

Flanders Unesco Science Trust

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United Nations
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Cultural Organization



Flanders
State of the Art

20th Anniversary of
UNESCO-Flanders
Cooperation Agreement

Funds-in-Trust

The Flanders-UNESCO cooperation agreement of 1998 offered the framework for setting up additional agreements for Funds-in-Trust. In 1999 the 'Flanders UNESCO Science Trust Fund' (FUST) was established, supporting the natural science programmes and projects of UNESCO. FUST funded many projects on water security, sustainable management of natural resources and climate action. However, marine research promoted by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) received most of FUST's support. Between 2010 and 2020 FUST contributed about 20.9 million USD to UNESCO's scientific programmes.

Over
20
years
of cooperation
agreement Flanders-UNESCO

Over
29
million USD
in voluntary contributions in 2010-2020

● Science 20,9 mio USD
● Heritage 6,5 mio USD
● Additional 1,8 mio USD

A long-term
Top
donor
to UNESCO

2 Flanders Trust Funds



Heritage



Science

Over
100
Flemish interns at UNESCO
in 2011-2020

Focus on Sustainable Development Goals



Supporting science-based
sustainable management of natural resources



Ocean
Teacher
Global
Academy



150 training sessions
delivered worldwide
16 regional and specialised
training centres

Supporting cultural and natural heritage



African natural
World Heritage
sites



Marine World
Heritage Programme
and its 50 sites



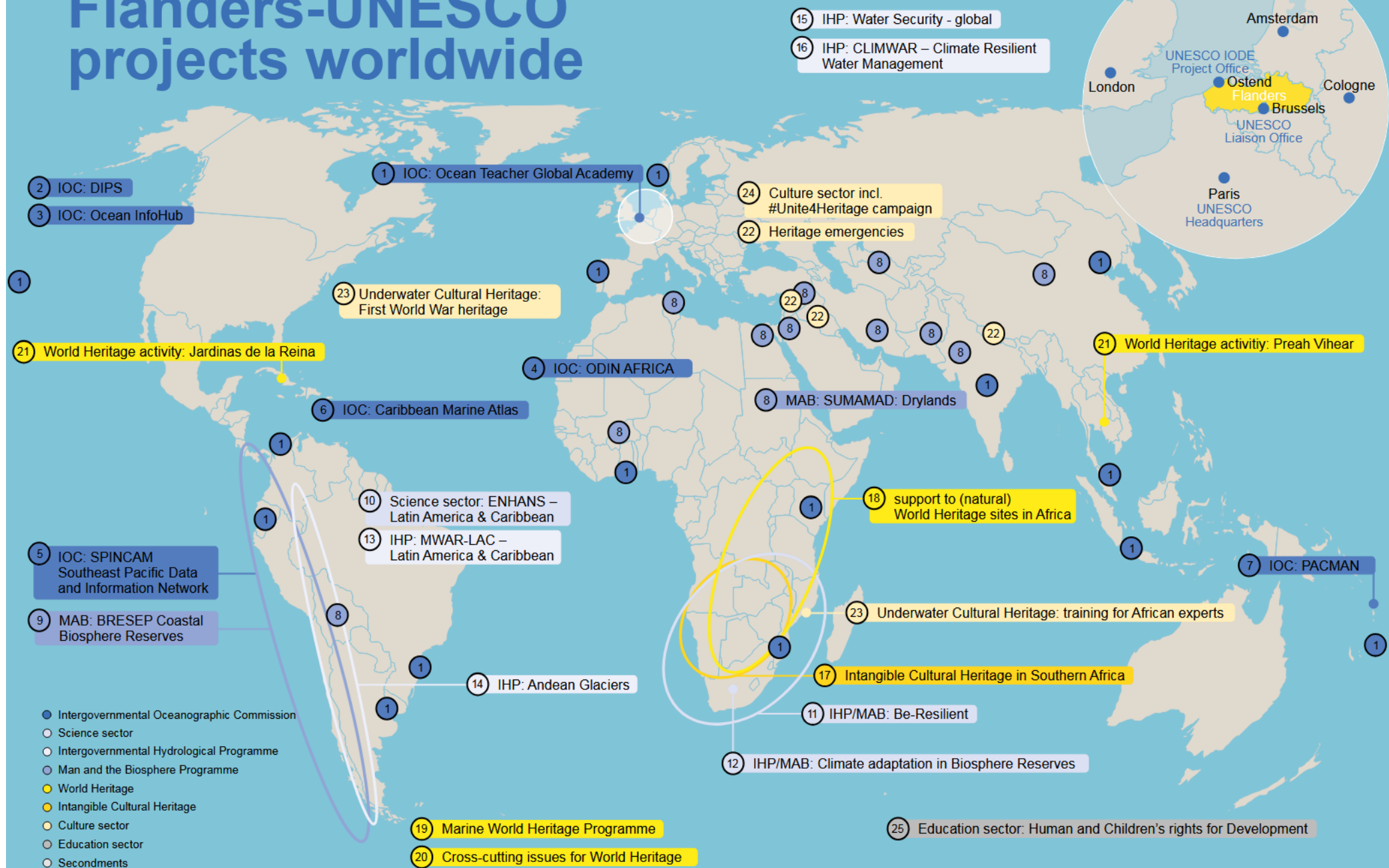
Collaboration on
intangible heritage
in 7 African Countries

