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# Information and exchange session for Members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

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Room XI

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# PART 1 – FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE



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## Date and venue

- From Monday 9 December to Saturday 14 December 2019
- Agora Bogotá Centro de convenciones in Bogotá, Colombia

<https://agora-bogota.com/>



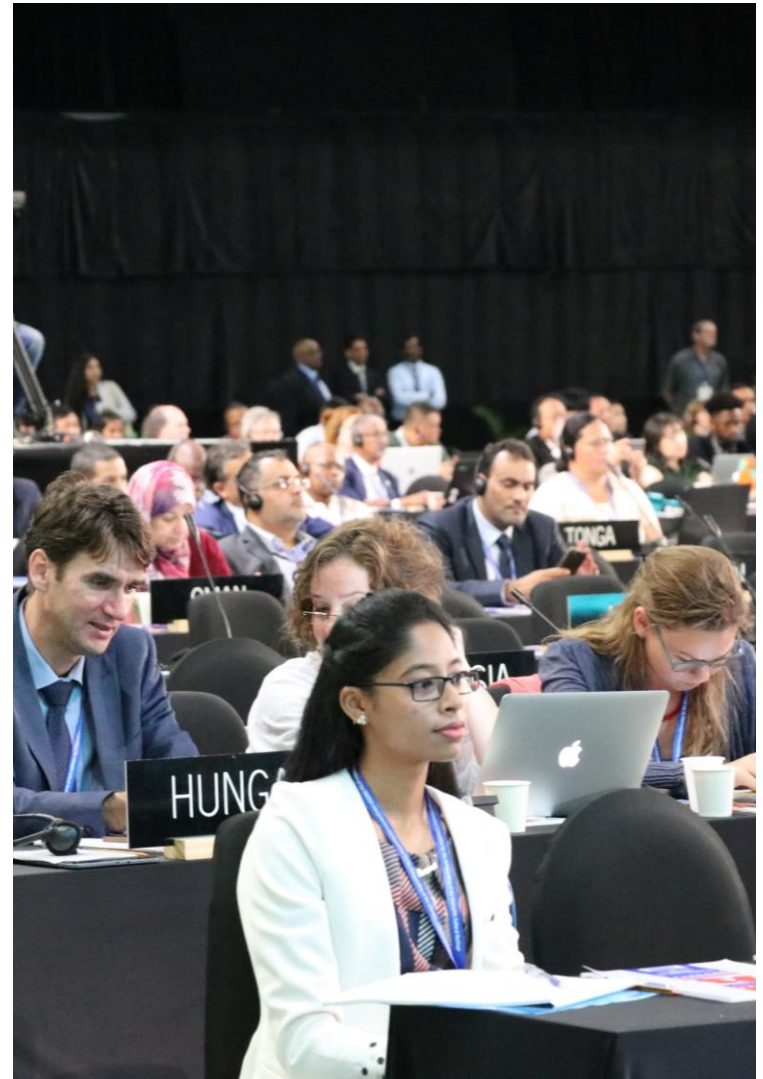
## Working languages

- ‘The working languages of the Committee shall be English and French’ (Rule 41, Rules of Procedures of the Committee).
- Spanish interpretation will also be generously provided by the government of Spain



## Intergovernmental Committee:

- 24 States Parties
- Elected by the General Assembly following the principles of equitable geographic representation and rotation
- Four-year term; every two years, the General Assembly renews half of the members





## Role of the Committee

- Make recommendations to the General Assembly on issues such as:
  - Drafting Operational Directives
  - Use of resources of the Fund
  - Accreditation of NGOs, etc.
- Inscribe elements on the Lists (Urgent Safeguarding List, Representative List), select Good Safeguarding Practices and grant international assistance greater than US\$100,000, etc.

