

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 Reykjavik 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 Bustransfer: 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 Sæ 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 Borchì, 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 S e 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**
Ragnhei ur Helga Þorarinsd ttir, 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 Pingvellir National Park, World Heritage property

Lunch hosted by the Pingvellir Committee

Departure