ICOM international council of museums



Resolution No.1

"On sustainability and the implementation of *Agenda 2030, Transforming our World*"

Considering humanity's current demands on the planet are unsustainable; the planet and all its inhabitants, human and non-human are facing an entangled series of unprecedented environmental and societal crises, the impacts of which: rising inequality, wars, poverty, climate change and loss of biodiversity, are serving to amplify these crises.

Recognizing the members of the United Nations have unanimously agreed to implement Agenda 2030, Transforming our World, to address the crises and to initiate the creation of pathways to a sustainable future.

Understanding that museums, as trusted sources of knowledge, are invaluable resources for engaging communities and are ideally positioned to empower the global society to collectively imagine, design and create a sustainable future for all,

The 34th General Assembly recommends that ICOM, its Committees, Alliances, Affiliated Organisations and Secretariat:

- **recognise** that all museums have a role to play in shaping and creating a sustainable future through our various programmes, partnerships and operations;
- **endorse** the urgent call by ICOM's Working Group on Sustainability for museums to respond through rethinking and recasting their values, missions, and strategies;
- **become familiar** with, and assist in all ways possible, the goals and targets of the UN SDGs and use the 2030 'Transforming our World' Agenda as the guiding framework to incorporate sustainability into our own internal and external practices and educational programming; and
- **empower** ourselves, our visitors and our communities through making positive contributions to achieving the goals of Agenda 2030, Transforming Our World; acknowledging and reducing our environmental impact, including our carbon footprint, and helping secure a sustainable future for all inhabitants of the planet: human and non-human.

NB: Drafted from a recommendation submitted by ICOM Norway and ICOM United Kingdom.