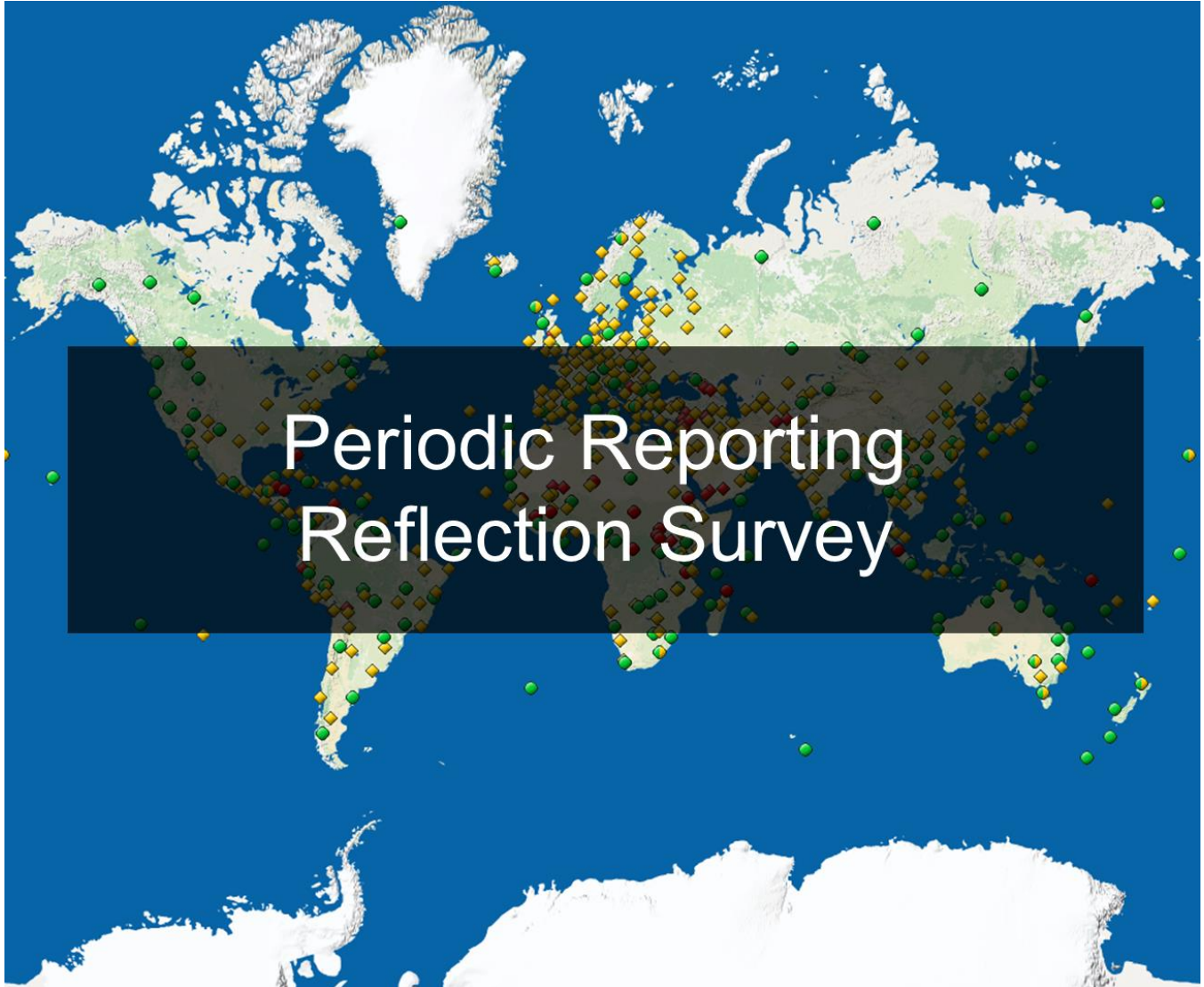




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Periodic Reporting Reflection Survey

Respondents are advised to use this document for reference only

Respondents are kindly requested to complete the **Online** Periodic Reporting Reflection Survey, which can be found at the following link: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/pr-reflection/>



Background Information:

The Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting came to a close at the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee (Bonn, 2015).

