



Information Meeting of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

Wednesday 22 January 2003

Paris, UNESCO Room IV

Réunion des Etats parties à la Convention du patrimoine mondial

mercredi 22 janvier 2003

Paris, UNESCO Salle IV

Agenda

- 10:00 Report on the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee
- 11:00 Questions and comments
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:40 Report on the 30th Anniversary of the *World Heritage Convention*
- 12:40 Questions and comments
- 13:00 Lunch Break
- 14:30 Meeting of the States Parties in the Europe and North America region on the World Heritage Periodic Reporting (open also to other States Parties)
- 16:30 Meeting of the States Parties in the Asia and Pacific region on the World Heritage Periodic Reporting (open also to other States Parties)

Overview of the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee

Budapest, Hungary
(24 – 29 June 2002)



World Heritage Committee

Argentina

Hungary

Republic of Korea

Belgium

India

Russian Federation

China

Lebanon

Saint Lucia

Colombia

Mexico

South Africa

Egypt

Nigeria

Thailand

Finland

Oman

United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland

Greece

Portugal

Zimbabwe



A new Bureau was elected

- **Hungary** - Chairperson (Mr Tamàs Fejérdy)
- **Belgium** - Rapporteur (Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh)
- **China** - Vice-Chairperson (Host country of the next session of the World Heritage Committee, 2003)
- **Egypt** - Vice-Chairperson
- **Greece** - Vice-Chairperson
- **South Africa** - Vice-Chairperson
- **Mexico** - Vice-Chairperson

Decisions and Summary Record

Decisions adopted by the 26th session of
the World Heritage Committee

Document: WHC-02/CONF.202/25

Draft Summary Record

Document: WHC-02/CONF.202/INF.15

* Comments to be received by 31 January 2003



Main Outcomes of the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee (Budapest June 2002)

Budapest Declaration on World Heritage



- Encourage countries to join the Convention as well as join other related international heritage protection instruments
- Invite States Parties to identify and nominate properties representing heritage in all its diversity, for inclusion on the World Heritage List
- Seek a balance between conservation, sustainability and development
- Protect World Heritage in order to protect human spirit at the same time
- Promote World Heritage
- Ensure active involvement of local communities in the identification, protection and management of World Heritage properties

Strategic Objectives

4 “Cs”

1. Strengthen the **Credibility** of the World Heritage List;
2. Ensure the effective **Conservation** of World Heritage properties;
3. Promote the development of effective **Capacity Building** in States Parties and,
4. Increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through **Communication**.

New inscriptions on the World Heritage List



1. **AFGHANISTAN.** Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam (C ii, iii, iv)
2. **EGYPT.** Saint Catherine Area (C i, iii, iv, vi)
3. **GERMANY.** Historic Centres of Stralsund and Wismar (C ii, iv)
4. **GERMANY.** Upper Middle Rhine Valley (C ii, iv, v)
5. **HUNGARY.** Tokaji Wine Region Cultural Landscape (C iii, v)
6. **INDIA.** Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya (C i, ii, iii, iv, vi)
7. **ITALY.** Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto (South-Eastern Sicily) (C i, ii, iv, v)
8. **MEXICO.** Ancient Maya City of Calakmul, Campeche (C i, ii, iii, iv)
9. **SURINAME.** Historic Inner City of Paramaribo (C ii, iv)

World Heritage properties extended in 2002

1. **HUNGARY.** Andrassy Avenue and the Millennium Underground (extension to "Budapest, the Banks of the Danube and the Buda Castle Quarter") (C ii, iv)
2. **COSTA RICA.** Extension of the Marine Zone of "Cocos Island National Park" (N ii, iv)

Nominations deferred in 2002

1. **POLAND.** The Wooden Churches of Southern Little Poland
2. **ITALY.** Sacri Monti of Piedmont and Lombardy

New inscriptions on the List of World Heritage in Danger 2002

AFGHANISTAN

Minaret and Archaeological Remains of Jam
simultaneously inscribed on the World Heritage
List and List of World Heritage in Danger



ALGERIA

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Analyses of the World Heritage List and Tentative Lists

The advisory bodies ICOMOS and IUCN continue to prepare the analyses.

