MINUTES

ICOM-SUSTAIN General Assembly (Annual Business Meeting)

15 November 2025, Museum of the Future, Dubai

Present (Board members): Dora Llamas, Ben Melham, Morien Rees, Chair; Debra Reid, Secretary; Michela Rota; Virtual participation: Jamie Larkin, Lucimara Letelier; (Members and IC Day registrants): approximately 85 individuals attended the General Assembly.

Introduction and Welcome:

Morien Rees, SUSTAIN chair, welcomed attendees to the SUSTAIN business meeting.

A total of 101 registered for SUSTAIN's IC day, advertised as the only hybrid IC day; approximately 85 attended plus 19 online. For the IC day program. SUSTAIN board member Jamie Larkin organized IC Day speakers with help from members of the board who reviewed submissions generated by the call for papers. Larkin communicated regularly with all speakers, including thanking them and alerting them to the potential to publish presentations.

Rees introduced SUSTAIN Vice Chair Lucimara Letelier who spoke live from COP 30 in Belém, Brazil. Letelier participated in COP30. Ahead of the event she built momentum in partnership with ICOM's Museum and Society committee, ICOM-Brazil, ICOMOS-Brazil, the Climate Heritage Network, and FIOCRUZ to draw attention to museums, culture, and climate action. ICOM SUSTAIN activities during COP3O included a Side Event on Culture and Climate Action on 21 November 2025, presented in a 2 ½ hour workshop format

After Letelier's presentation, Morien Rees summarized highlights during SUSTAIN's probationary years (2024, 2025 nearly complete, and plans for 2026).

Highlights in 2025 to date included the remarkable involvement of SUSTAIN in ICOM's General Assembly with 2 sessions (partnered with AVICOM and NATHIST) and 1 workshop (partnered with AVICOM). Rees mentioned his involvement as chair of the jury that reviewed submissions for the ICOM inaugural Award for Sustainable Development Practice in Museums.

He introduced Prossy NANYONDO, Ugandan Railway Museum, recipient of the 2024 SUSTAIN Young Member grant, and explained briefly how her project extended into 2025 to ensure delivery of grant monies to ensure Ms. Nanyondo's success. She presented a summary of her project.

Priorities for 2026 include efforts to increase member engagement.

Respectfully submitted by Debra A. Reid, Secretary, ICOM-SUSTAIN

APPENDIX A

Notice of the 2025 ICOM-SUSTAIN General Assembly posted on the ICOM-SUSTAIN mini-webpage: https://sustain.mini.icom.museum/sustain-general-assembly-15-november-2025-1700-gulf-standard-time/

ICOM SUSTAIN will host its Annual General Assembly for ICOM-SUSTAIN members & interested individuals at 17:00 Gulf Standard Time on 15 November. This is a hybrid meeting, and there should be 100 seats via a ZOOM link to be sent to digital registrants closer to the date.

- Featured speaker, Lucimara Letelier, SUSTAIN vice-chair, live from COP 30 in Belém, Brazil
- Summary of highlights during SUSTAIN's probationary years (2024, 2025, 2026)
- Priorities for 2026 and increased member engagement.

At the end of the presentations, the Museum of the Future will welcome attendees for guided and on-your-own tours:

18:00 PM Guided tour 1 hour (for ICOM members) Maximum 45 per group
19:00 PM Open time to tour museum (including reflective space with meditative engagement)
21:00 PM Museum closes