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5A.1: Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions

SUMMARY

This document contains a non-exhaustive overview of the results of activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre and the results achieved in implementing the Decisions and Strategic Objectives of the World Heritage Committee since its 35th session (Paris, 2011), and in particular on results of activities not otherwise covered in the working and information documents prepared for this session. Due to financial constraints, the number of pages of this document has been drastically reduced and web links are included for further details. More information about all World Heritage Centre activities is also available at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities>.

Draft Decision: 36 COM 5A.1, see Point III.

I. Results-based Report of the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre

1. The 35th session of the World Heritage Committee was organised in Paris at UNESCO Headquarters from 19 to 29 June 2011 and the Report of the Decisions was made available online on 7 July 2011 at the following address:
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/35COM/decisions>.
2. The Summary Records of the 35th session are under preparation and will be distributed for review by Committee members as soon as available. The World Heritage Centre notes that funding for the transcription and translation was not sufficient due to the length of the session.
3. An Information Meeting for the preparation of the 36th session was organized on 15 May 2011 at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris.
4. The launch ceremony for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the *World Heritage Convention* was held on 30 January 2012. All the relevant information is presented in Document *WHC-12/36.COM/12D*.

A. Results of the Implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*

5. Following the ratification of the *Convention* by Brunei Darusalaam on 12 August 2011 and by Palestine on 8 December 2011, the total number of States Parties is 189.
6. Twenty-five new properties (21 cultural, 3 natural - and one mixed: *Wadi Rum Protected Area*, Jordan) were inscribed on the World Heritage List at the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (Paris, 2011). UNESCO's World Heritage List now numbers a total of 936 properties (725 cultural, 183 natural and 28 mixed properties) located in 153 States Parties. One extension was added onto properties already inscribed on the World Heritage List (*Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany* (Slovakia, Ukraine, and Germany)). Two properties were added to the World Heritage List in Danger (*Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve* (Honduras); *Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra* (Indonesia)); and one was removed from that List (*Manas Wildlife Sanctuary* (India)).
7. Two States Parties with no properties on the World Heritage List had their first property inscribed at the 35th session: Barbados and United Arab Emirates.
8. A total of 169 state of conservation reports, including 34 of properties on the List of World Heritage in Danger, were examined by the 35th session of the Committee.
9. The number of properties currently inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger is 35 (18 cultural and 17 natural). *Manas Wildlife Sanctuary* (India) was removed from this List at the 35th session.
10. At its 36th session, the Committee will examine 45 nominations for inscription on the World Heritage List: 29 cultural properties, 12 natural and 4 mixed properties including 2 transnational nominations and 5 extensions to properties already listed.
11. Since the 35th session of the Committee, 29 States Parties have submitted new Tentative Lists or modified existing Lists. The number of new properties added to the Tentative Lists is 103.

12. National capacities for the management and conservation of properties have been strengthened through various conservation and training activities in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean, with increasing participation of women.
13. The World Heritage Centre has concluded 2 new partnerships while renewing 5 existing ones. Another 4 new partnerships are currently in discussion while 4 existing ones are to be renewed.

B. Additional requests by the World Heritage Committee

14. In its Decision **35 COM 5A**, paragraph 5, the World Heritage Committee reminded the World Heritage Centre of the necessity to elaborate, at each session of the World Heritage Committee, a report on envisaged and concluded partnerships and requests that it be completed with an evaluation of these partnerships based on relevant tools, in particular on the use of the emblem and the benefits received, in order to ensure strict compliance with the *Convention's* principles and objectives. The World Heritage Centre is pleased to announce that this Report on envisaged and concluded partnerships, and the Annual Report on the use of the World Heritage Emblem granted by the World Heritage Centre are presented in Document *WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.2*.
15. In its Decision **35 COM 5A**, paragraph 6, the World Heritage Committee requested the World Heritage Centre to continue improving its report by adding to the Periodic Reports:

a) a general comment on progress made and gaps identified at global and regional levels, at thematic level, at the level of different financing sources, and at the level of financial partners or cooperation with States Parties, other Conventions, civil society and the private sector,

The World Heritage Centre has continued to identify gaps in the implementation of the *Convention* jointly with the Advisory Bodies, including through the analysis of the Periodic Reports (see item 10), implementation of the Global Strategy through the thematic programmes (see item 5D) and continued identification of thematic studies (see also Reports of the Advisory Bodies). The document on concluded and envisaged partnerships illustrates the scope of partnerships, but is in no way sufficient for the needs identified through different processes, including periodic reporting and regional programmes, capacity building, thematic studies and programmes. However resources under the World Heritage Fund are extremely limited, as also the budgetary situation at UNESCO.

b) a comprehensive inventory of pending decisions and the foreseen dates of implementation,

The World Heritage Centre has continued to update the database of all decisions of the World Heritage Committee on its web-page at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/decisions> which is now easily searchable and includes decisions presented separately for each of the World Heritage sites. In addition, an Annex to the Secretariat Report is being provided which for each session presents an update on implemented, on-going or delayed decisions. Furthermore, the implementation plan for the "Strategic Action Plan for the Future of the *World Heritage Convention*" (**18 GA 11**) is under preparation and outcomes and progress in the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan are to be reported to the 19th General Assembly in 2013.

- c) a provisional priority activities plan for the following year including the formulation of objectives and expected results, as well as indications on related resources (human and financial).

The World Heritage Centre has continuously established its priorities in line with the Strategic Objectives set by the World Heritage Committee. All workplans are prepared and included in SISTER with related objectives and expected results and are available at <http://sister.unesco.org/>. In addition, specific priorities have been set by the key processes under the *Convention* as follows:

- **Credibility - Global Strategy**, tentative lists, nominations and thematic studies: implementation of the Upstream processes, preparation of resource manuals and the follow-up to the external evaluation (**18 GA 8**); Thematic programmes: as defined by the World Heritage Committee in its regular review;
- **Capacity Building**: as defined in the capacity building strategy;
- **Conservation/Protection**: follow-up to the external evaluation (**18 GA 8**), trends analysis and decisions on state of conservation reports.

Overall the severe reductions in funding while demands by the World Heritage Committee and States Parties are increasing will have to be carefully analysed and the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies have committed to clearly identify a list of “unfunded activities” which will be reviewed at the next Advisory Bodies Meeting in September 2012.