# Committee Members

## Group I

Austria 2016-2020  
Cyprus 2016-2020  
Netherlands 2018-2022

## Group II

Armenia 2016-2020  
Azerbaijan 2018-2022  
Poland 2018-2022

## Group III

Colombia 2016-2020  
Cuba 2016-2020  
Guatemala 2016-2020  
Jamaica 2018-2022



# Committee Members

## Group IV

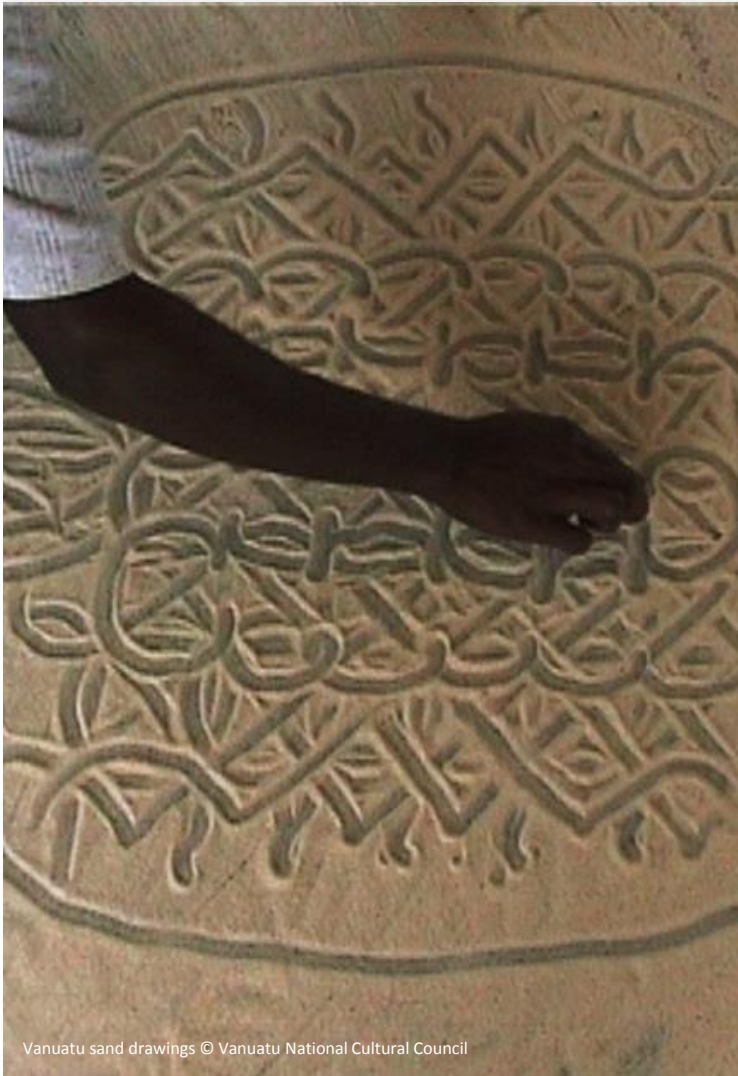
China	2018-2022
Japan	2018-2022
Kazakhstan	2018-2022
Philippines	2016-2020
Sri Lanka	2018-2022

## Group V(a)

Cameroon	2018-2022
Djibouti	2018-2022
Mauritius	2016-2020
Senegal	2016-2020
Togo	2018-2022
Zambia	2016-2020

