

**Workshop on “upstream processes to nominations”:  
Creative approaches in the nomination process  
27-29 April 2010  
Bangkok, Thailand**

**Provisional Agenda**

**Monday 26 April**

Arrival of participants and transport to hotel. For participants who arrive Monday morning, site visits to heritage sites will be organised.

20.00 Casual welcome dinner

**Tuesday 27 April**

9:00 Session 1: moderator: TBD (Thailand)

**Opening of the workshop**

*Recall mandate: “Requests the World Heritage Centre to convene, with the support of interested States Parties, a process to explore and develop recommendations for consideration of the Committee at its 34th session on creative approaches, including through the Tentative List process, that might reduce the number of properties that experience significant problems” (Decision 33COM14.A2, para 14). Outline context (eg relation to other activities underway under Decision 33COM14 or other mandates). Explain focus of the workshop upon the changes to “upstream” systems and processes.*

*“Upstream” processes concern all issues prior to the Committee making a decision upon a nomination.*

Welcome and introductions from:

- Suwit Khutitti (Thailand)
- Tadamichi Yamamoto (Japan)
- Greg Terrill (Australia)
- Kishore Rao (UNESCO World Heritage Centre)

11:00 Session 2: moderator: Kishore Rao (WHC)

**Map current upstream processes**

Before considering options for improvement, the workshop will explore the current situation. This session will enable participants to reach agreement on the areas to be pursued for improvement. This session will therefore chart the *current* processes used to nominate a property for inclusion in the World Heritage List.

13.30 Lunch

15.30 Session 3: moderator: Benedicte Selfslagh (ICOMOS)

**Conduct analysis: What are the key challenges in upstream processes?**

This session is designed as an open brain-storming session aimed at identifying the typical points and sources of challenges or difficulty experienced by States Parties, the secretariat, the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Committee during the nomination process. Participants will exchange views on procedural successes and frustrations experienced in nominating a property to the World Heritage List. Issues to be discussed may relate to an assessment of which current processes work best, and whether there is any need for additional processes, including on a voluntary basis.

18.00 Closing of the first day

19.30 Bus shuttle

- 20.00 Dinner and cultural event hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand
- 22.30 Bus shuttle return to the hotel

### **Wednesday 28 April**

- 9.30 Review of first day's outcomes by Kishore Rao (WHC)
- 10.00 Session 4: moderator: Tim Badman (IUCN)

#### **Propose solutions to challenges**

This session is designed as an open brainstorming session aimed at identifying creative and innovative solutions to the challenges identified in Session 3. The session seeks to improve the upstream processes to reduce the frustrations experienced by all parties and build on the successful innovations of the past. Solutions may include re-examination of the roles of the different stakeholders; whether there may be benefit from the creation of additional processes, including on a voluntary basis reviewing the Tentative Listing process; refocusing International Assistance; introducing a staged/progressive inscription process; and improving the implementation of the Global Strategy including gap analyses and thematic studies.

- 13.30 Lunch
- 15.30 Session 5: moderator: Greg Terrill (Australia)

#### **Small group drafting of recommendations to the World Heritage Committee**

During this session, participants work in small groups to develop possible recommendations for presentation to the World Heritage Committee for discussion during its 34th Session in Brazil. The recommendations will focus on approaches to improve the upstream processes for nominations to the World Heritage List, such as, inter alia, the provision of additional advice to States Parties as part of the guidance on nominations, recommended changes to the processes used by the secretariat or the Advisory Bodies or recommended changes to the *Operational Guidelines*.

- 18.00 Closing of the second day
- 19.30 Dinner hosted by the Governments of Australia and Japan

### **Thursday 29 April**

- 9.30 Review of first and second day's outcomes by Weber Ndoro (African WH Fund)
- 10.15 Session 6: moderators: Tadamichi Yamamoto (Japan) and Greg Terrill (Australia)

#### **Discussion of recommendations to the World Heritage Committee**

During this session, participants finalise the recommendations that will be presented for discussion at the 34th Session of the World Heritage Committee in Brazil.

- 13.00 Closing of the workshop