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AIC Position Statement

On Climate Change

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The American Institute for Conservation (AIC) acknowledges that climate change poses an urgent threat to tangible and intangible cultural heritage worldwide. As stewards and advocates for cultural heritage, we have a responsibility to respond. With the increasing rate of climate change, which brings known and unknown effects that include severe natural disasters, we are committed to training individuals and building regional community networks for disaster preparedness and emergency response.

Furthermore, AIC strongly endorses the research, development, and implementation of more sustainable standards, guidelines, and practices in the preservation of cultural heritage. By advocating for sustainable practices and an awareness of climate change within our field, we can more responsibly support the preservation of our global cultural legacy.

—AIC Board of Directors

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