## Group V(b)

Kuwait	2018-2022
Lebanon	2016-2020
Palestine	2016-2020



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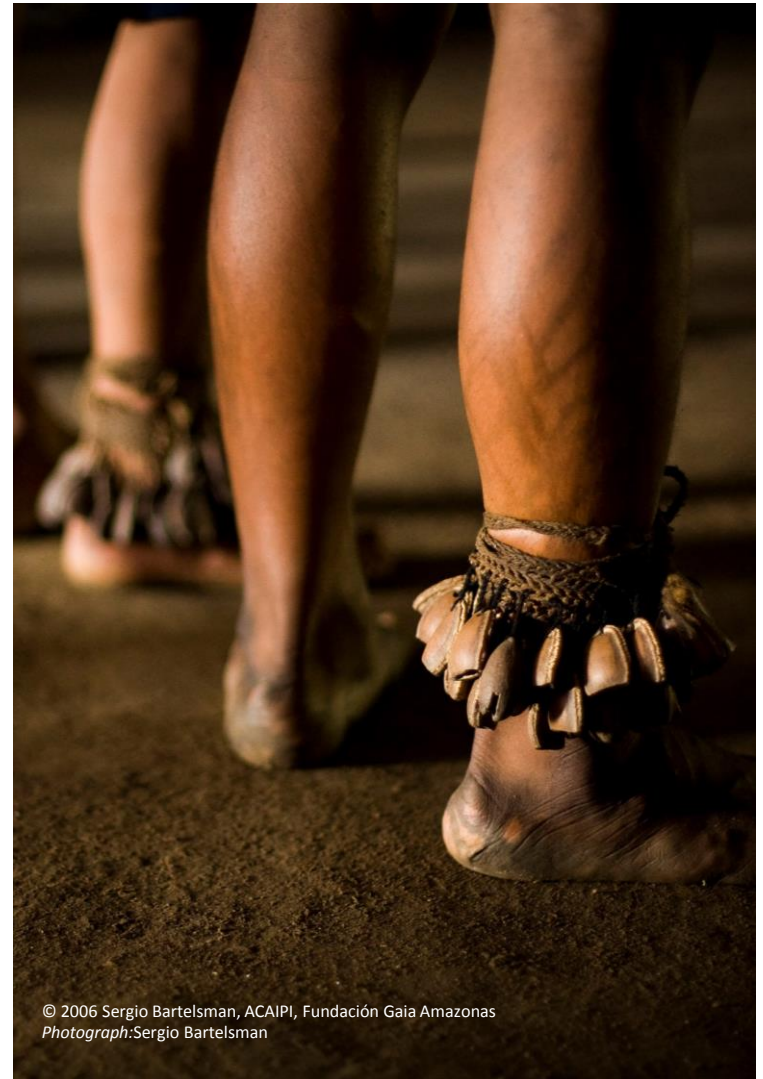
## Sessions and participants

- Open to observers from States Parties, States not party, intergovernmental organizations, accredited NGOs, and registered public in the limit of available space
- Participation costs for representatives from developing States Parties (Committee members or not) and accredited NGOs may be covered by the Fund
- **One request for one expert per State Party** shall be considered for such assistance from the Fund: “...only for persons who are experts in intangible cultural heritage” (Rule 5.4, Rules of Procedure of the Committee)

## Bureau

### COMPOSITION

- **Chairperson:** Ms María Claudia Lopez Sorzano (Colombia)
- **Rapporteur:** Mr Bernard Jankee (Jamaica)
- **Vice-Chairpersons:** Austria, Poland, Philippines, Zambia and Palestine



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## Documents

- Working documents (**LHE/19/14.COM/X**):  
→ request a decision by the Committee
- Information documents (**LHE/19/14.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 8 November, 4 weeks before the Committee Session**

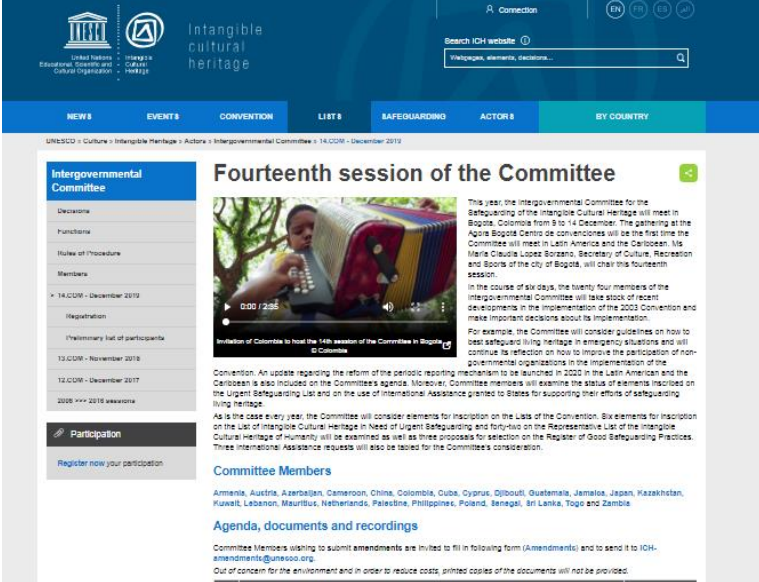
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CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Working documents
- Information documents
- Reports on the status of the elements inscribed on the USL
- Nominations, requests and proposals
- An online registration page (a preliminary list is already online)