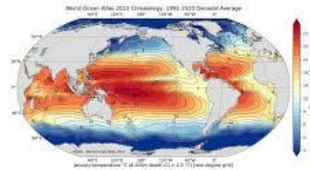
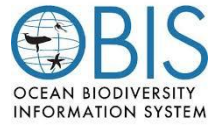
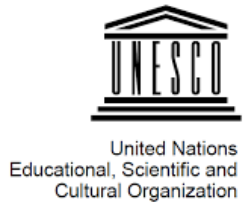


Cross-cutting
issues and
emergencies

Project	Sector	Location	Amount
1 Ocean Teacher Global Academy	IOC - Oceans	Worldwide	\$4.998.579,20
2 DIPS - Development of Information Products and Services	IOC - Oceans	Worldwide	\$449.900,00
3 Ocean InfoHub	IOC - Oceans	Worldwide with focus on Africa, Latin America and SIDS	\$1.191.915,00
4 ODIN-AFRICA Integrated data and information products and services for Ocean Management	IOC - Oceans	Africa	\$3.309.438,60
5 SPINCAM – Southeast Pacific Data and Information Network	IOC - Oceans	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Panama	\$2.436.818,10
6 Caribbean Marine Atlas	IOC - Oceans	Caribbean sea area	\$1.222.967,50
7 PacMAN - Pacific islands Marine bioinvasions Alert Network	IOC - Oceans	Pacific small island development states	\$856.822,00
8 SUMAMAD Sustainable Management of Marginal Drylands	MAB - Ecology	Bolivia, Burkina Faso, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Jordan, Pakistan, Syria, Tunisia, Uzbekistan	\$1.381.671,20
9 BRESEP – Biosphere reserves as a tool for coastal and island management in the South-East Pacific region	MAB - Ecology	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Panama	\$1.034.290,00
10 ENHANS - Enhancing Natural Hazards Resilience in South America	Science sector	Pacific Latin America and the Caribbean	\$500.000,00
11 Be-Resilient – Biosphere Reserves as Observatories for Climate Change Adaptation in Southern Africa	MAB - Ecology IHP - Hydrology	Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe	\$590.000,00
12 Climate adaptation in Biosphere Reserves for sustainable water and ecosystem management	MAB - Ecology IHP - Hydrology	South Africa	\$1.800.000,00
13 MWAR-LAC – Managing Water Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions of Latin-America and Caribbean	IHP - Hydrology	Latin America and the Caribbean	\$765.408,00
14 Andean Glaciers	IHP - Hydrology	Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru	\$440.000,00
15 Water Security	IHP - Hydrology	Worldwide	\$661.895,04
16 CLIMWAR - Enhancing Climate Services for Improved Water Resources Management	IHP - Hydrology	Worldwide with focus on Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean	\$641.296,00
17 Strengthening cooperation and capacities in Southern Africa for Intangible Cultural Heritage	Intangible Cultural Heritage	Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, Eswatini, Zambia and Zimbabwe	\$1.223.605,04
18 Projects in support of (natural) World Heritage in Africa	World Heritage	Mozambique, Kenya, Tanzania, Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe	\$1.308.892,88
19 Projects in support of the World Heritage Marine Programme	World Heritage	Worldwide	\$1.199.038,64
20 Projects in support of cross-cutting issues for World Heritage (climate, digitisation, private sector)	World Heritage	Worldwide	\$739.256,92
21 Small scale activities and contributions to World Heritage	World Heritage	Worldwide (incl. Cambodia, Cuba)	\$245.093,35
22 Projects in support of heritage and emergency situations	Heritage emergencies	Syria, Iraq, Nepal	\$483.426,98
23 Projects in support of Underwater Cultural Heritage	Underwater Cultural Heritage	Worldwide (incl. Mozambique)	\$335.467,30
24 Contributions to the Culture sector (standard-setting work, #Unite4Heritage campaign)	Culture sector	Worldwide	\$313.462,95
25 HR4DEV – Human and Children's rights for Development	Education sector	Worldwide	\$200.000,00
26 Secondments	Secondments	Worldwide	\$908.960,70
TOTAL			\$29.238.205,40

Flanders-UNESCO projects worldwide





- IODE : International Oceanographic Data Exchange program secretariat
- OBIS : Ocean Biogeographic Information System
- WOD : World Ocean Database mirror
- OTGA : Ocean Teacher Global Academy
- ODINAFRICA : Ocean Data and Information Network for Africa
- SPINCAM : Southeast Pacific data and information network
- SLSMF : Sea Level Station Monitoring Facility for IOC & GLOSS



UNESCO/FLANDERS FUNDS-IN-TRUST FOR THE SUPPORT OF
UNESCO'S ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE

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Upcoming FUST Trust funded projects for 2024-2028

On its sixth funding round, FUST Trust Fund is funding the four highly ranked project proposals:

1. Addressing Hydro-Climatic Risks and Building Water Resilience in Small Island Development States
2. Citizen Science as a Tool for Landscape Governance in the SADC Region (Regional Office Southern Africa)
3. Mangrove Restoration as a Nature-Based Solution in Latin American and Caribbean Biosphere Reserves
4. Strengthening Sea Level Monitoring and Data Management in East Africa for Coastal Resilience and Community Safety

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- Folder Flanders at UNESCO
- FUST Website <https://fust.iode.org/en>
- IODE project office <https://iode.org/about/secretariat/>
- Flanders Marine Institute <https://www.vliz.be/en>