16. In its Decision **35 COM 5A**, paragraph 7, the World Heritage Committee took note of the recommendations of the International Seminar on the Role of Religious Communities in the Management of World Heritage properties, organized in Kiev, Ukraine, in November 2010 and requested the World Heritage Centre, in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies, to elaborate a thematic paper proposing to States Parties general guidance regarding the management of their cultural and natural heritage of religious interest, and in compliance with the national specificities, inviting States Parties to provide voluntary contributions to this end. The World Heritage Centre requested the States Parties by a circular letter to support this activity and the associated research by providing voluntary contributions, as well as by organizing meetings, conferences and seminars within its framework (kindly see part II of this document, under 5C). All relevant information is available at the following address: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/religious-sacred-heritage/>.
17. As requested by the World Heritage Committee in its Decision **35 COM 5C** at its 35th session (Paris, 2011), the Secretariat has pursued the measures outlined in Document *WHC-10/34.COM/5G* and shall present an update on the implementation of the recommendations made by the External Auditor on the 2009 Audit of the World Heritage Centre in Document *WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.3*. The latter reflects the report on the progress achieved in implementing the 15 recommendations.
18. Furthermore, in its Decision **35 COM 12B**, paragraph 11, the World Heritage Committee requested to restrict the *Operational Guidelines* to operational guidance, and to develop a new document, “**Policy Guidelines**”, as a means to capture the range of policies of the Committee and the General Assembly. The World Heritage Centre is currently undertaking a broader review of the *Operational Guidelines* in order to capture policy issues that are so far introduced in the *Operational Guidelines* and has consulted with the Advisory Bodies on the preparation of the Policy Guidelines. At the World Heritage Centre and Advisory Bodies Meeting (17-20 January 2012), the Advisory Bodies were informed about the follow-up to the decision and preparations for the new document “Policy Guidelines” in order to get inputs. A follow-up meeting with the Advisory Bodies is envisaged.

19. The World Heritage Centre also attended two working group meetings with ICOMOS and IUCN (November 2011 and February 2012) on human rights issues where the decision on the policy guidelines, human rights policies including indigenous people's rights in the field of heritage were discussed. The World Heritage Centre will continue the on-going and effective dialogue and information sharing with relevant stakeholders. A Draft Document on the Policy Guidelines will be presented at the 37th session of the World Heritage Committee (2013).

II. Results-based report on the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre in pursuit of the 5 Cs
(Covering the period from June 2011 to May 2012)*

* Please see also the following documents: Draft of the new PACT Initiative Strategy (*WHC-12/36.COM/5A.2*); Report on UNESCO Conventions in the field of Culture (*WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.1*); Report on envisaged and concluded partnerships (*WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.2*); and Progress Report on the implementation of the recommendations by the External Auditor on the 2009 Audit of the World Heritage Centre (*WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.3*).

1C. Activities to make the World Heritage List more representative, balanced and credible (Credibility)

REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered
AFRICA	Angola project for the preparation of the nomination file of Mbanza Kongo. (Self-benefiting contribution by Angola)	Global Strategy	In cooperation with the State Party, the strategy for the preparation of the nomination file has been further developed and adopted accordingly. Preparations for the archaeological excavations with the support of the University of Cameroon, as well as of the management plan have advanced in 2011. A documentation mission to identify available archives in Europe is planned in 2012.
ARAB STATES		28 COM 13.1 Global Strategy	Four States Parties (Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates) submitted new or revised Tentative Lists. Kuwait and Libya still have no Tentative List and several States Parties have not revised their Tentative List for more than 10 years.
		28 COM 13.1 Global Strategy	Four Arab sites were inscribed on the World Heritage List at the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee bringing the total of sites in the region to 70. Among those, one was a cultural landscape, one a mixed site and 2 were cultural sites. Four nominations will be examined by the Committee at its 36th session, including one nomination (Palestine) submitted on an emergency basis according to paragraphs 161-162 of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i> .

ASIA PACIFIC	The Silk Roads project held its Second Meeting of the Coordinating Committee in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan (3-6 May 2011).	Global Strategy	Signing of Ashgabat Agreement – outlining the nomination process for Asian countries on the Silk Roads serial World Heritage nomination initiative with the Third Meeting to be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, September – October 2012. This approach harmonized the national Tentative Lists from 12 Asian countries and the multifaceted programme has been financed through a combination of Funds-In-Trust from the Netherlands, Japan, Italy, Belgium, and Norway. Please see http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/751
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	Collaboration with the States Parties and the Advisory Bodies for Preparatory International Assistance through the Upstream Process for: The Grenadine Island Group (Grenada and St Vincent and the Grenadines) and Fray Bentos (Uruguay). Collaboration with States Parties for Preparatory International Assistance Requests processed for: development of a Tentative List of natural and cultural properties (Ecuador) and the Underwater City of Port Royal (Jamaica). Preparatory assistance provided for the nomination dossiers of St George Fortified System (Grenada) and the Underwater City of Port Royal (Jamaica).	35 COM 12C (Upstream process)	The first phase of the project will be implemented in 2012.
	Assistance for the submission of Tentative Lists by Trinidad and Tobago; Antigua and Barbuda & Paraguay. In process of submission - St Vincent & the Grenadines; Colombia; Guyana and Guatemala.	Global Strategy	More engagement of States Parties in the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in the region.

	<p>Activities developed within the framework of the nomination process of the Main Andean Road/Qhapaq Ñan: Meeting of the Qhapaq Ñan Technical Secretariat, September 2011; Meeting with the Qhapaq Ñan Ambassadors (December 2011, Paris); Meeting of the Technical Secretariat to finalize the harmonization of cartography and the comparative analysis (La Paz, Bolivia, 26 – 28 April 2012).</p>	<p>Global Strategy</p>	<p>16 participants: Technical Secretariat, experts in management and conservation of Qhapaq Ñan, Ambassadors and Permanent Delegates of the six Qhapaq Ñan States Parties, World Heritage Centre. Supported by the national authorities of the six countries, the Ministry of Cultures of Bolivia and the Spanish Funds-in-Trust for World Heritage.</p>
	<p>Concerning the Slave Route, a meeting was held with States Parties on the occasion of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (Paris, 2011). Seven States Parties of the LAC region attended this meeting. Additional meetings took place with Caribbean States Parties to articulate a technical, institutional and academic strategy through the Periodic Reporting Exercise in the LAC region. An international working group has been created. Please see http://whc.unesco.org/en/363</p>	<p>Global Strategy</p>	<p>Discussion of necessary preparations for Transboundary serial nomination(s) in the region. Trans-regional perspective is as well envisaged.</p>

2C. Activities to ensure the effective Conservation of World Heritage properties (Conservation)

REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered
GLOBAL	The World Heritage Centre is developing an initiative on Rivers and Heritage within the France-UNESCO Cooperation Agreement to address specific conservation and management issues in river related sites (hydraulic infrastructure, urban pressure, landscape management); as well as an Initiative on agro pastoral cultural landscapes.	Global Strategy	On-going activity.
AFRICA	Uganda, Kasubi Tombs: New project development for the reconstruction of Muzibu Azaala Mpanga, Kasubi Tombs (UNESCO/Japanese Funds-In-Trust).	35COM 7A.17	Upon the devastating fire at the World Heritage property of Kasubi Tombs in 2010, UNESCO developed with the support of Japan, the National Government and the Buganda Kingdom, a project supporting the reconstruction of the destroyed main house. Therefore, an appraisal mission took place in two phases in August and October 2011, with 3 Japanese experts, in order to (1) evaluate the preparation works done so far by the Government of Uganda; (2) to undertake a feasibility study aiming at preparing a project proposal with a detailed plan of activities and an estimation of the reconstruction elements to be covered by Japan Funds-In-Trust; (3) to prepare a Risk Preparedness Strategy into which a fire management plan will be detailed. These objectives were reached.

	Mozambique Island, Phase II of the rehabilitation project of the Saint Sebastian Fortress (Netherlands Funds-In-Trust).	34COM 7B.50	With the approval of the project revision by the donor, phase II was launched in February 2012. It foresees the rehabilitation of one building complex within the fortress to host a documentation centre of the architecture faculty of Lúrio University on the island's cultural heritage. The recruitment process for the national technical advisor is under way, to be followed by the recruitment of the architectural advisor and the executing restoration firm. Works should start in autumn 2012 and will encompass the repair works of the storm damage covered under the Emergency Assistance granted in 2009, following ICOMOS clearance of the technical document. Phase II is made possible thanks to the financial support from the Netherlands Funds-In-Trust.
	Ethiopia, Lalibela Conservation Action Plan for the Rock Hewn Churches, Lalibela Phase II (Norway Funds-In-Trust).	34COM 7B.44	International bidding for the preparation of a detailed conservation and consolidation project for the Biet Gabriel Rufael church and the subsequent supervision of the works accomplished. Negotiations to finalize the contract conditions with the selected company are under way. The technical documents that will be used by the Government of Ethiopia and the World Monuments Fund to conduct conservation works at the Biet Gabriel Rufael Church will be done.

ARAB STATES	<p>Extrabudgetary projects aiming at the effective conservation and management of World Heritage properties are being currently carried out in Egypt (Historic Cairo Urban Regeneration: see http://whc.unesco.org/en/historic-cairo-project/, support for the management of Memphis and Thebes) and in Jordan (Petra risk management methodology and monitoring of the rock stability in Petra) as well as in the Old City of Jerusalem (Church of Saint John Prodromos).</p>	<p>Risk preparedness programme</p>	<p>On-going conservation and regeneration projects. See: http://whc.unesco.org/en/historic-cairo-project/</p>
	<p>A meeting of international experts was organised in October 2011 to address the issue of Libyan heritage. See http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/799</p>		<p>Adoption of a set of recommendations for the preservation of Libyan heritage.</p>
	<p>Following the recommendations of the Global Fire Monitoring Center related to the assessment of the fire risk situation in the Qadisha Valley (Lebanon, 2010) , an activity has been conducted with the Association for Forests Development and Conservation (AFDC) to map the valley in order to determine the parts most prone to forest fires. The project also included enhancing the readiness of the Municipalities Federation by providing basic tools and equipment to be used in fighting forest fires.</p>	<p>Risk preparedness programme</p>	<p>Risk map of the Qadisha Valley and enhanced preparedness against fire.</p>

ASIA PACIFIC	Conservation of the Koguryo Mural Paintings and Tombs in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. UNESCO/ Republic of Korea Funds-In-Trust.	28 COM 14B.33	Sustainable conservation of the property.
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	Technical missions in Haiti for the preparation of the conservation and management plan, as well as for the initiation of projects for the other components of the programme for the Citadel and Jacmel. 500.000 Euros received from the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development. Legal Experts Meeting on Haitian Built Heritage Law (July 2011).	International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of Haitian Cultural Heritage: Action Plan for National Recovery and Development of Haiti; 185EX/6 Part III; 186 EX/6 Part III.	Draft proposals for amendments to strengthen the existing legislation. Participants : the Minister of Culture and Communication of Haiti, the Director of the Haitian Institute for the Preservation of the National Heritage (ISPAN), Legal Experts and the World Heritage Centre.
	Technical support and information provided to the Joya de Cerén Archaeological Site (El Salvador) in relation to Emergency International Assistance in light of specific risks facing the site and its Outstanding Universal Value. Support with a mission in December 2011.	31 COM 7.2 Strategy for risk reduction at World Heritage properties	Technical report finalized and submitted to the State Party.

3C. Activities to promote the development of effective Capacity-Building measures (Capacity-Building)

REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered
GLOBAL	The Third Ibero-American World Heritage Youth Forum was held in June 2011 (Santillana del Mar and Zaragoza, Spain) in conjunction with the 35COM.	<i>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI paragraphs 211 and 219</i>	Participation: 39 students from World Heritage sites in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay. Results presented on 27 June 2011 during the 35COM.
	Organization of the First South East Europe (SEE) World Heritage Forum: Networking for a better common future (21-26 May 2011, in Croatia and Slovenia) in collaboration with the countries' national commissions.	<i>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI paragraphs 211 and 219</i>	Participation: 31 students and 12 teachers/educators from eleven SEE countries. This forum set in motion continuing development of cooperation in the field of World Heritage promotion and preservation among young people, educators and heritage specialists in this region. Report finalized and produced in collaboration with the Slovenian National Commission for distribution in April 2012.
	World Heritage Volunteer Regional Training Seminar in Africa (12-19 July 2011).	<i>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI paragraphs 211 and 219</i>	Twelve organizations from eight African countries recommended the creation of a framework for dialogue among the participants to monitor the project and decided to organize a regional work camp on heritage.

