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Intangible
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Heritage

Information and exchange session on the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

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3 to 5 p.m.



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PART 1

Intergovernmental Committee



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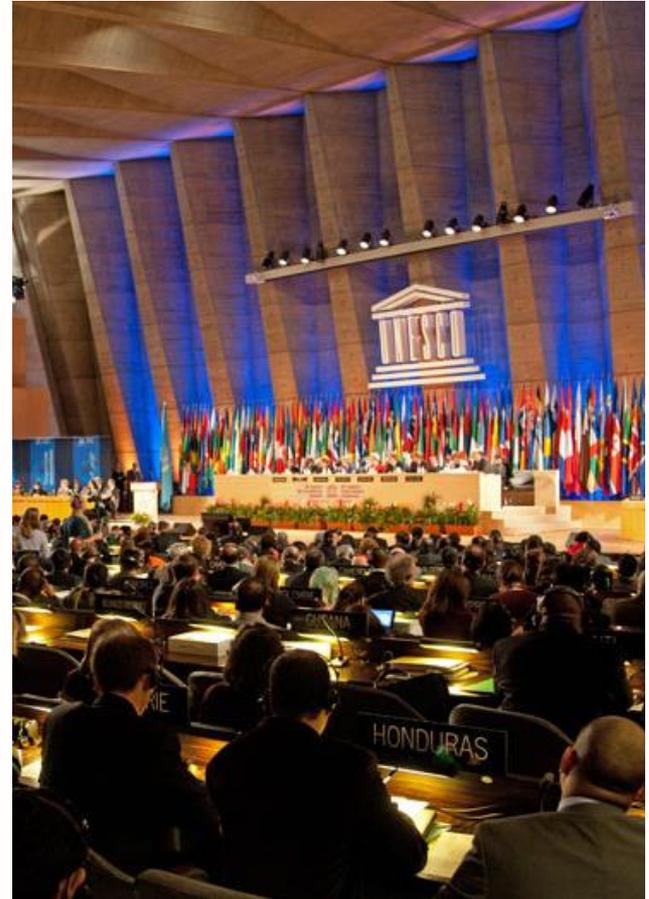
24 STATES PARTIES:

- ✓ Elected by General Assembly respecting principle of equitable geographic representation and rotation;
- ✓ For a term of four years;
- ✓ Every two years the General Assembly renews half of the members.

Intergovernmental Committee

FUNCTIONS:

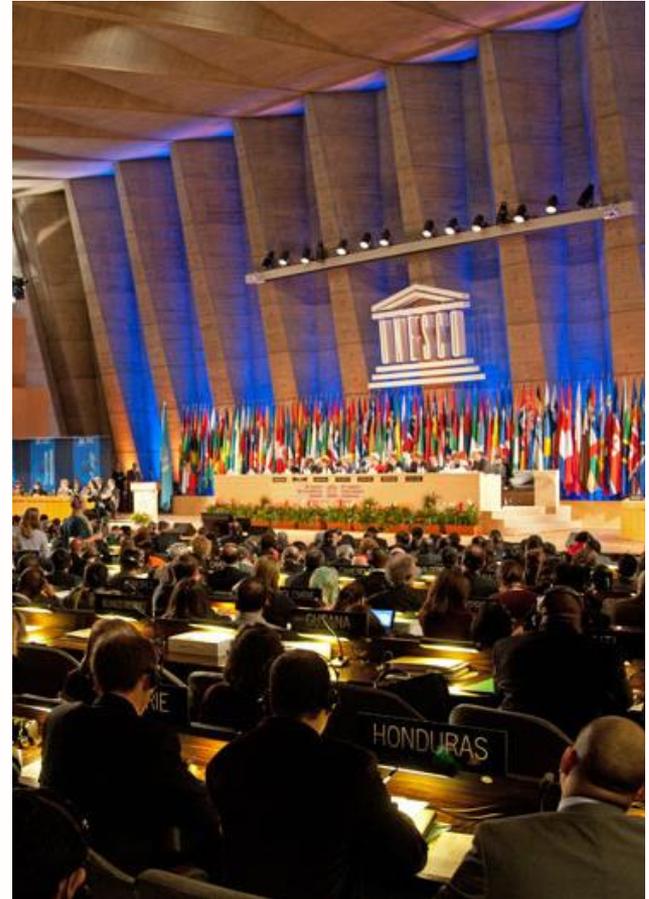
- ✓ Promote the objectives of the Convention
- ✓ Provide guidance on best practices and make recommendations on measures for safeguarding ICH
- ✓ Prepare draft Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention to be approved by the General Assembly
- ✓ Examine the reports on the implementation of the Convention and on the status of elements inscribed on its Lists



