

Module 1

Periodic Reporting for the World Heritage Convention



Periodic Reporting
Fundamentals

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Learning objectives


At the end of the session, trainees:

- ✓ Will gain a clear understanding of who is involved in the Periodic Reporting exercise and what the respective roles are.
- ✓ Will gain a clear view about the new elements of the Third Cycle, the timing of the process, and the improvements made to the Periodic Reporting questionnaire.
- ✓ Will be able to access tools, materials and offline/online sources of information available to answer the questions in the Periodic Reporting Questionnaire.

I. What is Periodic Reporting?

- Objectives
- Online questionnaire
- Who are the actors?
- What are the expected outcomes?
- Reporting cycle: Reporting by region
- Timeline

II. New developments for the Third Cycle

- Sustainable Development 
- Synergies with other Conventions
- Monitoring Indicators and Analytical Framework
- Training materials
- Periodic Reporting Webpage and Third Cycle Platform
- Other improvements

What is Periodic Reporting?

- Global conservation monitoring activity
- Self reporting on the application of the *World Heritage Convention* at national level and property level
- Statutory requirement of the *World Heritage Convention* (Article 29)



Watch the video tutorial

A video explaining the Periodic Reporting exercise, a global conservation monitoring activity and a requirement of the World Heritage Convention.



French

English

Sous-titres en arabe

What is Periodic Reporting?

Objectives

- Assessing the application of the *World Heritage Convention* by country
- Determining whether Outstanding Universal Value has been maintained
- Encouraging regional cooperation and networking
- Helping update information on properties and record changes




What is Periodic Reporting?

Online Questionnaire

Periodic Reports are compiled from information by means of an online questionnaire in two sections:

Section I (national level)

Section II (property level)

 Questionnaire can be accessed here:
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/periodicreporting/>

Section I

Question 1.1 Not completed

State Party

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Question 1.2 Not completed

Date of ratification/accession/acceptance of the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

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Groups and institutions involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Report

- 1.3.1 Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
- 1.3.2 National Commission for UNESCO
- 1.3.3 Focal points of other international Conventions/programmes
- 1.3.4 World Heritage site managers/coordinators
- 1.3.5 Local authorities
- 1.3.6 Indigenous peoples
- 1.3.7 Other specific groups
- 1.3.8 Non-Governmental Organisations
- 1.3.9 ICOMOS International
- 1.3.10 ICOMOS national/regional

Section II

Question 1.1 Not completed

Name of World Heritage property

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Question 1.2 Not completed

World Heritage property details

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Geographic information table

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Map(s)

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What is Periodic Reporting?

Who are the actors?

Site Managers

- Complete Section II of the questionnaire

National Focal Points

- Complete Section I
- Validates Section II
- Submit the questionnaire to the World Heritage Centre

World Heritage Centre
UNESCO Field Offices
Advisory Bodies
Category 2 Centres
Civil society
Local communities



What is Periodic Reporting?

Expected outcomes

Regional Reports

- information on conservation of World Heritage in a region and the main challenges faced
- trends related to regional or global phenomena
 - prepared by the World Heritage Centre in consultation with National Focal Points
 - presented to the World Heritage Committee

Regional Action Plans

- tool for setting regional priorities for implementing the World Heritage Convention
- a way of interpreting and translating the Periodic Reporting data into concrete goals following a set timeline.
 - formulated through a collaborative process that can involve national Focal Points, Site Managers, Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre.
 - a user-generated tool that incorporates the specific needs of Site Managers and States Parties

What is Periodic Reporting?

Reporting cycle: Reporting by region

REPORTING IN REGIONS 1

National Focal Points complete the state-level report (Section I) while reports for each World Heritage property in the region (Section II) are completed by site Managers

IMPLEMENTATION 5

States Parties implement Action Plans and recommendations arising from the Regional Reports



2 SUBMISSION

Reports are sent to the World Heritage Centre and Regional Reports are developed

3 REGIONAL REPORTS

are examined by the World Heritage Committee and recommendations are formulated

4 REGIONAL ACTION PLANS

are formulated setting strategies, priorities and goals for implementation of the World Heritage Convention

