1. Opening of the session by the Director-General of UNESCO or his representative

2. Adoption of the agenda and the timetable

3. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur

4. Report on the activities undertaken by the Secretariat since the nineteenth session of the Committee

5. Report of the Rapporteur of the sessions held in 1996 by the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee

6. Constitution of working groups to examine specific items on the Committee's agenda

7. State of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List:
   7.1. Methodology and procedures for reporting on the state of conservation
   7.2. Reports on the state of conservation of specific properties

8. Information on Tentative Lists and examination of nominations of cultural and natural properties to the World Heritage List and List of World Heritage in Danger
9. Progress report on the global strategy, and thematic and comparative studies
10. Cooperation between the advisory bodies and the World Heritage Centre
11. Progress report on the training strategy
12. Requests for International Assistance
15. Promotional and educational activities, highlighting particularly the twenty-fifth anniversary events
16. Use of the World Heritage emblem
17. Revision of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention
18. Amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the World Heritage Committee
19. Date and place of the twenty-first session of the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee
20. Date and place of the twenty-first session of the World Heritage Committee
21. Other business
22. Closure of the session

* This provisional agenda was adopted by the Bureau of the World Heritage Committee during its twentieth session (Annex V of the report) with the exception of item 18 which has been included as per the decision of the Committee during its nineteenth session (paragraph XX.1. of the report).