Module 1

Periodic Reporting for the World Heritage Convention
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

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- 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)

A video explaining the Periodic Reporting exercise, a global conservation monitoring activity and a requirement of the *World Heritage Convention*. [Watch the video tutorial](#)
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/
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?

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

2018
Arab States

2019
Africa

2020
Asia & Pacific

2021
Latin America & Caribbean

2022
Europe & North America
New developments for the Third Cycle
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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.


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.

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

- 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 (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
- 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

Handbook for Site Managers
Video tutorials
Learning modules
Guidance & Index of key terms
Demo version of the Questionnaire
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

• **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

→ Video tutorials
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

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

Periodic Reporting Questionnaire

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)

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

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

Section II: Mystery Property (Demo)

1. World Heritage Property Data

Chapter 1 requires that information be provided on 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.

- Name of World Heritage property
  - [Dropdown]

  - This information will be profiled by the World Heritage Centre. Please tick the "update" box and use the comment field to submit your updates.

  - Agree with current data? [ ] Validate [ ] Update

- World Heritage property details
  - [Dropdown]

  - This information will be profiled by the World Heritage Centre. Please tick the "update" box and use the comment field to submit your updates.

  - Agree with current data? [ ] Validate [ ] Update

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