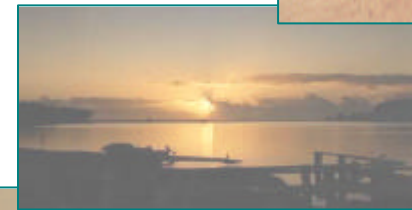
To be presented to the Committee in 2004 with a progress report in June 2003

Objective:

- To achieve a more credible, balanced and representative World Heritage List

Periodic Reporting Africa

The Committee expressed its satisfaction with the Report and approved an action plan for implementation of the recommendations of the report.



Afghanistan

The Committee requested UNESCO to continue to assist Afghanistan in

- (i) the implementation for the Convention and
- (ii) mobilizing international support for the protection of natural and cultural heritage in Afghanistan.

**International Assistance for Afghanistan
was also approved by the Committee.
USD 150 000**

Palestinian Territories



A decision was adopted by the Committee
concerning the Protection of the Cultural
Heritage in the Palestinian Territories
including the provision for International
Assistance
USD 150 000

State of Conservation of properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger and on the World Heritage List

72 State of Conservation reports were examined during the meeting



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International Assistance

The Committee approved requests from

- Niger
- Bahrain
- Turkmenistan
 - Guinea
 - Lao PDR
 - Georgia
- Cape Verde
 - Algeria
- Colombia
- South Africa
- Afghanistan
 - China
- Uzbekistan

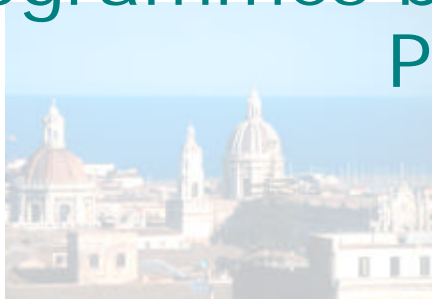
World Heritage Programmes

The Committee noted the status of programmes on:

- Sustainable Tourism
- Cities
- Earthen Architecture
- Forests



And requested that new regional Programmes be developed as follow-up to Periodic Reports



World Heritage Partnerships Initiative

The Committee welcomed the Initiative and asked UNESCO to launch a trial phase for the period of 2002-2006.

Follow-up:

- Development of Performance Indicators
- Progress report

Overview of World Heritage Meetings in 2003

**6th Extraordinary session of the
World Heritage Committee**

17 to 22 March 2003
(Room II, UNESCO, Paris)

**27th Ordinary session of the
World Heritage Committee**

29 June to 5 July 2003
(Suzhou, China)

**14th General Assembly of States Parties to the
World Heritage Convention**

during the 32nd UNESCO General Conference
29 September 2003 - 18 October 2003

(UNESCO HQ)



6th Extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee

**(17-22 March 2003, Paris, UNESCO
Headquarters Room II)**

**Provisional Agenda can be found in Annex III of the
Decisions of the 26th session of the World Heritage
Committee (WHC-02/CONF.202/25)**

Issues to be discussed during the 6th Extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee

Items deferred from Budapest session Agenda

- Revision of the *Rules of Procedure*
- Policy and legal issues concerning inscription of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger and the potential deletion of properties from the World Heritage List
- Revision of the *Operational Guidelines*
- Revised structure of the budget of the World Heritage Fund

Plus:

- Nominations to be examined in 2004
- Possibility for a short Bureau meeting during this Extraordinary session in order to examine International Assistance requests under 30 000 USD received by 1st February 2003



27th session of the World Heritage Committee

29 June – 5 July 2003

Venue: Suzhou, China

Provisional agenda can be found in Annex IV of the Decisions adopted by the 26th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC-02/CONF.202/25)



27th Session of the Committee

Highlights

- Election of the Bureau
- Periodic Reporting for Asia and the Pacific
- State of Conservation of World Heritage Properties
- New nominations
- Global Training Strategy
- Budget 2004-2005
- International Assistance
- Global Strategy
- Policy on nominations to be examined at forthcoming sessions
- Preparation for the 14th General Assembly of States Parties
- Performance Indicators for the 2002 Strategic Objectives
- Principles, Programmes, Partnerships



Reminder:

Deadline for receipt of new
nominations to be examined by
the World Heritage Committee in
2004:

1 February 2003

14th General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

- New voting mechanism
- Election of 7 new members of the World Heritage Committee
- Examination of statement of accounts of the World Heritage Fund 2000-2001

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