



Introduction to the 2nd Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise:

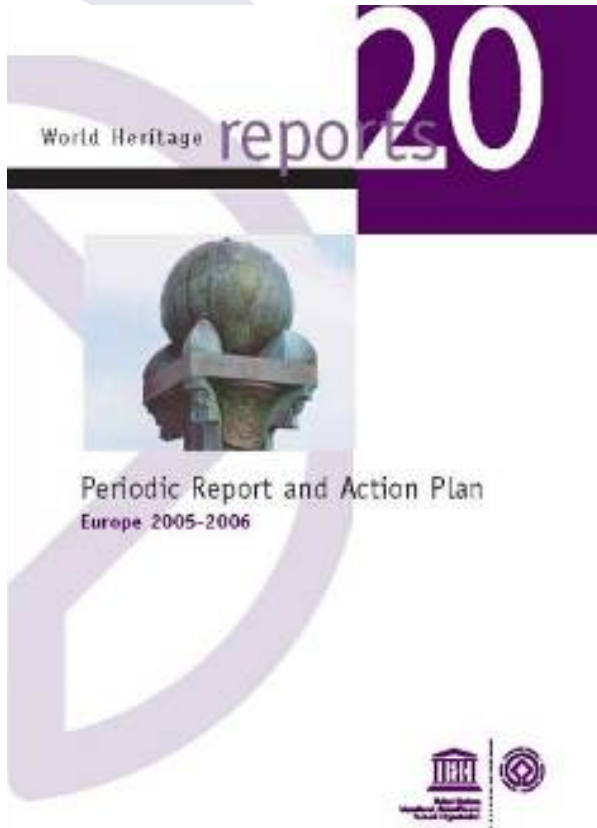
Principles, objectives and timetable

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What is Periodic Reporting?

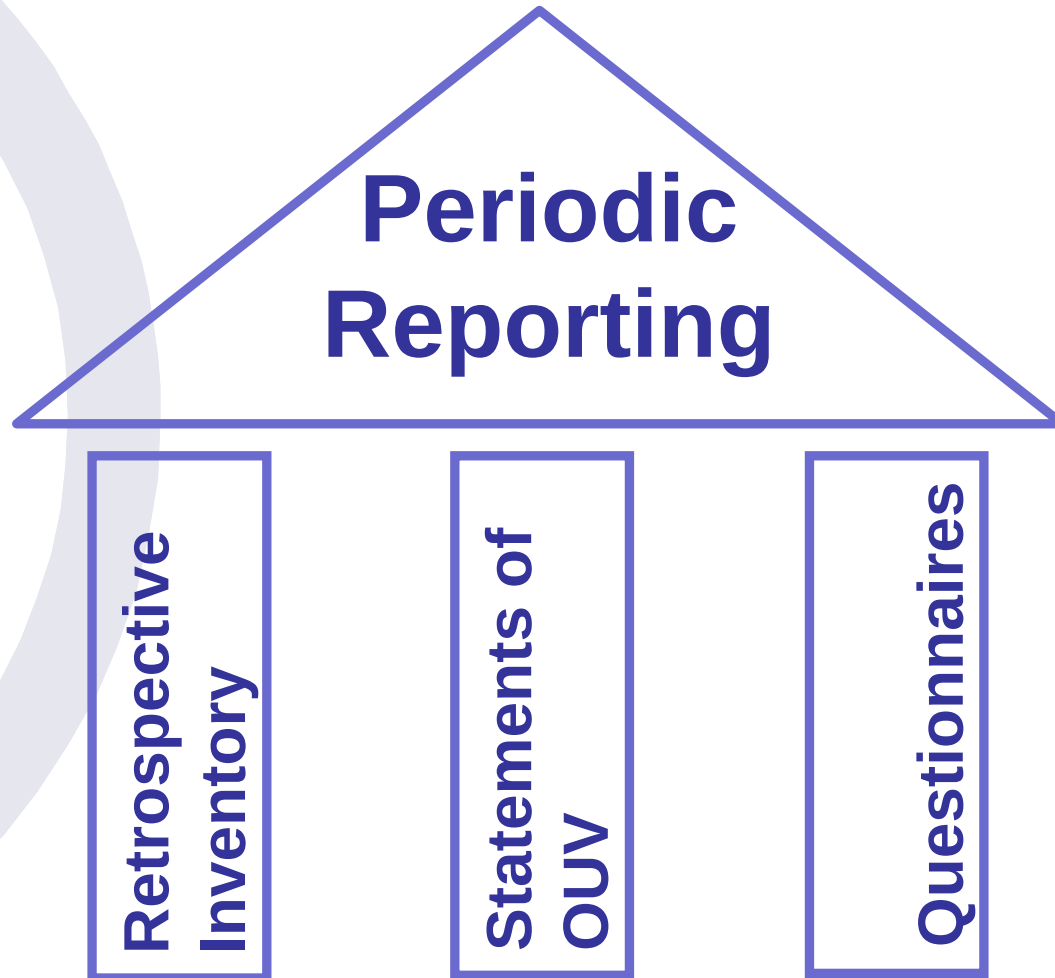


- Report from the State Parties on the application of the World Heritage Convention
- Including the state of conservation of the World Heritage properties located on their territories
- Every six years for each region

Article 29 of the World Heritage Convention

What is Periodic Reporting?

