Information session for the extended 44th session of the World Heritage Committee
(Fuzhou (China)/online)
16-31 July 2021

15 June 2021
1.00 – 2.30pm

Welcome address by
H.E. Mr. Tian Xuejun
Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee
Organization of the extended 44th session of the World Heritage Committee

Presentation by the Host Country

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Presentation by Mechtild Rössler
Director of the World Heritage Centre
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Practical information

Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.1

Session presided over from Fuzhou by His Excellency Mr. Tian Xuejun,
- Vice Minister of Education,
- Chairperson of the National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO,
- Chairperson of the extended 44th session of the World Heritage Committee
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Opening and closing ceremonies: held in Fuzhou and livestreamed

Extended 44th session of the Committee:
16 to 31 July 2021 (break on 20 July)

Daily plenary sessions:
from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Paris time)

Bureau sessions:
16 July: from 3 to 4 p.m.
18 to 30 July: from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m
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Side events:
will be held online, out of plenary sessions

Request to the UNESCO Secretariat:
• Ms Caroline Varnet (c.varnet@unesco.org)
• Mr David Martel (d.martel@unesco.org)

by 18 June 2021

Information (registration, documents, schedules, side events, technical note, etc.) accessible at:

• https://www.44whcfuzhou2021.cn/
• https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/44COM
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Main participants:

- the 21 members of the Committee,
- the States Parties to the Convention, not members of the Committee,
- Non States Parties to the Convention
- the 3 Advisory Bodies (in advisory capacity)

Zoom platform:

- Committee members: 5 active connections
- Obs. States Parties: 3 active connections
- Other Observers: 1 active connection
- Advisory Bodies: 5 active connections

ex. for Committee member X:
- 35 registered participants
- only 5 to access Zoom at the same time
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Livestream / broadcast accessible throughout the session at:

- https://www.44whcfuzhou2021.cn/
- https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/44COM

(as per Decision 35 COM 12B)

Registration: no later than 1 July 2021

Online registration form at: https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/44COM/
(registration code shared in the invitation letter on 17 May)

→ Confirmation email with link and passcode to use to access the online meeting

Naming protocol applied by the Secretariat
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Conduct of online meeting

Methods of work for the extended 44th session adopted by the Committee at its 15th extraordinary session (online, 2021) (Decision 15 EXT.COM 3)

See Annex 4 of Doc. WHC/21/15.EXTCOM/3

Working languages:
English and French

Interpretation:
English, French, Chinese and Spanish
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How to request the floor?

→ press the ‘raise hand’ button
   (only with active connection)

List of speakers:
Displayed by the Secretariat in the chatbox

How to raise a procedural motion?

→ press the ‘raise hand’ button,
   and type “Point of order” in the chatbox
What is the order of interventions?

Order of speech will follow Rule 22.

Nominations:
Submitting State(s) Party(ies) allotted 2 minutes.

Schedule for examination of Agenda items?

Document WHC/21/44.COM/3B – timetable

State of Conservation and Nominations
→ by region to accommodate different time zones
→ specific schedules available in due course
Schedule for examination of Agenda items?

Document WHC/21/44.COM/3B – timetable

At its 15th extraordinary session, the Committee agreed that a number of items be proposed for adoption without debate.

Amendments to draft Decisions:

Amendments to be submitted by Committee members by email to wh-rapporteur@unesco.org

Appropriate form to be provided

Chatbox not to be used for submitting amendments (those will not be considered)
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Amendments to draft Decisions:

The submission of substantial proposals of amendment should be made at least 24 hours before the discussion of the agenda item concerned, in accordance with Rule 23.3 of the RoP.

Amendments uploaded on the web page: https://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/44COM

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Working groups:

To be constituted on the 1st day of the session
- on the Budget (item 14)
- on the Operational Guidelines (item 12) (tbc)

Held as separate online events (date, time and links to be provided by WHC)
Voting:
As per Decision 15 EXT COM.3, voting arrangements were approved by correspondence by the Committee on 21 May 2021.