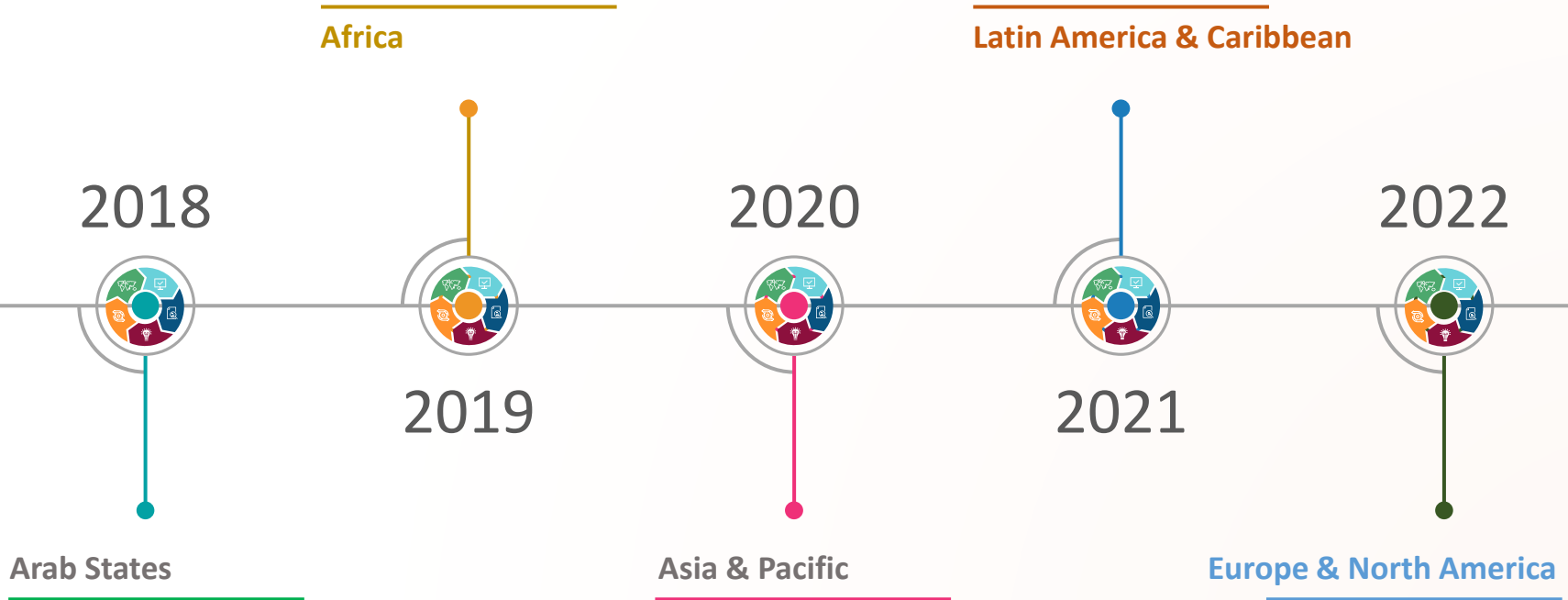
Periodic Reporting is carried out on a **region by region** basis



- ✓ Promotes **cooperation** in the regions
- ✓ Responds to the **specific characteristics** of each region

What is Periodic Reporting?

Reporting by region: Timeline



New developments for the Third Cycle



New developments for the Third Cycle

Outcomes of the Reflection Period (2015-2017)

A wide range of improvements and innovations have been introduced:

- Sustainable development 
- Synergies with other Conventions
- Monitoring Indicators and Analytical Framework
- Periodic Reporting platform
- Training materials

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Sustainable Development 



Sustainable Development Goal 11 

With SDG 11, countries have pledged to

“make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”

Within this goal, Target 11.4 aims to

“strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage”



New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Synergies with other Conventions

Section I

- Questions cover extent of cooperation between culture and biodiversity-related conventions/programmes at both national and property level.
- Particular emphasis is given to the **Second Protocol of the 1954 Hague Convention** and the **1972 Recommendation and Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape**.

Section II

- Questions relating to cooperation of Site Managers with the different conservation instruments and how overlapping protection is being used to ensure the conservation of heritage.