The three pillars of Periodic Reporting



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**Retrospective
Inventory**



Sites inscribed from
1978 to 1998

**Statements of
OUV**



Sites inscribed from
1978 to 2006

Questionnaires



Sites inscribed before 1998
(1st Cycle)
All sites until 2012
(2nd Cycle)

Why Periodic Reporting?

Paragraph 201 of the *Operational Guidelines*

Four main purposes:

- to provide an assessment of the application of the World Heritage Convention by the State Party;
- to provide an assessment as to whether the values of the World Heritage properties for which they are inscribed on the List are being maintained over time;

Why Periodic Reporting?

- to provide up-dated information about the World Heritage properties and to record the changing circumstances and state of conservation of the properties;
- to provide a mechanism for regional co-operation and exchange of information and experiences between States Parties concerning the implementation of the Convention and World Heritage conservation.

Why Periodic Reporting?

Overall Objectives:

- Reinforcement of the capacities of the States Parties towards a more sustainable conservation mechanism for their World Heritage sites;
- Present modifications to the World Heritage site boundaries, buffer zones, name changes, revision of criteria;
- Drafting of Retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) (whenever needed);
- Report on the above actions to the World Heritage Committee

1st cycle of Periodic Reporting

Reporting by Region

Total amount of 496 properties in 146 States Parties:

- **Arab States** (44 properties in 12 SP 2000)
- **Africa** (40 properties in 18 SP 2001/02)
- **Asia Pacific** (88 properties in 39 SP 2003)
- **Latin America / Caribbean** (62 properties in 62 SP 2004)
- **North America** (31 properties in 2 SP 2005)
- **Europe** (244 properties in 48 SP 2006)

Years of reflection

Two years of reflection (July 2006 - July 2008) about the 1st Cycle of Periodic Reporting Exercise

- to review outcomes of first cycle of Periodic Reporting exercise;
- to develop strategic direction for PR form and format;
- to ensure effective links between PR, SoC reports, nominations & retrospective inventory;
- to identify training & capacity development priorities;
- to identify international cooperation priorities;
- to prepare of the next Cycle.

Results of the reflection meetings

Positive aspects of the 1st Cycle

- Raised awareness at all levels about the WH Convention
- Helped in collection of data concerning World Heritage properties
- Assessed State of conservation of many properties for the first time



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Results of the reflection meetings

Positive aspects of the 1st Cycle

- Enhanced regional cooperation and exchange amongst professionals
- Promoted the creation of buffer zones for many properties



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Results of the reflection meetings

But...

- Lack of preparation
- Site managers not involved in the exercise
- Too many elements of information/data requested from SP
- Difficult access to the data
- Reliability of data



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Results of the reflection meetings

But...

- Lack of coordination
- No link with other processes of World Heritage
- Difficulty to compare them (different questionnaires)
- Time consuming and costly exercise for States Parties



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Conclusions of the reflection meetings

There is a need to...

- ...integrate all databases to offer a complete documentation on each property accessible on line
- ...consolidate data (Retrospective Inventory + Statement of OUV)
- ...simplify the questionnaire and the process for completing it



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Conclusions of the reflection meetings

There is a need to...

- ...reaffirm Outstanding Universal Value as the backbone of all World Heritage processes
- ...link the different World Heritage processes
- ...be able to compare the questionnaire between different cycles and different regions



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European Periodic Reporting

- 5 Sub-regions - 49 States Parties
- 1st cycle of PR: 244 sites reported on (inscribed before 1998)
- 2nd cycle of PR: All sites inscribed until 2012 in Europe to be reported on. Currently 410 in Europe (446 in Europe and North America)
- Online tool, with partly pre-filled forms (by WH Centre)
- Two levels of reporting:
 - **Section I:** by national Focal Point(s) (All States Parties)
 - **Section II:** by Site Manager at respective WH properties
- Cooperation: World Heritage Centre, States Parties, ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN