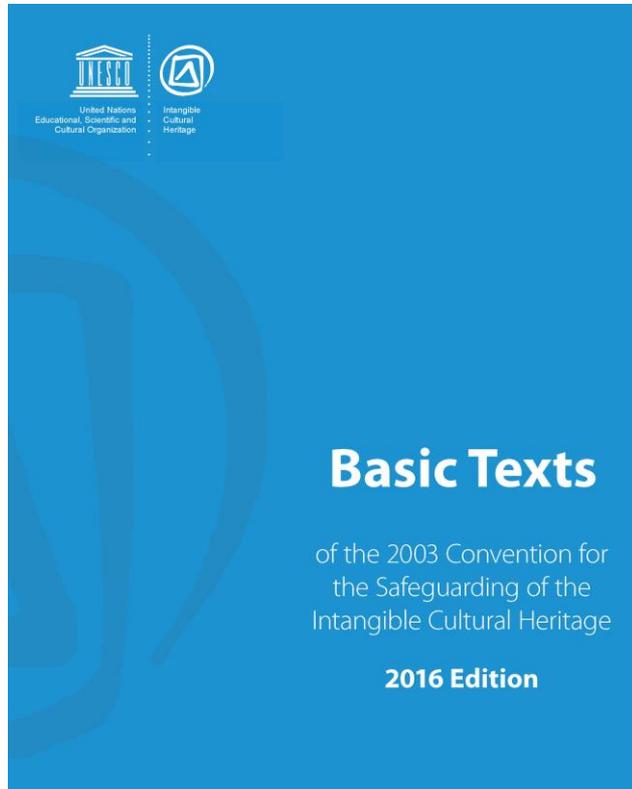
Intergovernmental Committee

FUNCTIONS:

- ✓ Grant International Assistance
- ✓ Prepare a draft plan for the use of the resources of the Fund to be approved by the General Assembly
- ✓ Recommend to the General Assembly accreditation of non-governmental organizations
- ✓ Inscribe on the Lists (USL, RL) and selects GSP



Intergovernmental Committee



WORKING METHODS:

- ✓ Governed by the **Rules of Procedure** of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Intergovernmental Committee

SESSIONS AND PARTICIPANTS:

- ✓ Annually in ordinary session (Nov/Dec)
This year the meeting will be held from
4 to 9 December 2017 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea
- ✓ Also open to observers from States Parties, States not party,
intergovernmental organizations, accredited NGOs, etc.
- ✓ Open to registered public in the limit of available space

Intergovernmental Committee

AGENDA:

Includes all questions



Provided in the Rules of Procedure and Operational Directives

The Committee or the General Assembly decided to inscribe at previous sessions



Proposed by States Members of the Committee

Proposed by States Parties and the Director-General

Intergovernmental Committee

ORDER OF DEBATE:

- ✓ Only speakers recognized by Chairperson
- ✓ General debate
 - Priority given to Committee Members
 - Then observers (States Parties, States non party, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, etc.)
- ✓ Adoption of decisions
 - Only Committee Members may intervene

Intergovernmental Committee

DECISION-MAKING:

- ✓ Consensus is privileged
- ✓ In case of voting:
 - Each State Member has one vote
 - Decisions by a simple majority (13)
 - Some by a two-third majority (16)
 - Amendment or suspension to the Rules of Procedure
 - Convening an extraordinary Committee session
 - Amending, deleting or adding items to the agenda

Intergovernmental Committee

ROLE OF THE SECRETARIAT:

- ✓ Has no right to vote
- ✓ Proposes draft agenda
- ✓ Prepares the documentation of the Committee
- ✓ Ensures implementation of the Committee's decisions
- ✓ Ensures proper conduct of the work of the Committee

Bodies of the Intergovernmental Committee



- ✓ The Committee may establish, on a temporary basis, whatever **ad hoc consultative bodies** it deems necessary to carry out its task.
- ✓ The Committee may establish such **subsidiary bodies** as it deems necessary for the conduct of its work.

