**CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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**30 November to 4 December 2015**

**Item 6.c of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Reports of States Parties on the use of international assistance
from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund**

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| **Summary**Article 24.3 of the Convention provides that ‘The beneficiary State Party shall submit to the Committee a report on the use made of the assistance provided for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.’ This document covers reporting for the period October 2014 to September 2015.**Decision required:** paragraph 9 |

1. Article 24.3 of the Convention provides that ‘The beneficiary State Party shall submit to the Committee a report on the use made of the assistance provided for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.’ Such international financial assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund is described in Chapter V of the Convention and Chapters I.4 and I.14 of the Operational Directives. The present document covers reporting for the period October 2014 to September 2015.
2. Reporting to the Committee on the use made of the assistance provided for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage gives beneficiary States Parties an opportunity to present results of the project against expected results, benefits for the communities concerned, measures taken to ensure sustainability and challenges and lessons learnt.
3. At the beginning of the reporting period, in October 2014, there were ten ongoing International Assistance projects for a total US$1,321,630: six greater than US$25,000, one up to US$25,000, one emergency assistance project and two Preparatory Assistance projects for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding.
4. Six projects were completed successfully and final reports duly submitted. Of those, two were Preparatory Assistance projects, which were submitted for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding to be examined by the Committee in 2016. Three projects are ongoing, as foreseen in their timetable, and progress reports have been duly submitted.
5. One ongoing project has not been reported on because of funds transfer difficulties between the national treasury and implementation agency of the country. While Phases I and II of the project have been completed, the implementation agency cannot finish the final phase until the funds are released. The Secretariat is seeking an administrative solution with the State Party concerned to overcome the problem. No progress report could be submitted for the attention of the tenth session of the Committee.
6. Reports on each of these nine projects are available to download in the language in which they were submitted at the links indicated below.

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| **Project** | **Beneficiary** | **Amount(**US$) | **Period** | **Report** |
| Inventory of traditional music in Senegal (No.00553) | Senegal | 80,789 | 08/2013- 12/2014 | Final report: [French](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=38605) |
| Documentation, promotion and dissemination of the Candombe traditional drum calls, expressions of identity of the Sur, Palermo, and Cordón neighbourhoods in the city of Montevideo (No. 00555) | Uruguay | 186,875 | 09/2013- 08/2015 | Final report: [English](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=38610) |
| Inventorying the intangible cultural heritage of four communities in Uganda (No. 00557) | Uganda | 216,000 | 07/2013- 08/2015 | Final report: [English](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=38609) |
| Safeguarding and promotion of indigenous knowledge associated with the ecological environment of the Black Ha Nhi in Lao Cai Province, Viet Nam (No. 00598) | Viet Nam | 24,631 | 11/2013- 09/2015 | Final report: [English](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=38619) |
| Madi bow lyre music, O’di (No. 00890) | Uganda | 10,000Preparatory Assistance - USL | 12/2013- 03/2015 | Final report: [English](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=36838) |
| Rituals and practices associated with Kit Mikayi shrine of the Luo community in Kenya (No. 00632) | Kenya | 17,668Preparatory Assistance - USL | 12/2013-03/2015 | Final report: [English](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=38600) |
| Inventory and promotion of intangible cultural heritage in Burkina Faso (No. 00678) | Burkina Faso | 262,080 | 04/2013-07/2016 | Progress report:[French](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=37320) |
| Safeguarding and revitalizing the Mongolian traditional epic (No° 00549) | Mongolia | 89,700 | 06/2013- 06/2016 | Progress report: [English](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=37431) |
| Inventory of intangible cultural heritage in Mali with a view to its urgent safeguarding (No° 01026) | Mali | 307,307Emergency Assistance | 12/2013-11/2016 | Progress report: [French](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/doc/download.php?versionID=38604) |

1. Since certain contracts for these projects were established before the publication of the
ICH-04-Report Form, there is no contractual obligation for the States concerned to provide their reports using that form, which was prepared following the request of the Committee at its eighth session (Decision 8.COM 6.c). Nevertheless, during this transitional period, only one progress report and one final report were provided without using the said form. All other progress reports and final reports were prepared and submitted using the ICH-04-Report Form.
2. The projects funded through the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund were developed and implemented by beneficiary States. The approaches and activities presented in the six final reports and three progress reports are diverse: four focus on identification and preparation of inventories, and five on the safeguarding of particular elements or intangible cultural heritage of a given community. Awareness of the importance of intangible cultural heritage was raised in all cases. Regional inventories have been drawn up or are being drawn up with a view to safeguarding, and the capacities of local stakeholders have been enhanced. States achieved results using their own systems, human resources and institutions – an approach conducive to ownership and sustainability.
3. During the reporting period, seven new requests for International Assistance were approved by the Bureau of the Committee for a total of US$436,870: three in November 2014 and four in June 2015. Of those, five were for up to US$25,000, one was for preparatory assistance for elaborating nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding, and two were emergency assistance requests. The African continent represents US$363,622 or 83.23% of the amount of assistance granted during the reporting period, in line with UNESCO’s Global Priority Africa. Implementation of these projects has started or is ongoing and to date, none of those projects have reports due.
4. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 10.COM 6.c

The Committee,

1. Having examined document ITH/15/10.COM/6.c,
2. Recalling Article 24.3 of the Convention,
3. Expresses satisfaction that developing countries continue to be the main beneficiaries of International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund and particularly those in Africa;
4. Thanks beneficiary States for submitting final or progress reports for projects that benefit from International Assistance under the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund;
5. Appreciates the impact that the assistance brought to the beneficiary States for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage present in their territories and encourages them to continue to ensure the sustainability and enhancement of the results of the projects;
6. Notes with satisfaction the promising initial results of the first emergency international assistance provided through the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund as a contribution to the reconstruction and social cohesion and encourages Mali to continue its efforts in this direction despite the contextual difficulties;
7. Congratulates Kenya and Uganda for submitting nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding as a result of the preparatory assistance granted;
8. Requests States Parties to use the ICH-04-Report Form when reporting on the use made of the assistance provided.