Next cycle of Periodic Reporting

Region	Retrospective Inventory	Launching of 2 nd Cycle of PR	Session to report to the World Heritage Committee	Year of Examination by Committee
Arab States	2005/2007	2008/2010	34 th session	June-July 2010
Africa	2007/2008	2009/2011	35 th session	June-July 2011
Asia-Pacific	2008/2009	2010/2012	36 th session	June-July 2012
Latin America and the Caribbean	2011/2012	2011/2013	37 th session	June-July 2013
Europe-North America	2005/2006 (Europe) 2012/2013 (N. America)	2012/2015	39 th session	June-July 2015

2nd Cycle Principles Good practice

Good practice

- Build on lessons learned from previous PR cycle and from experience/good practice in monitoring and assessment;
- Encourage good practice in WH property management, encourage participation of stakeholders in PR process and information-sharing with other partners.

2nd Cycle Principles

Efficiency

- Data pre-filled by WH Centre for verification of accuracy rather than data collection;
- Easier & quicker to complete;
- Easier for WH Centre to access/assess results;
- Guides States Parties through logical steps to undertake assessment of the State of Conservation & management of Property.

2nd Cycle Principles

Utility

- Useful for different audiences: Site Managers, States Parties, WH Committee, WH Centre and the Advisory Bodies;
- Consistent with other World Heritage processes (Nomination, reactive monitoring...);
- Harmonized with reporting for other Conventions reporting.

2nd Cycle Principles

Sustainability

- Developed for long-term use
- Capable of providing clear trends & providing continuity for future cycles of PR
- Consistent for use across regions
- Flexible to accommodate future development of the WH processes

Focal points and site managers

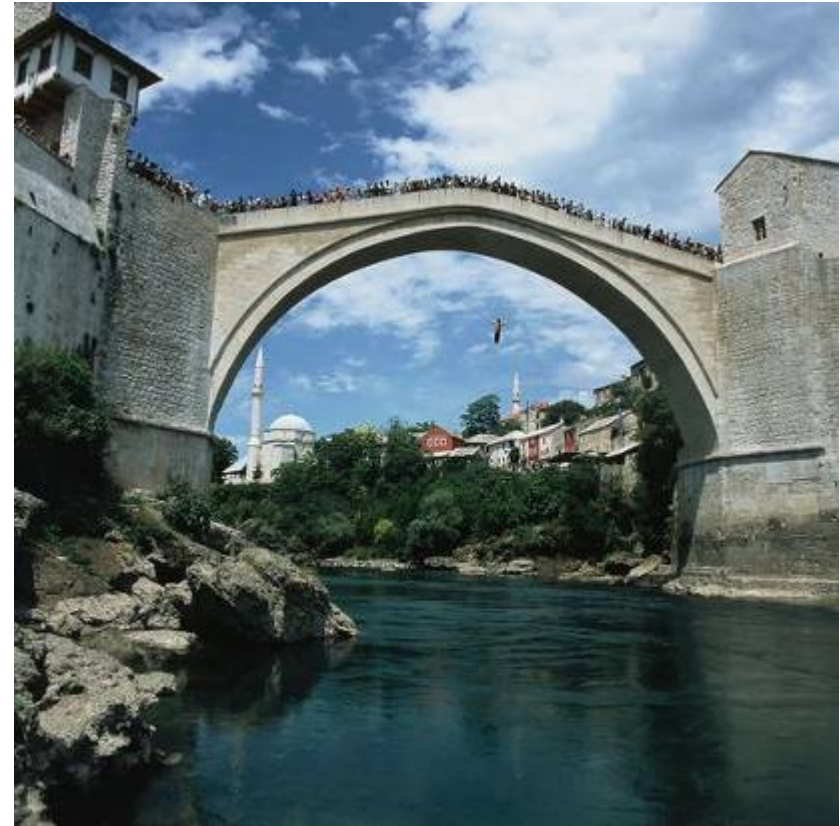
Fully involved in the process from the beginning to the end

Site manager

- Checks prefilled information
- Fills Section II

Focal point

- Bridge between the World Heritage Centre/Advisory Bodies and national institutions and site managers
- Checks prefilled information
- Fills Section I of the questionnaire
- Checks Section(s) II of the questionnaire
- Gathers and transmits all the information regarding the three pillars of the Periodic Reporting