Operational Guidelines

The World Heritage Committee recognizes the benefits of enhancing synergies amongst the World Heritage Convention and other culture and biodiversity-related conventions.

Paragraph 41 of the Operational Guidelines
for the Implementation of the World
Heritage Convention



<http://whc.unesco.org/en/guidelines/>

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Synergies with other UNESCO culture Conventions



1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict



1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property



2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage



2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage



2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Synergies with biodiversity-related Conventions and Programmes



Convention Concerning
the Protection of the
World Cultural and
Natural Heritage



Convention on
Biological Diversity

Convention on Biological
Diversity (CBD)



Convention on
International Trade in
Endangered Species in Wild
Flora and Fauna (CITES)



Convention on the
Conservation of Migratory
Species of Wild Animals
(CMS)



International Treaty on
Plant Genetic Resources for
Food and Agriculture
(ITPGRFA)



Convention on Wetlands of
International Importance
(Ramsar Convention)



International Plant
Protection Convention
(IPPC)

New developments for the Third Cycle

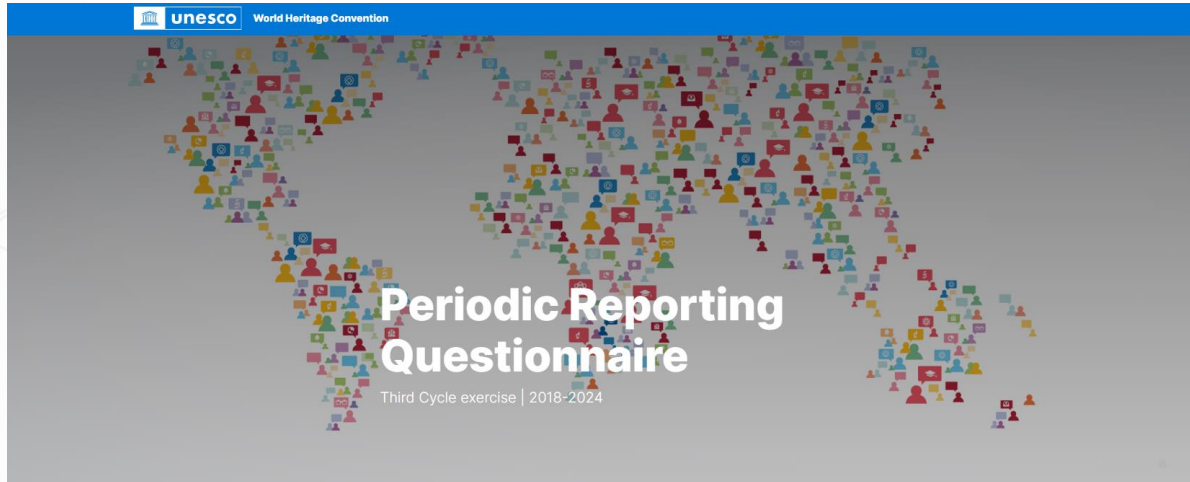
→ Monitoring Indicators and Analytical Framework

- Indicators to measure trends and developments in World Heritage conservation.
- Based on the six core thematic areas of the Periodic Reports.
- Developed within the framework of the Periodic Reporting Reflection Period (2015-2017)
- To improve the presentation of data for enhanced accessibility and usability, allowing States Parties to use it more effectively for their own monitoring activities
- A global template for the analysis of data in all regions
- To be used on a trial basis in the first regions to report



New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Periodic Reporting webpages



