

Timeline:

- 1959 *April/ October* The Egyptian and the Sudanese Governments request independently from each other UNESCO assistance to save the sites and monuments of Nubia threatened by submergence as a result of the Aswan High Dam.
November/ December The 55th session of the Executive Board adopts the principle of an appeal for international cooperation to assist the Egyptian and Sudanese Governments and authorizes studies preparatory to the work of safeguarding Abu Simbel and archaeological investigations of the sites in Sudanese Nubia to be undertaken as a matter of urgency.
- 1960 *January* Official inauguration of work on the Aswan High Dam.
March Director-General of UNESCO launches appeal to the international community for the preservation of the monuments of Nubia.
16-18 May First meeting of the International Action Committee in Paris.
22 May First meeting in Cairo of the Consultative Committee for the Campaign.
Summer months Dismantling and transfer of the temples of Debod and Taffa and the kiosk of Qertassi by the Egyptian Antiquities Service
November 11th session of General Conference of UNESCO authorizes the continuation and extension of the International Campaign to Save the Monuments of Nubia.
- 1961-3 Dismantling, transfer and reconstruction of the temple of Kalabsha by the Federal Republic of Germany.
- 1962 *February* Experts meeting on the safeguarding of the monuments of Sudanese Nubia.
November-December 12th session of the General Conference. Creation of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign.
- 1962-5 Dismantling, cutting and transfer of the temple of Beit al-Wali and Wadi es-Sebua and of the Tomb of Pennut at Aniba with a financial contribution from the United States of America; dismantling and transfer of the temples of Dendur, Dakka and Maharraqa under the supervision of the Egyptian Antiquities Service.
- 1963-7 Dismantling, transfer and reconstruction in Khartoum by the Sudanese Antiquities Service of:
- the remains of the temple of Aksha with a financial contribution from France.
- the temples of Buhen with a financial contribution from the United Kingdom and the United States of America

- the temples of Semna East with a financial contribution from the Netherlands, and Semna West with a financial contribution from Belgium.
- 1963 *June* Egyptian Government chooses the project to cut and transfer the two temples of Abu Simbel.
November Meeting in Cairo of the Executive Committee of the Campaign and representatives of donor states. Signing of agreement for carrying out the project of cutting and transferring the temple of Abu Simbel.
- 1964 *Spring* Evacuation of population starts. Excavations finished up to Second Cataract.
April Beginning of work to save the temples of Abu Simbel.
Summer months Cutting and dismantling of the temple of Derr. Cutting of fragments of the temple of Gerf Husein and the chapels of Qasr Ibrim. Work carried out by Egyptian Antiquities Service, which also assisted Italy to cut the chapel of Ellesyia.
September-October Waters of the lake created by the Aswan High Dam begin to rise.
- 1964-65 Dismantling of the pronaos of the temple of Amada and transfer on rails of the sanctuary by France.
- 1965 End of the excavations in Egyptian Nubia.
- 1968 *Summer months* Egyptian Government chooses the project of dismantling the temples on the island of Philae and re-erecting them on the neighbouring island of Agilkia.
22 September End of work at Abu Simbel.
6 November 15th session of the Executive Committee. The Director-General launches an appeal to the international community for the safeguarding of the temples of the island of Philae.
- 1969 End of the construction of Aswan High Dam.
- 1970 Director-General is authorized to sign agreements with the Egyptian Government and donor countries for the safeguarding of the monuments of Philae
- 1972 Beginning of the work to safeguard the monuments of Philae; leveling and widening of the island of Agilkia.
- 1973 End of excavations in Sudanese Nubia.
- 1977 Beginning of reconstruction of the Philae monuments on the island of Agilkia.

- 1978 20th session of the General Conference of UNESCO; the Executive Committee of the International Campaign is re-organized.
- 1979 *August* End of the work of transferring the Phiale monuments.
- 1980 *10 March* End of the International Campaign to Save the Monuments of Nubia.