Introduction to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise:
Principles, objectives and timetable

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What is Periodic Reporting?

• Report from the State Parties on the application of the World Heritage Convention

• Including the state of conservation of the World Heritage properties located on their territories

• Every six years for each region

Article 29 of the World Heritage Convention
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- Retrospective Inventory
- Statements of OUV
- Questionnaires
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The three pillars of Periodic Reporting

1. **Retrospective Inventory**
   - Sites inscribed from 1978 to 1998

2. **Statements of OUV**
   - Sites inscribed from 1978 to 2006

3. **Questionnaires**
   - Sites inscribed before 1998 (1st Cycle)
   - All sites until 2012 (2nd Cycle)
Why Periodic Reporting?

Paragraph 201 of the *Operational Guidelines*

Four main purposes:

- to provide an *assessment* of the *application of the World Heritage Convention* by the State Party;

- to provide an *assessment* as to whether the *values of the World Heritage properties* for which they are inscribed on the List are being *maintained* over time;
Why Periodic Reporting?

– to provide up-dated information about the World Heritage properties and to record the changing circumstances and state of conservation of the properties;

– to provide a mechanism for regional co-operation and exchange of information and experiences between States Parties concerning the implementation of the Convention and World Heritage conservation.
Why Periodic Reporting?

Overall Objectives:

- **Reinforcement of the capacities** of the States Parties towards a more sustainable conservation mechanism for their World Heritage sites;

- **Present modifications** to the World Heritage site boundaries, buffer zones, name changes, revision of criteria;

- **Drafting of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value** (OUV) (whenever needed);

- **Report** on the above actions to the World Heritage Committee
1st cycle of Periodic Reporting

Reporting by Region

Total amount of 496 properties in 146 States Parties:

- Arab States (44 properties in 12 SP 2000)
- Africa (40 properties in 18 SP 2001/02)
- Asia Pacific (88 properties in 39 SP 2003)
- Latin America / Caribbean (62 properties in 62 SP 2004)
- North America (31 properties in 2 SP 2005)
- Europe (244 properties in 48 SP 2006)
Two years of reflection (July 2006 - July 2008) about the 1st Cycle of Periodic Reporting Exercise

- to review **outcomes of first cycle** of Periodic Reporting exercise;
- to develop **strategic direction** for PR form and format;
- to ensure **effective links** between PR, SoC reports, nominations & retrospective inventory;
- to identify **training & capacity** development priorities;
- to identify international **cooperation priorities**;
- to prepare for the **next Cycle**.
Results of the reflection meetings

Positive aspects of the 1st Cycle

- Raised awareness at all levels about the WH Convention
- Helped in collection of data concerning World Heritage properties
- Assessed State of conservation of many properties for the first time

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Results of the reflection meetings

Positive aspects of the 1st Cycle

- Enhanced **regional cooperation** and **exchange** amongst professionnals
- Promoted **the creation of buffer zones** for many properties

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Results of the reflection meetings

But...

- Lack of preparation
- Site managers not involved in the exercise
- Too many elements of information/data requested from SP
- Difficult access to the data
- Reliability of data

Results of the reflection meetings

But…

- Lack of coordination
- No link with other processes of World Heritage
- Difficulty to compare them (different questionnaires)
- Time consuming and costly exercise for States Parties

Conclusions of the reflection meetings

There is a need to...

- **integrate all databases** to offer a complete documentation on each property accessible on line
- **consolidate data** (Retrospective Inventory + Statement of OUV)
- **simplify the questionnaire** and the process for completing it

Conclusions of the reflection meetings

There is a need to...

- ...**reaffirm** Outstanding *Universal* Value as the backbone of all World Heritage processes
- ...**link** the different World Heritage *processes*
- ...be able to **compare** the questionnaire between different cycles and different regions

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European Periodic Reporting

- 5 Sub-regions - 49 States Parties

- 1st cycle of PR: 244 sites reported on (inscribed before 1998)
- 2nd cycle of PR: All sites **inscribed until 2012 in Europe** to be reported on. Currently 410 in Europe (446 in Europe and North America)

- Online tool, with **partly pre-filled forms** (by WH Centre)

- Two levels of reporting:
  - Section I: by national Focal Point(s) (All States Parties)
  - Section II: by Site Manager at respective WH properties

- Cooperation: World Heritage Centre, States Parties, ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN
## Next cycle of Periodic Reporting

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Good practice

• Build on lessons learned from previous PR cycle and from experience/good practice in monitoring and assessment;

• Encourage good practice in WH property management, encourage participation of stakeholders in PR process and information-sharing with other partners.


2\textsuperscript{nd} Cycle Principles

Efficiency

- **Data pre-filled** by WH Centre for verification of accuracy rather than data collection;
- **Easier & quicker** to complete;
- **Easier** for WH Centre to access/assess results;
- Guides States Parties through **logical steps** to undertake assessment of the State of Conservation & management of Property.
Utility

• Useful for different audiences: Site Managers, States Parties, WH Committee, WH Centre and the Advisory Bodies;

• Consistent with other World Heritage processes (Nomination, reactive monitoring…);

• Harmonized with reporting for other Conventions reporting.
2nd Cycle Principles

Sustainability

• Developed for long-term use
• Capable of providing clear trends & providing continuity for future cycles of PR
• Consistent for use across regions
• Flexible to accommodate future development of the WH processes
Focal points and site managers

Fully involved in the process from the beginning to the end

Site manager
- Checks prefilled information
- Fills Section II

Focal point
- Bridge between the World Heritage Centre/Advisory Bodies and national institutions and site managers
- Checks prefilled information
- Fills Section I of the questionnaire
- Checks Section(s) II of the questionnaire
- Gathers and transmits all the information regarding the three pillars of the Periodic Reporting
Second cycle **deadlines**

- **1 December 2011**: answer to the Retrospective Inventory (properties inscribed between 1978 and 1998) *(cf. Decision 34 COM 8 D)*

- **1 February 2012**: Deadline for submission of draft retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (properties inscribed between 1978 and 2006) *(cf. Decision 34 COM 10 B.3)*

- **June–July 2012**: Formal launching of the 2nd cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise in Europe and North America (properties inscribed between 1978 and 2012) at the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee

- **31 July 2013**: submission of the filled-in Section I and Section II questionnaires by the States Parties 1 (regions distribution pending)

- **31 July 2014**: submission of the filled-in Section I and Section II questionnaires by the States Parties 2 (regions distribution pending)

- **February 2015**: Compilation of Regional Report for submission to UNESCO-WHC

- **June–July 2015**: Examination by the World Heritage Committee!
Milestones

- Draft retrospective SOUV: 1 December 2011
- Answer retrospective SOUV: 1 February 2012
- Formal launching of the 2nd cycle: June-July 2012
- Compilation regional reports: February 2015
- Examination by Committee: June-July 2015
- Submission filled-in questionnaires 1: 31 July 2013
- Submission filled-in questionnaires 2: 31 July 2014
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Specific expected results

- **PREPARE** Statements of Outstanding Universal Value
- **CLARIFY** boundaries of the properties
- **IMPROVE** / **PREPARE** management plans / management systems
- **HARMONIZE** tentative Lists
- **ENHANCE** regional cooperation programmes
- **ENSURE** new partnerships and funding (incl. EC)
Thanks!

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