	<p>World Heritage Volunteers 2011: Património Voluntary Action. 28 projects carried out by 20 local youth organisations from March to November 2011 in 17 countries (Kenya, Malawi, Togo, Zambia, Mexico, Peru, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea (Rep), Vietnam, Palestinian territory, Albania, Armenia, France, Italy and Ukraine). Activities were related to 16 cultural and 11 natural sites (of which 21 World Heritage sites, 4 in Tentative List and 1 in Danger List).</p>	<p><i>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI</i> paragraphs 211 and 219</p>	<p>The project is among the major activities of the UN-International Year of Youth +10. It allowed more than 700 youth volunteers to gather for 2-3 weeks in World Heritage sites and participate in actions such as archaeological restoration under professionals' supervision, environmental protection, education awareness-raising campaigns.</p>
	<p>The World Heritage Volunteers 2012: Beyond territories and boundaries, dedicated to the 40th Anniversary of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>, was launched in January 2012.</p>	<p><i>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI</i> paragraphs 211 and 219</p>	<p>50 youth projects were selected to be part of the campaign to be organized in 40 World Heritage sites from June to November 2012.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">GLOBAL</p>	<p>Funded by a European Union grant, in partnership with the International Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF) and within the framework of the France-UNESCO Cooperation Agreement, the World Heritage Centre has developed a two-year capacity building activity « Cultural heritage and local development » targeting local authorities in five Western African countries and mostly urban World Heritage sites. The World Heritage Centre also contributed to the “Pôle international francophone” capacity building initiative developed by France. The World Heritage Centre within the framework of the France-UNESCO Cooperation Agreement and in close cooperation with the French Ministry of Culture provides technical assistance to the National Haitian Heritage Institute to help coordinate international aid.</p>		<p>200 mayors and technicians from 100 cities have been trained through a practical and interactive methodology based on case studies.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AFRICA</p>	<p>Angola project for the preparation of the nomination file of Mbanza Kongo. (Self-benefiting contribution by Angola).</p>	<p>Global Strategy</p>	<p>Two professionals benefitted in 2011 from the nomination dossiers training programme coordinated in partnership with the African World Heritage Fund.</p>

ARAB STATES	As a follow-up to the second cycle of Periodic Reporting, States Parties were invited to designate national focal points for natural heritage. 13 countries did so. A regional meeting was organized in December 2011 in Amman (Jordan) for these focal points to meet and get familiar with the concepts of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> .	35 COM 10C.3	Thirteen natural heritage focal points were trained.
	The Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARC-WH, Category 2 Centre) has started functioning in Bahrain. Its role will be crucial in terms of capacity-building in the region.	35 COM 10C.3	Reinforcement of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in the Arab region.
	The UNESCO Office in Beirut (Lebanon) and the Association for Forests Development and Conservation (AFDC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, organized a five-day training workshop entitled "Methods and Techniques for early intervention in Forest Fire Fighting", at the attention of the guards of Bcharre Municipalities Federation, and other volunteers from the region.		Fire-fighting reinforced capacities.

	A capacity-building project has been carried out in Lebanon, using Baalbek World Heritage Site as pilot site, on 3D digital data recording and documentation in cooperation with the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation. The project also included a methodological framework for “Risk Preparedness” component in order to evaluate the rate of decay affecting the integrity and the significance of the property.		Reinforced capacities in documenting World Heritage sites.
ASIA PACIFIC	Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Koguryo Tombs and Mural Paintings. UNESCO/Republic of Korea Funds-In-Trust.	28 COM 14B.33	Conservation work of the Kuguryo Tom and mural paintings and capacity building for management and conservation in the DPRK. (http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/275)
	Afghanistan: capacity-building for conservation and management plan for Jam. UNESCO Switzerland Funds-In-Trust for Jam.	34 COM 7A.20	Please see http://whc.unesco.org/en/activities/247
	Lumbini, Nepal : Six training workshops were organised on management, preparation, and conservation. UNESCO/ Japanese Funds-In-Trust for Lumbini.	35 COM 7B.74	Local and national experts have been trained.
	Silk Roads Nominations project expert meeting in Tashkent, March 2012; and the Coordinating committee meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Sept/Oct 2012. UNESCO Japanese Funds-In-Trust for the Silk Roads.	Global Strategy	Detailed Action Plan drafted and adopted for the first nomination submission expected on 1 February 2013.

	Afghanistan - two expert meetings were held in Bamiyan on Capacity-Building and one in Rome (Italy) during 2011. UNESCO /Japanese Funds-In-Trust.	34 COM 7A.23	Capacity-building for national site managers carried out
	A Pacific Regional World Heritage Workshop was organized in Apia (Samoa) in September 2011. UNESCO/ Australian Funds-In-Trust.	34 COM 10C	The Pacific regional Action Plan on the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> was updated with other initiatives on capacity-building in the region.
EUROPE	In 2011 the World Heritage Centre launched a study on World Heritage training and capacity-building in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, with a view of elaborating an integrated and targeted strategy addressing the priority needs in training and capacity building for the preservation of World Heritage properties. The strategy will be developed in the perspective of the preparation of the Second cycle of Periodic Reporting.	30 COM 11A.1 35 COM 9B 35 COM 10C.2	The Study shall result in elaborating an integrated and targeted strategy (to be finalised in second quarter of 2012) addressing the priority needs in training and capacity building for the preservation of World Heritage properties.
LAC	Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise – 3 Sub Regional Meetings. In collaboration with the Zacatecas local authorities to elaborate the 2012-2013 working training programme. Collaboration with Rio de Janeiro Category 2 Centre and the Advisory Bodies to prepare the 2012-2013 training strategy for World Heritage	35 COM 9B 35 COM 10B	E-learning tools developed for use by focal points and site managers. Web platform animated. Please see: http://whc.unesco.org/en/363 The 2012-2013 capacity-building programme has been drafted for South America and Portuguese speaking countries.

	Collaboration with ICCROM for 'Training on Managing World Heritage Sites: Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies' (Zacatecas, Mexico), December 2011.	31 COM 7.2 35 COM 9B Strategy for risk reduction at world heritage properties	Training of site managers and focal points from Central America and the Caribbean. Final report generated.
4C. Activities to increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through Communication			
REGION	ACTIVITIES	DECISION	RESULTS obtained and CHALLENGES encountered
GLOBAL	Translation and publication in 2011 of the World Heritage in Young Hands (WHYH) Kit in Croatian and Serbian.	Operational Guidelines Chapter VI.C paragraphs 218, 219 and 221	Copies are available with the Croatian National Commission and the UN Association of Serbia and the Serbian National Commission. The organization of the First South East Europe Youth Forum (May 2011) is seen as one of the factors for increased interest for the WHYH Kit in the sub-region.
	<i>The World Heritage in Young Hands (WHYH) Kit interactive DVD</i> in English will be finalized for release in June 2012.	Operational Guidelines Chapter VI.C paragraphs 218, 219 and 221	The release of the WHYH-DVD provides UNESCO with a cost-effective means of responding to the need for resource materials of States Parties' national institutions organizing World Heritage Education activities. Funding sources for the production of the English version and the preparation of the French version continue to be a challenge. Extrabudgetary resources have been partially identified in 2012 and the activity is being pursued..

