

2020 Watch

at a glance



Koutammakou, Land of the Batamariba

Benin and Togo

Conservation of traditional dwellings will help the Batamariba people remain in their historic homeland and preserve their way of life.



Notre-Dame de Paris

Paris, France

The near-loss of a beloved cathedral and global icon reminds us of the depth of human connection to heritage places and the personal trauma that their destruction can bring.



Mam Rashaan Shrine

Mount Sinjar, Iraq

Reconstruction of a shrine destroyed in a genocidal campaign can establish greater recognition for a minority community that has been denied equality.



Traditional Burmese Teak Farmhouses

Myanmar

Desire for different living standards is causing the wholesale disappearance of a vernacular architectural typology, calling for study and documentation.



Courtyard Houses of Axerquia

Córdoba, Spain

New solutions will mitigate the effects of depopulation, gentrification, and the boom of the modern tourism industry on this historic urban housing typology.



Ontario Place

Toronto, Canada

A modern megastructure, currently closed and at risk of redevelopment, can continue to foster exchange across population groups as a recreational center.



Tusheti National Park

Georgia

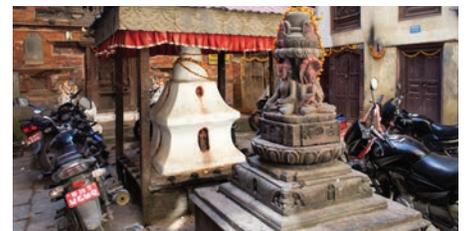
The Tush community seeks to ensure that regional development in eastern Georgia will promote sustainable tourism and will not disrupt their livelihoods.



Inari-yu Bathhouse

Kita, Tokyo, Japan

The community behind one of Tokyo's fast-disappearing neighborhood bathhouses seeks to preserve this central element of a traditional way of life while diversifying its use.



Chivas and Chaityas of the Kathmandu Valley

Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

Urban growth takes a toll on a vast number of votive shrines throughout the Kathmandu Valley, prompting community members to take action through documentation.



Bears Ears National Monument

Utah, United States

A proposed government plan puts sacred lands and sites of the indigenous people of North America at risk.



Rapa Nui National Park

Easter Island, Chile

An indigenous community seeks control and new solutions to halt the loss of culturally significant rock carvings.



Bennerley Viaduct

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, England

Local stewards of a rare survivor of the Industrial Age seek to revive it as a community asset for recreation and access to the natural environment.



Alexan Palace

Asyut, Egypt

Local initiative can transform a grand historic residence, now shuttered, into a museum for citizens and visitors to Asyut.



Gingerbread Houses of Port-au-Prince

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Investment in the historic houses of the “Gingerbread” neighborhood will ensure that they continue to shelter vital educational and cultural offerings in the Haitian capital.



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium

Ahmedabad, India

An architectural icon in need of repair can continue to provide opportunities for recreation and access to public space for the residents of Ahmedabad.



Historic Water Systems of the Deccan Plateau

Karnataka and Maharashtra, India

Revitalization of traditional water management systems and the recovery of local knowledge can help address the water crisis for contemporary communities.



Iwamatsu District

Uwajima, Ehime Prefecture, Japan

Preservation and designation of a historic coastal town built on the legacy of sake brewing can reverse the trend of depopulation.



Canal Nacional

Mexico City, Mexico

Community stewards of Mexico's oldest man-made waterway demand a seat at the table as government plans for a new park push forward.



Chojin Lama Temple

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Facing deterioration, one of the only temples to survive the country's suppression of religion can benefit from expert preservation assistance.



Anarkali Bazaar

Lahore, Pakistan

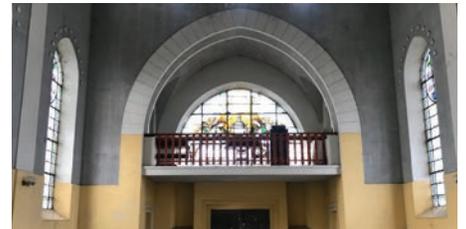
A community-led process surrounding development and modernization can improve the quality of life for this urban neighborhood and legendary market in Lahore.



Sacred Valley of the Incas

Cusco Region, Peru

A community demands inclusive and equitable solutions as construction of a new airport threatens a rich cultural landscape near Machu Picchu.



Kindler Chapel, Pabianice Evangelical Cemetery

Pabianice, Łódź Voivodeship, Poland

Reopening of the chapel as a cultural facility will give a community access to engaging opportunities.



Central Aguirre Historic District

Aguirre, Puerto Rico, United States

A training program in wood construction will pave the way for disaster recovery while opening new employment opportunities.



San Antonio Woolworth Building

San Antonio, Texas, United States

A Texas building that contributed to the African-American Civil Rights Movement is threatened by the extension of Alamo visitor resources.



Traditional Houses in the Old Jewish Mahalla of Bukhara

Bukhara, Uzbekistan

Documentation and assistance will highlight the history of Jewish presence in Central Asia following the migration of the community.