Bodies of the Intergovernmental Committee



BUREAU:

- ✓ Fix the date, times and order of business of Committee meetings
- ✓ Grant International Assistance – up to US\$100,000 and emergency assistance
- ✓ Other tasks assigned by Committee

Bodies of the Intergovernmental Committee



EVALUATION BODY:

- ✓ Composed of 12 members elected by the Committee: 6 accredited non-governmental organizations and 6 experts representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee
- ✓ Evaluates files to the :
 - Urgent Safeguarding List,
 - Representative List,
 - Register of Good Safeguarding Practices, and
 - International Assistance greater than US\$100,000
- ✓ Recommendations to the Committee presented as Draft Decisions

PART 2

Twelfth session of the
Intergovernmental
Committee



Committee Members

Group I

Austria	2016-2020
Cyprus	2016-2020
Turkey	2014-2018

Group II

Armenia	2016-2020
Bulgaria	2014-2018
Hungary	2014-2018

Group III

Colombia	2016-2020
Cuba	2016-2020
Guatemala	2016-2020
Saint Lucia	2014-2018

Committee Members

Group IV

Afghanistan	2014-2018
India	2014-2018
Mongolia	2014-2018
Philippines	2016-2020
Republic of Korea	2014-2018

Group V(a)

Congo	2014-2018
Côte d'Ivoire	2014-2018
Ethiopia	2014-2018
Mauritius	2016-2020
Senegal	2016-2020
Zambia	2016-2020

Group V(b)

Algeria	2014-2018
Lebanon	2016-2020
Palestine	2016-2020

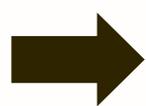
Bureau

COMPOSITION:

- ✓ Chairperson: H.E. Mr Byong-hyun Lee (Republic of Korea)
- ✓ Rapporteur: Mr Gábor Soós (Hungary)
- ✓ Vice-Chairpersons: Turkey, Bulgaria, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire and Palestine

Working and Information Documents

- ✓ Working documents (ITH/17/12.COM/X):
request a decision by the Committee
- ✓ Information documents (ITH/17/12.COM/INF.X):
do not require any decision
- ✓ Numbered according to the item on the agenda
- ✓ Nominations, requests and reports are also available through the website



Will be published online by 6 November, 4 weeks before the Committee Session

Webpage

CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- ✓ Working documents
- ✓ Information documents
- ✓ Periodic reports on the implementation of the Convention
- ✓ Nominations, requests and proposals
- ✓ and *online registration page* (Preliminary List is already online)



PART 3

Timetable of the Twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Committee

Timetable of 12.COM

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2017

Morning

1. Opening
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Observers
4. Adoption of the summary records of the eleventh session of the Committee
- 5.b. Report by the Secretariat on its activities

Timetable of 12.COM

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2017

Afternoon

6. Voluntary supplementary contributions to the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund
7. Draft plan for the use of the resources of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund in 2018–2019
- 8.a. Reports of States Parties on the use of international assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund (*11 reports*)

Timetable of 12.COM

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2017

Morning

- 8.b. Examination of the reports of States Parties on the implementation of the Convention and on the current status of elements inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity *(11 reports)*
- 8.c. Examination of the reports of States Parties on the current status of elements inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding *(12 reports)*
9. Draft overall results framework for the Convention
10. Draft amendments to the Operational Directives on periodic reporting

Timetable of 12.COM

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2017

Afternoon

11. Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2017
 - 11.a. Examination of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding (*6 nominations*)
 - 11.b. Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (*35 nominations*)

Timetable of 12.COM

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2017

Morning

11.b. Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (*cont.*)

Afternoon

11.b. Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (*cont.*)

Timetable of 12.COM

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017

Morning

11.b. Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (*cont.*)

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THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017

Afternoon

- 11.c. Removal of an element from the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and its transfer to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
- 11.d. Examination of requests for International Assistance (*3 requests*)
- 11.e. Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices (*4 proposals*)

Timetable of 12.COM

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2017

Morning

12. Procedures to facilitate dialogue between the Evaluation Body and the submitting State(s)
13. Report of the informal ad hoc working group

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FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2017

Afternoon

14. Reflection on the removal of an element from a List and the transfer of an element from one List to the other
15. Intangible cultural heritage in emergencies
16. Follow-up to the recommendations of the External Auditor's 'Report on the governance of UNESCO and dependant funds, programmes and entities' (Document 38C/23)

Timetable of 12.COM

SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2017

Morning

17. Accreditation of new non-governmental organizations and review of accredited non-governmental organizations
18. Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2018 cycle
19. Date and venue of the thirteenth session of the Committee
20. Election of the members of the Bureau of the thirteenth session of the Committee

Timetable of 12.COM

SATURDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2017

Afternoon

21. Other business
- 5.a. Report by the Committee to the General Assembly on its activities
(January 2016 to December 2017)
22. Adoption of the list of decisions
23. Closure

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