

# Securing positive results for Indigenous people from World Heritage

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# negatives

- The **artificial culture/nature divide** is reflected in organizational structures and key processes such as evaluation of mixed sites. This fundamental issue needs to be addressed.
- Ensuring that State Parties /proponents are clearly aware of limitations/challenges regarding **sites with values that do not “fit”** well in the current system, before embarking on nominations. In other words there may need to be more focus on tentative list sites to highlight cautions/considerations.

# negatives

- not enough **TO engagement** and/or only superficial/shallow engagement
- not enough **funding** or support
- **repatriation** issues
- lack of progress over **changes at property level**
- problems identifying **legitimate TO's**
- **boundaries and cultural sensitivities** among language groups/nations
- blockages to **UNDRIP**
- TOs should be a part of WH **management and promotion**
- no **royalties/income**

## positives

- The Advisory Bodies have **recognized shortcomings** and needs within the current system and are taking steps to address them. This is very positive.
- **Upstream advisory processes** are appropriate and helpful.

# positives

- creation and support of **AWHIN**, with a direct link to Ministers
- more acknowledgement of **TO presence/engagement**
- **increased funding**/project opportunities
- Efforts to **incorporate traditional knowledge** into management
- AWHIN can help TO's/elders/community **reconnect** to country
- Traditional Owners **employment** on their own country and not having to go away, off country for work.

# key points

- recognition of issues but continuing **weaknesses in implementation**
- need for work **upstream and downstream**
  - (two-way capacity-building ICCROM, tentative listing, development of dossiers, nomination format, Operational Guidelines, management plans, monitoring/reporting)
- need for high-level **representation** (e.g. national eg AWHIN, global e.g. WHIPCOE/WIN)
- need for clear **KPIs** of success (what does success look like?)
- Need for agreed instruments/tools/mechanisms to **measure performance**
  - BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN INDIGENOUS TERMS (Enhancing Heritage Toolkit, PABAT, WH Outlook, **Indigenous “green” and “red” lists?**)