It has brought to light important efforts underway to improve the protection, conservation and management of World Heritage properties and has helped identify the key factors affecting World Heritage.

However, a number of issues surrounding the process and format of Periodic Reporting have been identified by different World Heritage stakeholders. For this reason, the World Heritage Committee, recognizing the need to further improve the procedures of the exercise and to update it in line with various evolving factors, decided to enact a two-year reflection period from 2015 to 2017.

The Reflection Period will involve an expert working group that will propose improvements to the process and the questionnaire.

In addition, two Periodic Reporting Reflection Meetings should be held with the participation of the Expert group, representatives of States Parties, the World Heritage Centre, Advisory Bodies, UNESCO Field Offices, UNESCO Institute for Statistics, and Category 2 Centres, depending on extra-budgetary funding.

Gathering comments from States Parties is the instrumental first step in the Reflection Period. Therefore, this survey invites States Parties to comment on various elements of the Periodic Reporting exercise, including the process, format, use and analysis of data, relevance and efficiency.

Feedback from States Parties in these key areas outlined by the World Heritage Committee will provide valuable information to guide the working group and reflection meetings in developing revisions to the process.

Key recommendations and the proposals for the Periodic Reporting process and questionnaire by the Expert group shall then be discussed and adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 41st session in 2017.

Survey Overview:

The survey is divided into 8 distinct parts:

Part 1: Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

Part 2: Periodicity

Part 3: Training and Guidance

Part 4: Format and Content of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire

Part 5: Use of Data

Part 6: Periodic Reporting Web Platform

Part 7: Financial Resources

Part 8: Global World Heritage Report

The World Heritage Centre kindly invites the respondents to reply to as many questions as possible to facilitate a global analysis of the Periodic Reporting process.

Please note that the survey cannot be saved and finished at later time. The respondent(s) are advised to complete the whole survey in one go.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Please contact the World Heritage Centre in case you require any clarifications or encounter technical difficulties: wh-periodicreporting@unesco.org

Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

The Periodic Reporting objectives stated below are defined by Chapter V.A of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (see pages 199-202, <http://whc.unesco.org/document/137843>).

Objective 1	to provide an assessment of the application of the World Heritage Convention by the State Party
Objective 2	to provide an assessment as to whether the World Heritage values of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List are being maintained over time
Objective 3	to provide updated information about the World Heritage properties to record the changing circumstances and state of conservation of the properties
Objective 4	to provide a mechanism for regional co-operation and exchange of information and experiences among States Parties concerning the implementation of the Convention and World Heritage conservation

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the importance of the aforementioned Periodic Reporting objectives for your State Party. **(1 – Least Important, 5 – Most Important)**

	1	2	3	4	5
Objective 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Objective 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Objective 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Objective 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Do you agree that the objectives mentioned above were adequately addressed in the Periodic Report during the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting?
- Yes
 - No
3. If not, then which objectives stated below were NOT adequately addressed?
- to provide an assessment of the application of the *World Heritage Convention* by the State Party;
 - to provide an assessment as to whether the World Heritage values of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List are being maintained over time;
 - to provide updated information about the World Heritage properties 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.
4. Should there be further additions to the objectives of Periodic Reporting?
- Yes
 - No
5. If yes, please state your proposed recommendation(s). **Open Question** (Character Limit: 2000)
6. Does the Periodic Reporting exercise improve the awareness and understanding of national authorities and site managers on the requirements of the World Heritage Convention?
- Yes
 - No
7. Did the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting improve the mobilization of stakeholders at site level in the monitoring and management of World Heritage properties?
- Yes
 - No

Periodicity

Each region participates in the Periodic Reporting exercise according to a pre-established six-year cycle.

