the conservation of that heritage,
- understand the relationship between environmental conservation and cultural identity, and
- understand the types of pressures experienced by Indigenous heritage.

The aim of this initiative is to incorporate those perspectives in a general framework of conservation of cultural heritage in Canada.