Workshop/Meeting of National Focal Points of Western and Nordic-Baltic European Countries on the Preparation of the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise on the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention
Reykjavik, Iceland
18-21 October 2011
Hilton Reykjavík Nordica

Programme

Day 0 – Tuesday, 18 October
Arrival of participants
18.30 Reception at The National Museum of Iceland hosted by the Icelandic World Heritage Committee

Day 1 – Wednesday, 19 October
Morning. Topic: Status and information on preparatory work for Periodic Reporting
Chair: Iceland
8.15 Bus transfer: Radisson Blu Saga Hotel, Reykjavik – Hilton Reykjavik Nordica
8.30 Registration of participants
9.00 Opening and introductory speeches
  - Ms Ásta Magnúsdóttir, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture
  - Mrs Petya Totcharova, Chief of Europe and North America Unit, World Heritage Centre
  - Mrs Ragnheiður Helga Þórarinsdóttir, Focal Point Iceland, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Department of Cultural Affairs
  - Mr Ole Søe Eriksen, Nordic World Heritage Foundation

9.30 Introduction to the 2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise: principles, objectives and timetable and status on follow-up/preparations for the 2nd Cycle of Periodic Reporting
Mrs Petya Totcharova, Chief of Europe and North America Unit, World Heritage Centre

10.10 Discussion/Q&A

10.25 Clarifying boundaries, proposals of minor boundary modifications and establishment of buffer zones
Ms Alessandra Borch, Policy and Statutory Meetings Section, World Heritage Centre

10.55 Discussion/Q&A

11.10 Coffee break

11.25 Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value: format, process, sources
Mr Junaid Sorosh-Wali, Europe and North America Unit, World Heritage Centre
11.45 Recent examples of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value  
Ms Alessandra Borchi, Policy and Statutory Meetings Section, World Heritage Centre

12.05 How (not) to do it: Retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value (SoOUV) – Sharing experiences from working with SoOUV  
- Participant from the Nordic-Baltic Focal Points workshop on drafting Retrospective SoOUVs in Tallinn, October 2010  
- Participant from the Western European sub-region

12.25 Discussion/Q&A

12.40 Lunch

Afternoon. Topic: the tools for Periodic Reporting (How and why)  
Chair: Nordic World Heritage Foundation

13.40 Introduction to the Periodic Reporting tool – what is expected of States Parties, Focal Points and Site Managers?  
Ms Alessandra Borchi, Policy and Statutory Meetings Section, World Heritage Centre

14.10 Section I of the Questionnaire  
Mrs Patricia Alberth, Europe and North America Unit, World Heritage Centre

14.30 Section II of the Questionnaire  
Ms Alessandra Borchi, Policy and Statutory Meetings Section, World Heritage Centre

15.00 Discussion/Q&A

15.30 Coffee break

15.45 What will be the outcome of Periodic Reporting? How is the data analyzed and utilized? Experiences of the Africa Periodic Reporting  
Ole Søe Eriksen, Nordic World Heritage Foundation

16.15 Discussion/Q&A

16.30 Transnational serial nominations to UNESCO’s World Heritage List – the example of the Viking Age Monuments and Sites  
Ragnheiður Helga Þórarinsdóttir, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, Department of Cultural Affairs

17.00 City sightseeing Reykjavik

Day 2 – Thursday, 20 October

Morning. Topic: How to organize the preparation of the 2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise and ensure knowledge sharing  
Chair: World Heritage Centre

8.30 Bustransfer: Radisson Blu Saga Hotel, Reykjavik – Hilton Reykjavik Nordica
9.00  **Sharing of experiences – working models for cooperation in the Nordic-Baltic region**  
Nordic World Heritage Foundation, Finland and France

9.30  Discussion

9.45  Working groups: **Collecting ideas for the development of a joint approach to the Periodic Reporting Exercise – Organization, cooperation, knowledge sharing and information exchange**

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Presentations of group work: 6 groups (10 minutes each)

12.00 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

**Afternoon. Topic: Issues of specific interest**  
Chair: World Heritage Centre

13.30  **Open discussion platform on issues of specific interest**
   - Management Plans (Ms Birgitta Ringbeck, Germany, and Ms Katri Lisitzin, ICCROM)
   - Other issues

15.30 Coffee break

15.45  **Challenges and potential threats**  
Advisory Bodies followed by a discussion

17.00 Coffee break

17.15  **Wrap up and conclusions/Road Map for the Periodic Reporting Exercise**  
Ms Carol Westrik, International expert

17.45  **Closing remarks**

19.00 Dinner hosted jointly by the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture & the Ministry for the Environment

**Day 3 – Friday, 21 October**

9.00  **Excursion to Þingvellir National Park, World Heritage property**
   Lunch hosted by the Þingvellir Committee
   Departure