<p>Production of new DVD cartoon episode of the Patrimono World Heritage Adventures series - N°9: “<i>The City of Cuzco, Peru: the role of communities in World Heritage preservation</i>” to be released in 2012. Production of N°10 has been initiated on Ouadi Qadisha, Lebanon on World Heritage and sustainable development.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI.C paragraphs 218, 219 and 221</p>	<p>Challenges: considerable coordination and monitoring efforts, transformation of storyboards into animated films is cost heavy, staffing and logistic factors. EXB funding has been identified for two films, but still needs to be identified for the 3rd and 4th themes (Sustainable Tourism, and Biodiversity). This will impact on pace and full implementation of the project which will probably run beyond the biennium.</p>
<p>The Report on the World Heritage Volunteers 2010 campaign has been finalized and planned for distribution in April 2012.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI.C paragraphs 218, 219 and 221</p>	
<p>By mid March 2012, the following issues of the quarterly World Heritage were published in English, French and Spanish: Issues 59 (World Heritage and Water), 60 (World Heritage in the Gulf region), 61 (World Heritage Forests) and 62 (World Heritage and Indigenous Peoples).</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter IX.C paragraph 290</p>	<p>Major efforts were made to improve visibility of and subscriptions to the magazine through e-mailing of online flippages version to 80,000 members of the World Heritage Centre website, and links through Field Offices and all partners' websites.</p>
<p>Published: World Heritage Papers Series No. 28: “<i>Navigating the Future of Marine World Heritage</i>” (English only); N° 29, “<i>Human Evolution: Adaptations, Dispersals and Social Developments</i>” (HEADS) (English and Spanish in one volume), No. 30, <i>Adapting to Change: The State of Conservation of World Heritage Forests in 2011</i> (English only).</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter IX.C paragraph 290</p>	<p>All publications now require an approval by UNESCO's Publications Board, and need to follow specific guidelines. ISBN numbers are a must for all publications, thus allowing for easier referencing. Due to budget issues, online publishing is preferred to printed copies. For the time being, World Heritage Papers have secured enough funding to be published both print and online.</p>

	<p>The 2012 UNESCO World Heritage Desk Diary was published and 4,000 copies were printed, for sale and limited free distribution.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter IX.C paragraph 290</p>	<p>500 copies of a special 40-th anniversary packaging of the Diary were prepared and disseminated along with the regular copies.</p>
	<p>The e-mail newsletter “World Heritage Information” was sent in June and November 2011 in French or English to some 80,000 World Heritage Centre website members. The November newsletter announced the free download of the Harper Collins World Heritage application over 24 hours.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter IX.C paragraph 290</p>	
	<p>A second edition of <i>The World’s Heritage</i> (UNESCO and Harper Collins UK) was published in January 2012 in English. Other languages: Dutch, French, German, Hungarian, Spanish and Japanese.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter IX.C paragraph 290</p>	<p>The majority of the 1st edition (213,700) has now been sold. The current print run of the 2nd edition is 29,200 copies (all languages). To launch the 40th Anniversary of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i>, the Harper Collins World Heritage Application was offered free on 16 November (13,343 downloads on one day). Finalizing contractual arrangements within UNESCO is a long-lasting process and needs to be simplified. Marketing efforts were much improved on both sides. Better coordination with national and sites authorities to receive copyright free images for this and other publications would be important.</p>
	<p>With the support of the Russian Federation 120,000 copies of the 2011-2012 World Heritage Map were produced in collaboration with National Geographic Maps in English, French, Spanish and Russian. The Korean Republic and Cyprus have produced national language versions in Korean and Greek.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter IX.C paragraph 290</p>	<p>Sustainable ways of funding this annual publication -one of the main outreach products of the World Heritage Centre - are still being sought, through participation of countries hosting the World Heritage Committee, potential partners' interest and others.</p>

	<p>UNESCO participated in the Earth Hour 2012 campaign (31 March) with a special focus on World Heritage sites and a message by UNESCO Director-General recalling the 40th Anniversary.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines Chapter VI.C paragraph 218</p>	
	<p>Within the World Heritage Resource Manual Series, four titles are being developed in collaboration with the Advisory Bodies:</p> <p>1- <i>Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage</i> (June 2010) in collaboration with ICCROM, in French and English as an interactive online PDF. Spanish and Arabic translations are in progress.</p> <p>2- <i>Preparing World Heritage Nominations</i> (November 2011), 2nd edition including revisions in the <i>Operational Guidelines</i>, in French and English as an interactive online PDF. A printed version is now also available, thanks to Irish funds. Translation into Spanish is in progress.</p> <p>3- <i>Managing Natural World Heritage</i>, in collaboration with IUCN, is in publication stage by the World Heritage Centre for publishing by summer 2012.</p> <p>4- <i>Managing Cultural World Heritage</i>, in collaboration with ICCROM, is in review process, planned for publishing at the end of 2012.</p>	<p>30 COM 6 30 COM 15.2 31 COM 21B 32 COM 18 33 COM 10B 34 COM 7.3</p>	<p>The publication process for each manual is long but the result is sustainable and widely disseminated thanks to the PDF format. It is felt that the Manuals are really useful. Comments were received on the necessity to translate the manuals in all official languages and also make printed versions available for some of them. Fundraising is important as budget cuts have left this work with no budget.</p>

	<p>In December 2011 whc.unesco.org received 609,909 visits (+9.8%) and 2,207,841 (+13%) page views (Google Analytics).</p>		<p>Results: Visibility increased. Challenges encountered: UNESCO Web statistics tool (Estat) have been changed in November 2011 by ERI to Google Analytics that do not allow good comparative analysis with previous years.</p>
	<p>7,790 new members have subscribed online on the World Heritage Centre website database since March 2010 for a total of 88,037 members.</p>		<p>Visibility increased, better users management (site managers, focal points, stakeholders).</p>
	<p>Updates and amendments were made on various World Heritage Centre website chapters such as news, events, agreements, partners, World Heritage sites, Committee documents and decisions, activities, group tools, the List, search, 40th Anniversary web page, species data, social media, map, donation.</p>		<p>Increased content available, enhanced content visibility, navigation and readability. Ensured World Heritage Centre content integrity and centralisation.</p>
	<p>Updates, amendments and additions were made to the Periodic Reporting online questionnaire, such as statistics and analysis.</p>		<p>Enabling better Periodic Reporting questionnaires management by World Heritage Centre Regional Units and ensuring questionnaire availability to States Parties and sites managers. Analysis produced by regional units.</p>
	<p>Technical implementation of the Multilateral Environment Agreement Information and Knowledge Management Initiative (MEA IKM) that brings together 12 Global Multilateral Environmental Agreements (InforMEA) finalized.</p>		<p>Enabling an increased visibility and data exchange with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements.</p>