Periodic Reporting online

Third Cycle Platform

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/prcycle3/>

- Access to the Questionnaire
- Training and guidance materials

General information on Periodic Reporting

whc.unesco.org/en/periodicreporting/

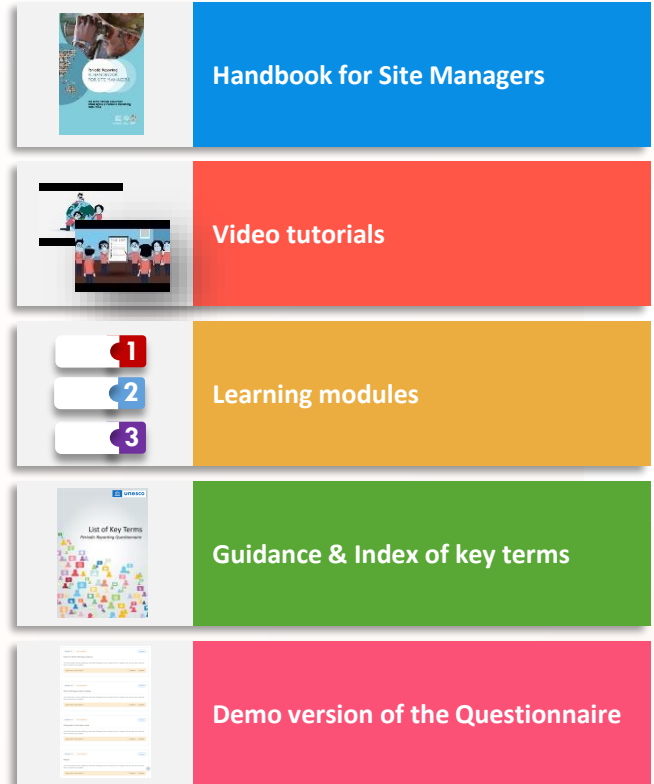


New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials

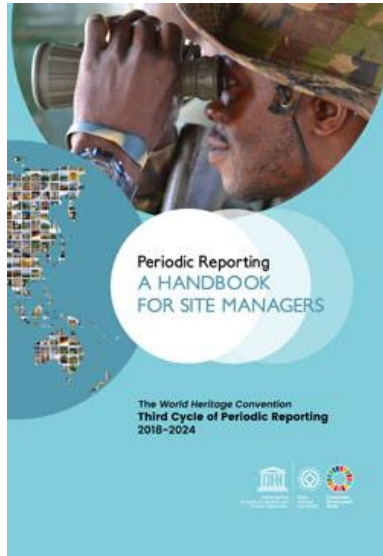
A set of training and guidance materials have been developed for the Third Cycle and continue to be updated.

- Facilitate an autonomous and successful Periodic Reporting exercise
- Support capacity-building activities
- Adapted for use in a range of contexts
- Accessible to a broad audience
- Designed as user-friendly and intuitive tools
- Applicable to all regions and sites



New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials

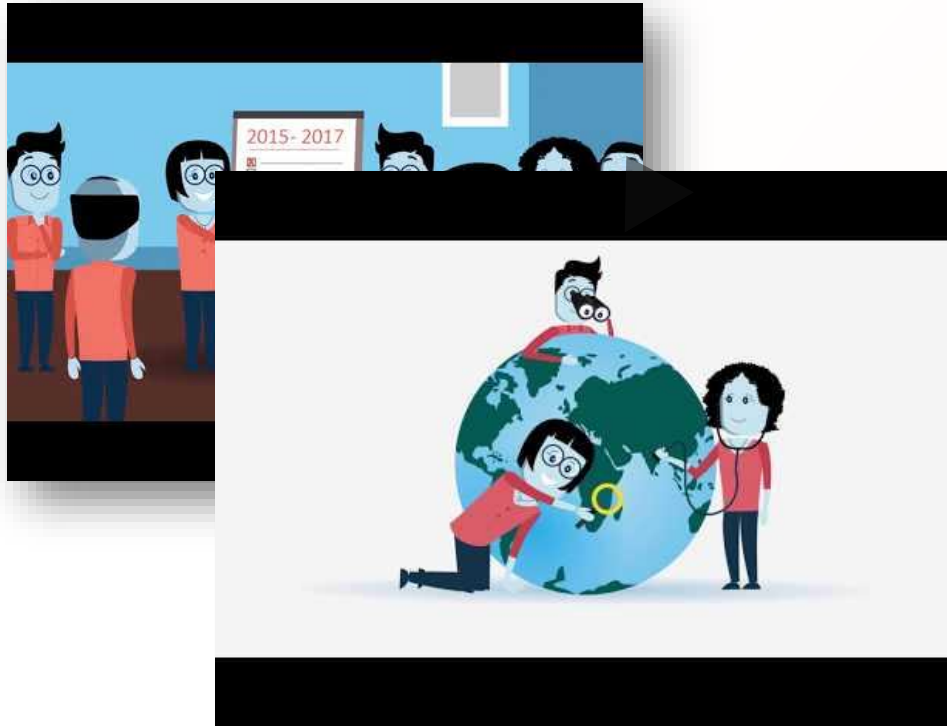


Handbook for Site Managers

- Explains the Periodic Reporting process and the broader context of World Heritage in clear language.
- Provides an overview of Section II of the questionnaire.
- Contains technical guidelines and FAQs.
- Available in English, français and العربية
- Translation in other languages is foreseen

