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We, the partners of AWAD,

Sharing a deep concern for the preservation and further development of our shared cultural heritage,

Agreeing that preservation and further development is crucial both for inherent cultural and historical reasons and for the development of a balanced cultural heritage tourism,

Convinced that continuity in our endeavours is essential,

Recommend the following:

1. The identification of tangible and intangible cultural heritage.
2. The production of digital catalogues, condition surveys and information databases in order to provide the broadest possible knowledge of, and access to, archival resources.
3. The identification and stimulation of best practices in the recording and record management of intangible cultural heritage.
4. Joint research projects to meet these ends.
5. Further expansion of the AWAD website through:
 - direct country input;
 - a forum for discussing priorities regarding projects;
 - information sharing, for example through a digital newsletter.
6. That cultural heritage projects developed in the context of AWAD will be firmly grounded in the local communities, thus ensuring a strong outreach dimension.
7. That projects aim to link the material and intangible dimensions of cultural heritage.
8. The transfer of expertise (e.g., Dutch language training for the study of 16-18th-century archival records), taking into account that financial means, technology and expertise are unevenly distributed among the various national partners in AWAD.
9. That the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba will be considered full partners in the AWAD network.

And conclude

That to accomplish these recommendations, there is need for substantial and long-term funding from multiple sources in order for AWAD to develop as a truly international endeavour,

However, in this Dutch involvement should be evident and is certainly requisite.