	Data exchange facilities with partners (Nokia).		Enabling an increased visibility and partners' requests answered. 50 Nokia Applications related to World Heritage sites have been published on the Nokia OVI store.
	205 online donations were made in 2011 for a total of 8,991 USD.		More visibility has been given to the donation option on all web pages. The financial donation process has been clarified for a better UNESCO management.
AFRICA	Publication on African World Heritage (Swiss Funds-In-Trust).	35 COM 12D	Following the Second Cycle of the Periodic Reporting Exercise for Africa, the World Heritage Centre is preparing a bilingual book on African World Heritage to convey emerging issues and new knowledge available to a wider public and to enhance the properties profiles at cultural, scientific and technical levels. Each of the 82 World Heritage properties in the 30 States Parties of the Africa region will be presented by texts and images, highlighting their Outstanding Universal Value and specific research results from scientific publications, where possible. The publication will be launched at the Africa regional meeting to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in September 2012.
ARAB STATES	The Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage in Bahrain is launching a series of translations of major World Heritage documents such as the World Heritage Manuals on "Preparing World Heritage Nominations", "Managing Disaster Risks for World Heritage", "Managing Cultural World Heritage Properties".	31 COM 7.2 Strategy for risk reduction at world heritage properties	On-going activity.

ASIA PACIFIC	Establishment of a regional hub to enhance communication, training and funding in the Pacific region (June 2011). Australia Funds-In-Trust communication instrument between States Parties of the Pacific.	34 COM 10C	The Pacific Heritage Hub Initiative is working on its governance and a medium term strategic plan, to enhance and promote proactive mutual cooperation in the Pacific region for a better implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> .
	Two public symposiums were held in Japan on the future safeguarding of the cultural heritage of Afghanistan. With an Expert working group meeting for the Preservation of the Cultural Landscape and Archaeological remains of the Bamiyan Valley, Tokyo (Japan) December 2011. Japan Funds-In-Trust for Bamiyan.	34 COM 7A.23	See http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/838
	Production of a publication on UNESCO's mission and work in Afghanistan in safeguarding its cultural heritage, notably Jam and Herat. Italy and Swiss Funds-In-Trust for Jam.	34 COM 7A.22	In-progress.
	Within the framework of the Australia Funds-in-Trust for the Pacific, a World Heritage paper publication, in collaboration with UNESCO Apia Office, is being prepared in order to disseminate the outcomes of the Pacific 2009 Programme in the region. This publication will be available in the second half of 2012.	34 COM 10C	This publication aims at raising public awareness, building capacity, strengthening a collaborative approach to the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in the Pacific.

LAC	Qhapaq Ñan brochures updated and travelling exhibition. Coordination meeting with Directors of Latin America and the Caribbean UNESCO Field Offices during the 2011 General Conference. Technical follow-up of the Uruguay Meeting of Legal Experts and the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> in LAC (Uruguay, April 2011).		Discussion on progress made in the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> and the priorities for MLA 1. Coordination and finalisation of the activities necessary for the new biennium budget. Ongoing work for the publication of the Proceedings of the Uruguay Meeting of Legal Experts and the implementation of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> .
5C. Activities to increase awareness and reinforce involvement of local Communities			
GLOBAL	Publication of World Heritage papers n°26 on cultural landscapes in French. (http://whc.unesco.org/fr/series/26/)	Global Strategy	This publication was broadly disseminated and used in various training workshops including by EUROMED Heritage Workshop on Cultural Landscapes (Hammamet, Tunisia, 12-14 January 2012)

<p style="text-align: center;">GLOBAL</p>	<p>The Committee, at its 35th session requested the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies to elaborate a thematic paper proposing to the States Parties general guidance regarding the management of cultural and natural heritage of religious interest. The World Heritage Centre requested the States Parties by a circular letter to support this activity and the associated research by providing voluntary contributions, as well as by organizing meetings, conferences, seminars within its framework. All relevant information will be available on http://whc.unesco.org/en/religious-sacred-heritage/.</p>	<p>35 COM 5A</p>	<p>Further to the consultation process between the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies, the elaboration of this thematic paper will be ensured in three phases: (i) preparatory and fund-raising activities; (ii) research, global thematic survey and data analysis; (iii) consultation/production of thematic paper. The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies recommend the establishment of an International Working Group, which will be in charge of this activity, comprising representatives of UNESCO and the Advisory Bodies, and in particular experts of the IUCN Specialist Group on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas, of the ICCROM Programme on Living Heritage and ICOMOS group of experts specialized in protection and enhancement of sacred heritage sites, buildings and landscapes. The World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies also recommend the creation of a global network involving relevant stakeholders, such as heritage practitioners (through Advisory Bodies), policy makers, national and local authorities, representatives of traditional and religious communities which should ensure that the thematic paper takes into account all relevant studies, elements, global trends and national specificities. They further recommend the development of an international multidisciplinary research programme on heritage of religious interest through the network entitled Forum UNESCO - University and Heritage in order to involve renowned researchers to work with all the above groups of stakeholders, in close coordination with the World Heritage Centre, the Advisory Bodies and their existing programmes/networks.</p>
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GLOBAL	As part of the Niger-Loire: governance and culture project, 100 women have been trained in waste sorting and composting in Djenné World Heritage site (Mali). In the launch of the project for New Gourná (Egypt), a strategy of participatory development was adopted involving the local residents not only in meetings to raise awareness about their cultural heritage, but also in the implementation of the emergency stabilization works for the Khan.	France- UNESCO Convention	Improvement of the waste management process and increase of revenues for women.
AFRICA	Interregional Conference Africa/Europe on Living with World Heritage sites	35 COM 12D Celebration of the 40th Anniversary	In the framework of the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the <i>World Heritage Convention</i> , the Government of Norway organized an Interregional Conference Africa/Europe (Røros, Norway, 14–16 May 2012) on "Living with World Heritage" to exchange on the appropriate strategies for ensuring communities involvement in World Heritage site management. The conference presented the results of an exchange of cooperation between communities of two World Heritage sites in South Africa (Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical landscape, and Isimangaliso Wetland Park) and three World Heritage sites in Norway (Vega, Vestnorsk Fjords and Røros). The conference led to a series of recommendations to guide the involvement of communities in and around World Heritages sites. See: http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/790
ARAB STATES	The UNESCO Amman Office developed a report on the improvement of waste management in Petra in January 2012.	35 COM 10C.3	Several methods for the involvement of the community were proposed, including a participatory approach to decision-making for the sustainable protection of the site.

