

Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development: Policy, Management and Safeguarding in Vietnam

Vietnam ratified UNESCO's conventions concerning the protection of world heritage (1987) and the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (2005) and is actively involved in promoting related agendas. In 2001, the Vietnamese government promulgated the Law on Cultural Heritage, which it later amended in 2009. Related ministries and institutions have implemented Resolution No. 33-NQ/TW-2014, which strives to meet the standards of sustainable development while simultaneously building and developing the cultures and peoples of Vietnam. The Vietnamese government has additionally launched the National Target Program on culture, providing financial support for projects related to the safeguarding of cultural heritage since 1998.

This panel asks what role cultural heritage has played in the development of Vietnam, including papers that deal with the management and safeguarding of heritage in the sustainable development of Vietnam. Specifically, papers will address related themes, including: the impact of national policies and UNESCO conventions on heritage; government management and the role of communities in safeguarding cultural heritage; and heritage and sustainable tourism.

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