

**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