Training of African peacekeepers on cultural property protection in armed conflict (2017)

From 26 to 28 September 2017, UNESCO, jointly with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Regional Peacekeeping Training Centre and with the support of the Heritage Emergency Fund, organized a workshop on the peace-keeping operational aspects of cultural property protection in armed conflict in Harare (Zimbabwe). The training was attended by military personnel from eight Member States of SADC (Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe). The training emphasized the contributions of cultural heritage protection to mission success and informed participants of the related international legal obligations that apply to, and bind, all military forces. The workshop also facilitated the exchange of best practices related to all levels of command, and concerning the various phases of military operations.