<p style="text-align: center;">ASIA PACIFIC</p>	<p>Lumbini (Nepal): Two meetings were held in July 2011 - Round Table Meeting "Vision of Lumbini Development". In September 2011, one meeting was held on Tourism and Local community in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank. With subsequent four working committee meetings. UNESCO Japan Funds-In-Trust for Lumbini.</p>	<p>34 COM 8B.54</p>	<p>Consultation process with stakeholders carried out.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN</p>	<p>Ongoing implementation of the project for the Ancient Maya City and Protected Tropical Forests of Calakmul (Mexico) inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2002. The project deals with the implementation of development policies and the need to set limits of acceptable change in accordance with tourist use and the vulnerability of the site's resources and preservation conditions. The funding is provided by the Spanish Agency for International Development and Cooperation.</p>	<p>Global Strategy</p>	<p>A meeting with the national authorities took place in August 2011. An interdisciplinary mission is scheduled for August 2012.</p>

III. Draft Decision

Draft Decision: 36 COM 5A.1

The World Heritage Committee,

1. *Having examined Documents WHC-12/36.COM/5A.1, WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.1 and WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.3;*
2. *Recalling Decision **35 COM 5A** adopted at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011),*
3. *Takes note with appreciation of the results of the activities undertaken by the World Heritage Centre over the past year in pursuit of its five Strategic Objectives as presented in Document WHC-12/36.COM/5A.1;*
4. *Further notes the Progress Report on the implementation of the recommendations by the External Auditor on the 2009 Audit of the World Heritage Centre presented in Document WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.3;*
5. *Welcomes the report on UNESCO Conventions in the field of Culture presented in Document WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.1;*
7. *Takes note of the consultations between the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies towards the elaboration of a thematic paper proposing to States Parties general guidance regarding the management of their cultural and natural heritage of religious interest, and requests the World Heritage Centre to present to the World Heritage Committee at its 37th session in 2013, a progress report on this activity.*

Annex 1

Follow-up on the decisions adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session (Paris, 2011)

DECISIONS AND ITEMS	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
35 COM 2. Admission of Observers	✓		
35 COM 3A. Adoption of the Agenda of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (UNESCO, 2011)	✓		
35 COM 3B. Adoption of the Timetable of the 35th session of the World Heritage Committee (UNESCO, 2011)	✓		
35 COM 5A. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's Decisions	✓		
35 COM 5B. Reports of the Advisory Bodies		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/5B	
35 COM 5C. Follow-up of the recommendations by the External Auditor on the Audit of the World Heritage Centre		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.3	
35 COM 5D. Roles of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies	✓		
35 COM 5E. <i>World Heritage Convention</i> and sustainable development		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/5C	
35 COM 5F. World Heritage Tourism Programme		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/5E	
35 COM 6. Progress Report on the World Heritage related Category 2 centres		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/6	
35 COM 7.1. Recommendations of the International Expert Meeting on World Heritage and Buffer Zones		✓	
35 COM 7.2. Evaluation of the Reinforced Monitoring Mechanism	✓		
35 COM 7C. Reflection on the trends of the state of conservation	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/7C	
35 COM 8A. Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties as of 21 April 2011, in conformity with the <i>Operational Guidelines</i>	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/8A	
35 COM 8D. Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties in response to the Retrospective Inventory	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/8D	

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35 COM 8E. Adoption of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/8E	
35 COM 9A. Evaluation of the Global Strategy and the PACT Initiative as requested by Resolution 17 GA 9		Working Group See Documents WHC-12/36.COM/5A.2 and WHC-12/36.COM/9A	
35 COM 9B. Presentation and adoption of the World Heritage Strategy for capacity-building		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/9B	
35 COM 9C. Recommendations of the Science and Technology Expert Working Group in the context of World Heritage nominations		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/13	
35 COM 10A. Report on the Second Cycle of Periodic Reporting in the Africa region		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/10D	
35 COM 10B. Progress report on the first cycle of the Periodic Reporting and launching of the second cycle of the Periodic Reporting in Latin America and the Caribbean	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/10C	
35 COM 10C.1. Progress report on Periodic Reporting in the Asia and the Pacific region	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/10A	
35 COM 10C.2. Progress report on Periodic Reporting in the Europe and North America region		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/10B	
35 COM 10C.3. Progress report on Periodic Reporting in the Arab States region		✓	
35 COM 11. Protection of the Palestinian cultural and natural heritage	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/11	
35 COM 12A. Strategic Action Plan and Vision for the <i>Convention</i>	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/12A	
35 COM 12B. Working methods of statutory organs of the <i>Convention</i>	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/12B	
35 COM 12C. Reflection concerning the upstream process	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/12C	
35 COM 12D. Celebration of the 40th Anniversary	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/12D	
35 COM 12E. Global state of conservation challenges of World Heritage properties	✓	See Documents WHC-12/36.COM/7A WHC-12/36.COM/7B WHC-12/36.COM/7C	

DECISIONS AND ITEMS	IMPLEMENTED	ON-GOING	DELAYED
35 COM 13. Revision of the <i>Operational Guidelines</i>	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/13 and WHC-12/36.COM/14	
35 COM 13A. Progress report of the Informal Working Group on the World Heritage Emblem		See Document WHC-12/36.COM/INF.5A.2	
35 COM 14. Examination of International Assistance requests	✓		
35 COM 15A. Working Group on item 15 (Budget) of the Agenda	✓		
35 COM 15B. Report on the execution of the 2010-2011 Budget and preparation of the 2012-2013 Budget	✓		
35 COM 16. Provisional Agenda of the 18th session of the General Assembly	✓		
35 COM 17 Other business	N/A	N/A	N/A
35 COM 18: Election of the Bureau of the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee (June/July 2012)	✓		
35 COM 19: Provisional Agenda of the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee (24 June- 6 July 2012)	✓	See Document WHC-12/36.COM/3A	