- Normally by show of hand
- Roll-call → in presentia
- Secret ballot → in presentia (conduct - see Doc. INF.1)
  (one representative available to come to UNESCO HQs to vote – name to be given to the Secretariat by 12 July at n.valanchon@unesco.org)

World Heritage Young Professionals Forum

from 5 July to 9 July 2021

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World Heritage Site Managers’ Forum

from 7 July to 13 July 2021


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Frequently asked questions

Annex of Document WHC/21.44.COM/INF.1
Eco-friendly Meeting

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Review of the agenda, timetable, documents, information regarding Working Groups

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Friday 16 July 2021

- 1.00-2.30 pm Opening ceremony
- 3.00-4.00 pm Bureau Meeting

(CEST Paris time)
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**Item 1:**

Opening session

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**Item 2:**

Admission of Observers
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Item 3:
Adoption of the Agenda (3A) and Timetable (3B)

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Item 4:
Report of the Rapporteur of the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee (Baku, 2019)

Item proposed without debate
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**Item 14:**

Presentation of the final accounts of the World Heritage Fund for 2018-2019,
Report on the execution of the budget for the biennium 2020-2021,
Budget proposal of the World Heritage Fund under the biennium 2022-2023 and follow-up to Decision 43 COM 14

[Constitution of consultative body]
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Item 11:
Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods and outcomes of the ad-hoc working group

[Opening of the item]

Item 12:
Revision of the Operational Guidelines

[Constitution of consultative body]
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Item 5A:
Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee’s Decisions

Item proposed without debate

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Item 5B:
Reports of the Advisory Bodies

Item proposed without debate
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**Item 5C:**
Progress Report on Priority Africa, Sustainable Development and World Heritage

*Item proposed without debate*

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**Item 5D:**
World Heritage Convention and Sustainable Development

*Item proposed without debate*
Item 6:

Follow up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress Report on the World Heritage-related category 2 centres

Item proposed without debate
Item 7: State of conservation of World Heritage properties

[Opening of the item]

Item 7C: Draft Updated Policy Document on the impacts of Climate Change on World Heritage properties
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Item 7C:
Online Information meeting
18 June - 12.30pm – 3.00pm

Item 7A:
State of conservation of the World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
Item 7B:
State of conservation of the World Heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List

258 state of conservation reports

- 7A (Danger): 53 reports + 3 general decisions
- 7B (others): 202 reports

187 reports in the first dispatch of 4 June.
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State of conservation reports proposed for discussion

Document
WHC/21/44.COM/INF.7

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Requests by Committee Members for discussion

Deadline for the request (+ reason)

5 July 2021

(→ Document WHC/21/44.COM/INF.7Rev)
Item 8:
Nomination process

[Opening of the item]

Item 8A:
Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties

Item proposed without debate
Item 8B:
Nominations to the World Heritage List

2021 NOMINATIONS STATISTICS as of 9 June 2021

► 45 nominations to be examined:
  • 26 submitted for 2020, 19 submitted for 2021
  • 7 NAT, 1 MIX, 37 CLT
► 36 new nominations
► 3 significant boundary modifications
► 6 deferred and referred nominations

- ► 1 nomination withdrawn
- ► 2 nominations not evaluated

+ ► 17 minor boundary modifications
### 2021 NOMINATIONS STATISTICS as of 9 June 2021

#### RECOMMENDATIONS of the ADVISORY BODIES

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Order of discussion of nominations

1) Nominations submitted for examination in 2020
   For details, see page 5 of Document WHC/21/44.COM/8B
   (Order adapted to the different time zones)

2) Nominations submitted for examination in 2021
   For details, see page 6 of Document WHC/21/44.COM/8B
   (Order adapted to the different time zones)

3) Minor boundary modifications

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Item 8D:
Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties

Item proposed without debate
Item 8E:
Review and approval of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value

Item 8C:
Update of the World Heritage List and of the List of World Heritage in Danger
Item 9A:

Upstream Processes

Item proposed without debate

Item 10A:

Report on the results of the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in the Arab States
Item 10B:
Report on the results of the Third Cycle of the Periodic Reporting exercise in Africa

Item 10C:
Progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan(s) for the 2nd Cycle of Periodic Reporting in other regions

*Item proposed without debate*
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Item 10D:
Progress report on the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting in the other regions

*Item proposed without debate*

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Item 7:
State of conservation of World Heritage properties

[Closing of the item]
Item 11:
Follow-up to Recommendations of Evaluations and Audits on Working Methods: outcomes of the ad-hoc working group

[Closing of the item]

Item 12:
Revision of the Operational Guidelines

[Report of the consultative body]
Item 8: Nomination process

[Closure of the item]

Item 13: International Assistance
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[Report of the consultative body]

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**Item 15:**
Other business
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**Item 16:**

Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee

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**Item 17:**

Provisional Agenda of the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee
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Item 18:
Adoption of the report of Decisions

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Item 19:
Closing session
Questions and Comments

Orientation session for the members of the World Heritage Committee

15 June 2021
2.30 – 3.00pm