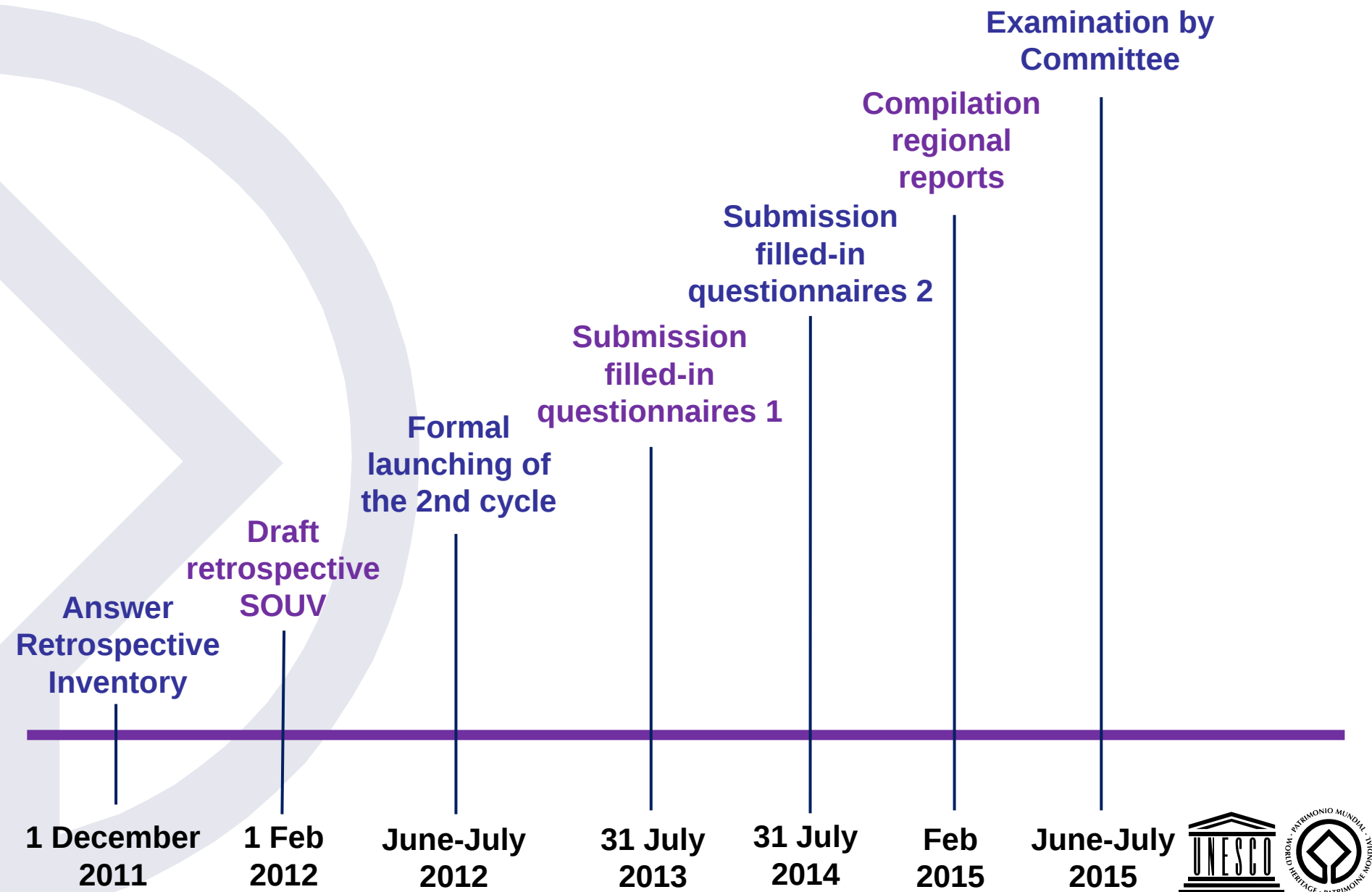
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Second cycle deadlines

- **1 December 2011:** answer to the Retrospective Inventory (properties inscribed between 1978 and 1998) (**cf. Decision 34 COM 8 D**)
- **1 February 2012:** Deadline for submission of draft retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value (properties inscribed between 1978 and 2006) (**cf. Decision 34 COM 10 B.3**)
- **June–July 2012:** Formal launching of the 2nd cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise in Europe and North America (properties inscribed between 1978 and 2012) at the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee
- **31 July 2013:** submission of the filled-in Section I and Section II questionnaires by the States Parties 1 (regions distribution pending)
- **31 July 2014:** submission of the filled-in Section I and Section II questionnaires by the States Parties 2 (regions distribution pending)
- **February 2015:** Compilation of Regional Report for submission to UNESCO-WHC
- **June-July 2015:** Examination by the World Heritage Committee!

Milestones



Specific expected results

- **PREPARE** Statements of Outstanding Universal Value
- **CLARIFY** boundaries of the properties
- **IMPROVE / PREPARE** management plans / management systems
- **HARMONIZE** tentative Lists
- **ENHANCE** regional cooperation programmes
- **ENSURE** new partnerships and funding (incl. EC)



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