At its 39th session the World Heritage Committee introduced a two-year reflection period (2015-2017) to assess and improve the Periodic Reporting process

Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting (2008 - 2015):

Year of Examination for the Regional Periodic Reports	Region
2010	Arab States
2011	Africa
2012	Asia and Pacific
2013	Latin America and the Caribbean
2014	Europe and North America
2015	

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8. Is your State Party satisfied with the current time frame of a Periodic Reporting cycle?
- Yes
 - No
9. Would you recommend increasing or reducing the aforementioned time frame of the Periodic Reporting cycle?
- Increase
 - Reduce
 - No Change

10. Were your national authorities given adequate time (i.e. one year) to gather necessary information to fill in the Periodic Reporting questionnaire during the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting?
- Yes
 - No

Training and Guidance

11. Were your national authorities/focal points for World Heritage given sufficient training and guidance to fill in the Periodic Reporting questionnaire by the World Heritage Centre?
- Yes
 - No
12. Were your site managers given sufficient training and guidance to fill in Section II of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire by your national authorities?

For example: Following a “training of trainers” approach, Focal Points were asked to share the knowledge on the Periodic Reporting questionnaire with the Site Managers in their respective countries. Many States Parties organised national consultations and training workshops in this regard.

- Yes
 - No
13. Were the online resources, video tutorials, FAQ’s and other tools prepared by the World Heritage Centre regarding Periodic Reporting adequate for your national authorities and site managers?
- Yes
 - No
14. If not, what changes would you like to see implemented for the online training resources?
- Open Question** (Character Limit: 2000)

15. Which training method would be most effective in training/preparing your national authorities and site managers regarding the Periodic Reporting process?

- Focal Point Workshop
- Global Webinar
- Regional Webinar
- Video Tutorials
- Other

Format and Content of the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire

Second Cycle Periodic Reporting Questionnaire:

Section I: <http://whc.unesco.org/document/138581>

Section II: <http://whc.unesco.org/document/138583>

16. Should the length of the questionnaire be reduced / streamlined?

- Yes
- No

17. Which sections/questions would you recommend for deletion and why? **Open Question**
(Character Limit: 2000)

18. Which sections/questions would you recommend for addition and why? **Open Question**
(Character Limit: 2000)

19. Which sections/questions would you recommend for modification and why? **Open Question**
(Character Limit: 2000)

20. Should there be more emphasis in the Periodic Reporting questionnaire for presenting positive achievements of States Parties across the region?

- Yes
- No

Use of Data

The Periodic Reporting objectives stated below are defined by Chapter V.A of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

(Periodic Reporting on the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, Page 199-202):

<http://whc.unesco.org/document/137843>

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21. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the usefulness of the data presented in the Second Cycle Periodic Report to achieve the Periodic Reporting objectives for your State Party.
(1 – Least Effective, 5 - Most Effective)

	1	2	3	4	5
Objective 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Objective 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Objective 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Objective 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. How do your national authorities and site managers use the data derived from the Periodic Report?

Open Question (Character Limit: 2000)

23. Do your national authorities use the Periodic Reporting Action Plan as a tool to set national priorities/strategies/policies for the protection, management and conservation of heritage?

- Yes
- No

24. Does your State Party use the data derived from the Periodic Report for the purpose of fundraising?

- Yes
- No

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Periodic Reporting Web Platform

Periodic Reporting: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/periodicreporting/>

Periodic Reporting Questionnaire: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/pr-questionnaire/>

Regional Pages:

Arab States: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/arabstates/>

Africa: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/africa/>

Asia and Pacific: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/asia-pacific/>

Latin America and the Caribbean: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/lac/>

Europe and North America: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/eur-na/>

25. On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate the 'ease of use' of the online questionnaire regarding Periodic Reporting. (1 – Very Easy, 5 – Very Difficult)
26. Are you satisfied with the information uploaded on the World Heritage Centre web site regarding Periodic Reporting?
- Yes
 - No
27. Do you have any recommendations for further improvements of the Periodic Reporting web platform including the online questionnaire? **Open Question (Character Limit: 2000)**

Financial Resources

28. How/In which manner would your State Party be willing to contribute to/finance the next cycles of Periodic Reporting?

- Coordination and expertise at the World Heritage Centre
- Information Technology
- Online Training Webinars – Regional/Global
- Periodic Reporting Workshops for Focal Points
- Training Resources – Guidebooks/FAQs
- None of the above
- Other (Please specify)

Global World Heritage Report

29. Would your State Party welcome a Global World Heritage Report at the end of the next Periodic Reporting cycle?

- Yes
- No