## Webpage

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- <https://ich.unesco.org/fr/14com>
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The screenshot displays the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage website. The header includes the UNESCO logo, the text 'Intangible cultural heritage', and a search bar. A navigation menu at the top lists 'NEW', 'EVENTS', 'CONVENTION', 'LISTS', 'SAFEGUARDING', 'ACTORS', and 'BY COUNTRY'. The main content area features a video player titled 'Fourteenth session of the Committee' with a play button and a progress bar. Below the video, there is a text block starting with 'This year, the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will meet in Bogotá, Colombia from 8 to 14 September. The gathering at the Agoria Bogotá Centro de convenciones will be the first time the Committee will meet in Latin America and the Caribbean. Ms. María Claudia López Borrero, Secretary of Culture, Recreation and Sports of the city of Bogotá, will chair this fourteenth session. In the course of six days, the twenty-four members of the Intergovernmental Committee will take stock of recent developments in the implementation of the 2003 Convention and make important decisions about its implementation. For example, the Committee will consider guidelines on how to best safeguard living heritage in emergency situations and will continue its reflection on how to improve the participation of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Convention. An update regarding the reform of the periodic reporting mechanism to be launched in 2022 in the Latin American and the Caribbean is also included on the Committee's agenda. Moreover, Committee members will examine the status of elements inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List and on the use of International Assistance granted to States for supporting their efforts of safeguarding living heritage. As is the case every year, the Committee will consider elements for inscription on the Lists of the Convention. Six elements for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and forty-two on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity will be examined as well as three proposals for selection on the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices. Three Intangible Assistance requests will also be tabled for the Committee's consideration.'

**Committee Members**  
Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritius, Netherlands, Palestine, Philippines, Poland, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Togo and Zambia

**Agenda, documents and recordings**  
Committee Members wishing to submit amendments are invited to fill in following form (Amendments) and to send it to ICH-amendments@unesco.org.  
Out of concern for the environment and in order to reduce costs, printed copies of the documents will not be provided.

## Order of debate

- Only speakers recognized by the Chairperson may have the floor
- Only Committee members may intervene during the adoption of decisions





## 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

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## PART 2 – AGENDA AND TIMETABLE OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE



Traditional Vallenato music of the Greater Magdalena region, Colombia © León Dario Peláez, Revista Semana 2007

## Agenda

Includes examination of topics:

- Provided in the Rules of Procedure and Operational Directives
- That the Committee or the General Assembly decided, at previous sessions, to place thereon
- Requested by Committee Members
- Proposed by States Parties and the Director-General



## Monday, 9 December 2019

### MORNING

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

## Monday, 9 December 2019

### AFTERNOON

6

Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund:  
voluntary supplementary contributions and other  
issues

7

Draft plan for the use of the resources of the  
Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund in 2020–2021

8

Reform of the periodic reporting mechanism

## Tuesday, 10 December 2019

### MORNING

**9**

Reports of States Parties

**9a**

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

**9b**

Reports of States Parties on the use of International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund

## Tuesday, 10 December 2019

### AFTERNOON

**10**

Reports of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2019

**10a**

Examination of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding

**10b**

Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

## Wednesday, 11 December 2019

### MORNING

**10b**

Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

### AFTERNOON

**10b**

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

## Thursday, 12 December 2019

### MORNING

**10b**

Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

**10c**

Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices

**10d**

Examination of requests for International Assistance



## Thursday, 12 December 2019

### AFTERNOON

10

Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2019

11

Modification of the name of an inscribed element

12

Follow-up on elements inscribed on the Lists of the Convention

## Friday, 13 December 2019

### MORNING

**13**

Intangible cultural heritage in  
emergencies

**14**

Reflection on the listing  
mechanisms of the Convention

## Friday, 13 December 2019

### AFTERNOON

14

Reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention

15

Reflection on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Convention

## Saturday, 14 December 2019

### MORNING

16

Report of the informal ad hoc open-ended working group

17

Accreditation of new non-governmental organizations and review of accredited non-governmental organizations

18

Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2020 cycle

## Saturday, 14 December 2019

### AFTERNOON

- 19 Follow-up on the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO
- 20 Date and venue of the fifteenth session of the Committee
- 21 Election of the members of the Bureau of the fifteenth session of the Committee
- 22 Other business
- 23 Adoption of the list of decisions
- 24 Closure

# Thank you

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