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UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO OPEN AIR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

AUGUST 11. - 12. 2022

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**PROGRAM**

**THURSDAY, 11TH AUGUST 2022**

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**Case studies**

Good (and maybe not so good) case study examples will help us understand the difficulties and benefits that arise from projects around the world. And most importantly, we want feedback from the communities involved on how we can create a representative accessibility guideline. Speakers will cover essential topics such as accessibility for all, what does that mean for visitors and for managers of featured archaeological sites? What are the sites’ touch points for different visitor groups? What is the importance of training and inclusion in ensuring accessibility? Who is trained and how?

**Roundtable**

Feedback on the Universal accessibility draft guidelines.
Discussion

**Excursion TBA**

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