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials

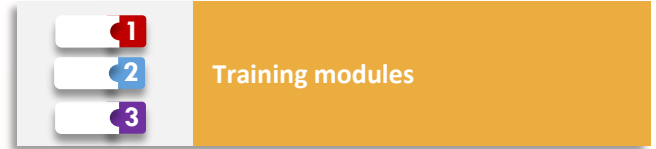
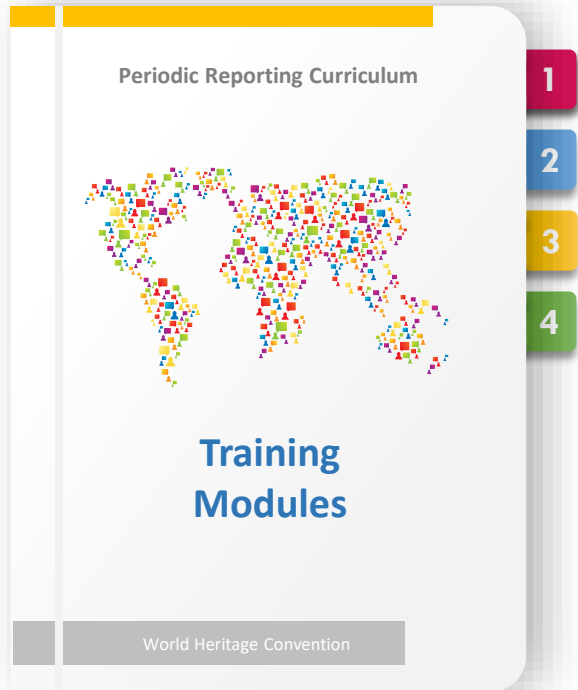


Video tutorials

- **Animation video 1** explains the Periodic Reporting process in clear and simple terms.
 - **Animation video 2** focuses on Section 2, explaining the key functionalities, the main concepts involved and the assistance available.
- Aimed primarily at Site Managers, they offer an overview in plain language with engaging visuals
- Available in English, French.
- Arabic subtitles versions
- Adapted Spanish, Chinese and Russian versions currently under development

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials



- A **capacity-building** tool for Periodic Reporting
- Developed to facilitate trainings for those involved in Periodic Reporting
- Draws on a large number of World Heritage **resources**
- To be **accessible** in **basic** and **advanced** versions
- **Comprehensive** nature will make it adaptable to many different World Heritage contexts

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials

Question 5.2.5 ✓ Not completed

[Guidance](#) [Reset](#)

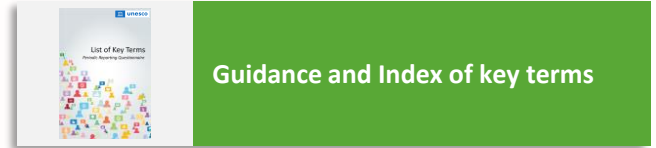
Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and/or regulation) in the broader setting of the World Heritage property adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and/or Authenticity of the property?

Please indicate which of the suggested answers most closely reflects the current status of the property. Please consider the answer you gave in 5.2.2, and which of these applies outside the buffer zone (if one exists) and outside the property.

