Experts meeting on decision-making procedures
in statutory organs of the World Heritage Convention

15-17 December 2010

Manama, Bahrain

TIMETABLE

(drafted by UNESCO/CLT/WHC/POL/rv)
TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER

Arrival of the participants

WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER

09.00 – 13.00

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

09.00 Welcome address by H.E. Sheika Mai Bint Muhammad Al Khalifa (Bahrain), Chairperson of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee

09.10 Introductory remark by Mr. Kishore Rao, Deputy-Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, on the context of the expert meeting and the relationship with the process to reflect on the “Future of the World Heritage Convention”

09.20 Presentation of the background documentation by Ms. Mechtild Rossler, Chief WHC/POL Section

09.30 Introduction by the participants and constitution of a Drafting Group on Recommendations

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

09.40 Evolution of decision-making procedures of the statutory organs of the Convention, including previously suggested innovations and the status of their implementation; presented by Ms. Christina Cameron (Canada)

Followed by Questions/Answers (20 min.)

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

12.30 Comparison with decision-making procedures in other frameworks and conventions; presented by M. Greg Terrill (Australia)

Followed by Questions/Answers (20 min.)

13.30 – 15.30

LUNCH BREAK

15.30 – 18.00

Including coffee break

THEME 1 - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- Roles of Chairperson, vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur
- Right to speak and order of speakers
- Right to vote
- Rules of Procedure in respect of:
  a. Procedure and frequency of secret ballots during the course of the adoption of decisions
  b. Possible implications for the interpretation of Rules 25, 26, 40, 41 & 42
c. Participation of persons qualified in the field of cultural and natural heritage and the transmission of their qualification;
c. Application of Rule 45.

Chairperson 1: Mr. Larry Ostola (Canada)
Rapporteur 1: Ms. Kate Feros (Australia)

17.30 External independent analysis of the established decision-making procedures (video-conference with the Baastel team from Montreal –Canada) (20min.)
Followed by Questions/Answers (20 min.)

THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER

09.00 – 13.00
Including coffee break

09.00 – 11.00
THEME 2 - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATUTORY ORGANS
- Roles of the different statutory organs (Committee / General Assembly)
- Relationships among them
Chairperson 2: Mr. Dawson Munjeri (Zimbabwe)
Rapporteur 2: Mr. Joe King (ICCROM)

11.00 – 11.15: Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00
THEME 3 - STATUTORY MEETINGS
- Statutory calendar
- Frequency of meetings
- Agenda and workload
- Time management
- Monitoring procedures
Chairperson 3: Ms. Ina Marčiulionytė (Lithuania)
Rapporteur 3: Mr. Nicolas Mathieu (Switzerland)

13.00 – 15.00
LUNCH BREAK

15.00 – 18.00
Including coffee break

THEME 4 - QUALITY OF DECISIONS
- Working/information documents needs
- Quality of decisions
- Consistency of decisions between and within sessions
- Implications of decisions
Chairperson 4: Ms. Alissandra Cummins (Barbados)
Rapporteur 4: Mr. Tim Badman (IUCN)

18.00 – 19.30:
Drafting Group on Recommendations with all Chairpersons and Rapporteurs
FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER

09.00 – 13.00
Including coffee break

09.00 – 11.00:
THEME 5 - MEETINGS OF ADVISORY CHARACTER (status, integration of recommendations into statutory organ procedures, engagement of external partners)

- Expert meetings
- Working groups and consultative bodies
- External partners

Chairperson 5: Ms. Christina Cameron (Canada)
Rapporteur 5: Mr. Ali Ould Sidi (Mali)

11.00 – 11.15: Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00
THEME 6 - CONFIDENTIALITY OF DOCUMENTS AND STATUTORY MEETINGS

- Media participation
- Confidentiality of documents and debates
- Partnerships

Chairperson 6: Mr. Olivier Poisson (France)
Rapporteur 6: Ms. Bénédicte Selflagh (ICOMOS)

13.00 – 16.00
LUNCH BREAK
Including Drafting Group on Recommendations with all Chairpersons and Rapporteurs

16.00 – 18.00
Including coffee break

16.00: Adoption of the Recommendations of the Expert meeting for discussion during the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee in June 2011

18.00: Closure of the meeting