**World Heritage Expert and other Meetings (Decision 35 COM 12B, points 6, 7)
January 2012 – December 2012**

Note: This table was requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 35th session (UNESCO, 2011) by Decision **35 COM 12B**. The Committee requested the World Heritage Centre to develop and present annually a consolidated list of all proposed meetings in order for the Committee to decide which to sanction on the basis of priorities and available resources (human and financial), and encouraged the option to hold virtual meetings where appropriate. The World Heritage Committee furthermore asked the World Heritage Centre to clarify the different types and categories of expert meetings (see doc. WHC-12/36.COM/12B) and that all meetings attended by the Secretariat should be documented in the Report on the Secretariat's activities to the Committee. The Centre provides this table (in addition to the activities indicated in the Secretariat's report and in working document WHC-12/36.COM/12D related to the 40th anniversary) for the full year to also demonstrate the different types of meetings, and notes that no meeting has been scheduled for 2013 at the time of the preparation of the present document. Furthermore it should be noted that many invitations by national/local authorities of States Parties or other Organizations are provided with short notice, not in line with the three monthly mission planning of UNESCO.

MEETINGS	VENUE	DATE	Type of meeting
Advisory Bodies/World Heritage Centre meeting	Paris UNESCO HQ	17-20 January 2012	Regular meeting with Advisory Bodies
Expert meeting on TriNational de la Sangha	Yaoundé, Cameroun	19-21 January 2012	Technical meeting (Decision 35 COM 8B.4)
Marine Regional expert meeting in support of new nominations in Indian Ocean (majority African countries)	Ile de la Réunion, France	6 February 2012	Support SP new nominations (World Heritage Marine Programme)
First marine site managers/expert meeting on improved management to protect OUV (overall objective of the series of meetings: new guidance)	Vilm, Germany	26-29 February 2012	Working meeting for capacity building
International Expert Meeting on the notion of integrity for Cultural Heritage	Abu Dhabi, UAE	12-15 March 2012	requested by the World Heritage Committee - Decision 35 COM 13

MEETINGS	VENUE	DATE	Type of meeting
World Heritage Volunteer Strategic Planning Meeting (leaders and managers of youth voluntary service organisations involved in the 2012 World Heritage Volunteers)	France	5-9 March 2012	World Heritage Youth Programme meeting
Regional Silk Roads Coordination Committee meeting	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	19 - 24 March 2012	Global Strategy; Follow up of 1st Cycle Asia-Pacific Periodic Reporting & Nomination process
International Expert Meeting on criterion (vi) and associative values	Warsaw, Poland	27 -30 March 2012	Requested by World Heritage Committee Decision 35 COM 13
Expert Meeting on the Periodic Reporting Action Plan 2012-2017 for Africa	UNESCO, HQs	18 – 20 April 2012	Experts meeting as follow-up to Periodic Report; Decision 35COM 10A
Review of the Draft World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Programme and the Draft Action Plan	UNESCO, HQs	24 April 2012	Steering Group Meeting
Coordination meeting for the harmonization of the nomination dossier of Sistema Vial Andino /Qhapaq Ñan.	La Paz, Bolivia	26 – 28 April 2012	Decision 31 COM 12B
Second marine site managers/expert meeting on improved management to protect OUV (overall objective of the series of meetings: new guidance)	Vilm, Germany	6-10 May 2012	Working meeting for capacity building
Information Meeting of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention on the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee	UNESCO, HQs	15 May 2012	Regular Information Meeting
World Rock Art Prototype	UNESCO HQ	17-18 May 2012	Decision 34 COM 5F.1
World Heritage Volunteers Leaders' Training	France	June 2012	World Heritage Youth Programme meeting

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Advisory Bodies/World Heritage Centre meeting	St Petersburg, Russian Federation	23 June 2012	Regular coordination meeting before 36 COM
36th session of the World Heritage Committee	St Petersburg, Russian Federation	24 June– 6 July 2012	Statutory Meeting
Youth Forum in conjunction with the 36th session of the World Heritage Committee	Kazan and St Petersburg, Russian Federation	24 June– 6 July 2012	Regular Youth Forum Meeting
Design of a climate change adaptation project proposal for natural World Heritage sites	San Jose, Costa Rica	TBC. (2 nd half 2012)	Technical advisory meeting
Advisory Bodies/World Heritage Centre meeting	Paris, France	September 2012	Regular coordination meeting
Special event for the promotion of World Heritage marine sites + attraction of new financial resources, organized in cooperation with Jaeger-LeCoultre	Paris, France	September 2012	Fundraising + outreach meeting
3rd Expert Working Group Meeting for Jam and Herat, Afghanistan	Turin, Italy	Tentatively in early September 2012 (TBC)	Expert meeting
3rd Coordination Committee meeting of the Silk Roads World Heritage nomination project, Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	September 2012	Follow up of 1st Cycle Asia-Pacific Periodic Reporting & Nomination process
Workshop with NGO's and World Heritage Marine programme partners to improve use of World Heritage designation for conservation of OUV in marine sites	Jeju, Republic of Korea (2hrs during IUCN World Conservation Congress)	6-25 September 2012	Working meeting
Human Origin sites in Asia	Republic of Korea	24 - 28 September 2012	Decision 34 COM 5F.1
Working meeting Banc d'Arguin Mauritania preparation designation PSSA status for the site	Mauritania	October 2012	Working meeting
Expert Workshop for the Preservation of the Koguryo Tombs and Mural Paintings	To be decided	Tentatively in October 2012 (TBC)	Expert meeting
Working meeting Tubbataha, Philippines preparation for designation PSSA status for the site + improved sustainable funding + improved management and conservation of OUV based on WHCOM decisions	Tubbataha, Philippines	November 2012	Working meeting

MEETINGS	VENUE	DATE	Type of meeting
11th Afghanistan Bamiyan Expert Group Meeting	Aachen, Germany	November 2012	Expert meeting
Meeting of World Heritage Focal Points in the Arab region	Bahrain	December 2012	Follow-up 1st cycle of Periodic Reporting
Special Event on increased support for World Heritage Marine Programme activities	UNESCO HQs	7 December 2012	Fundraising + outreach meeting
International Colloquium on World Heritage Earthen Architecture and Hassan Fathy in the framework of the WHEAP (World Heritage Earthen Architecture Programme)	UNESCO, HQs	17-18 December 2012	International Colloquium in the framework of the WHEAP (World Heritage Earthen Architecture Programme)