Key terms

- Authenticity
- broader setting
- Integrity
- legal framework, World Heritage
- legal framework, partially adequate
- Outstanding Universal Value
- protection and management
- World Heritage Property

5.2.5.1	There is no legal framework for controlling use and activities in the broader setting of the World Heritage property	<input type="radio"/>
5.2.5.2	The legal framework for the broader setting of the World Heritage property is inadequate to ensure the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the property	<input type="radio"/>
5.2.5.3	An adequate legal framework exists for the broader setting of the World Heritage property, but there are some deficiencies in implementation which undermine the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity of the property	<input type="radio"/>
5.2.5.4	The legal framework for the broader setting of the World Heritage property provides an adequate basis for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and/or Integrity	<input type="radio"/>



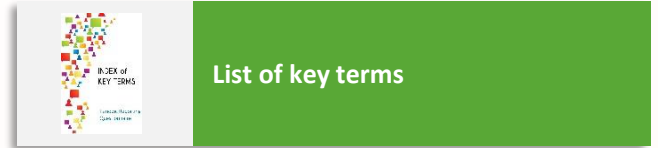
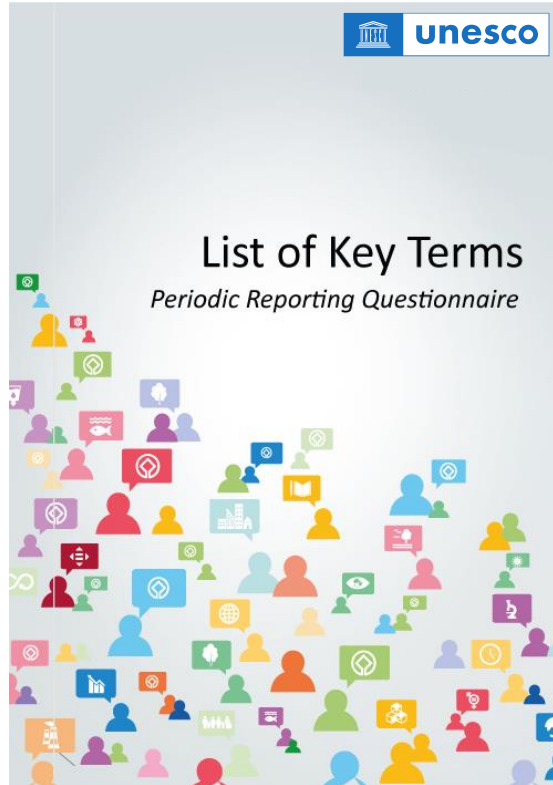
Guidance/ Index of key terms

Integrated into the questionnaire to clarify questions and explain key concepts.

- provides clarifications on the information sought in specific questions
- provide context and background to the thematic areas covered
- a dynamic resource within the questionnaire
- Will be made available online and for download in PDF format

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials



List of key terms

- A list of terms supplements the guidance and provides definitions of key terms
- Available in English and French
- Will be made available online and for download in PDF format

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Training materials

Section I: Mystery Land (Demo)

Navigation

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15. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

Chapter 15 assesses the format, content and process of the Periodic Reporting exercise, including the degree to which it meets the objectives of Periodic Reporting, how the data generated is used and the training and guidance available to respondents.

15.1. Primary institution responsible for communicating with UNESCO on the World Heritage Convention

Question 15.1.1 Optional Guidance Reset

Which primary institution is responsible for communicating with UNESCO with regards to the World Heritage Convention?

National Centre for Arts and Culture of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture

15.2. Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

Question 15.2.1 Completed Guidance Reset

Relevance and Objectives of Periodic Reporting

Section II: Mystery Property (Demo)

Navigation

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1. World Heritage Property Data

Chapter 1 requires that information be provided or existing information validated with regards to the basic data of the property (name, year of inscription, geographic coordinates, maps, social media presence), and also gathers information on the organizations or entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the report.

Question 1.1 Completed Guidance

Name of World Heritage property

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Agree with current data? Validate Update

Question 1.2 Completed Guidance

World Heritage property details

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Agree with current data? Validate Update



Demo version of the Questionnaire

Demo version of the questionnaire

- The demo version of the questionnaire (Section I Mystery Land and Section II Mystery Property) allows you to practice using the questionnaire and gain familiarity with its functions.
- It can be exported to Word and PDF

New developments for the Third Cycle

→ Other improvements to the Questionnaire

- Report positive achievements
- More emphasis on attributes of OUV as an important element of World Heritage system
- Positive as well as negative, potential as well as actual factors to be taken into account in assessing condition and context of properties
- More information on actual and predicted trends gathered (attributes and factors)
- Factors now linked to State of Conservation database
- Technical improvements to online tool



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