

# Orientation session for Members of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

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2 October 2018  
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Room XI

13COM



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# PART 1

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**Intergovernmental  
Committee**

# 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



# Role of the Committee

- Promote the objectives of the Convention
- 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



# Role of the Committee

- 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
- Review and decide on renewal of accreditation of NGOs
- Inscribe on the Lists (USL, RL) and selects GSP
- Grant International Assistance greater than US\$100,000

# Working methods

## Basic Texts

of the 2003 Convention for  
the Safeguarding of the  
Intangible Cultural Heritage

**2016 Edition**

- Governed by the **Rules of Procedure** of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Basic Texts 2018 Edition to be published shortly

# Sessions and participants

- Annually in ordinary session (Nov/Dec)
- One delegate per Committee Member who may be assisted by alternates, advisers and experts
- 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







# Sessions and participants

- Participation costs for representatives from developing States Parties (members and not members of the Committee) may be covered by the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- ‘...only for persons who are experts in intangible cultural heritage’ (Rule 5.4, Rules of Procedure of the Committee)
- Only one request for one expert per State Party shall be considered for such assistance from the Fund.

# 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



# Order of debate

- Only speakers recognized by Chairperson
- General debate
  - Priority given to Committee Members
  - Then observers (States Parties, States not party, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, etc.)





# Order of debate

- Adoption of decisions
  - Only Committee Members may intervene

However, Rules 22.4:

- Adoption of decisions concerning **nominations, proposals and requests**
  - Submitting States, whether or not a Member of the Committee, shall only take the floor to provide information in reply to questions raised by Members of the 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



# 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 Committee

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## BUREAU:

- One Chairperson, one or more Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur – *in practice, five Vice-Chairpersons one from each of electoral groups*
- Fix the dates, times and order of business of Committee meetings
- Grant International Assistance up to US\$100,000, including preparatory assistance and emergency assistance
- Other tasks assigned by the Committee

# Bodies of the Committee

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## EVALUATION BODY:

- Composed of 12 members elected by the Committee:  
6 accredited NGOs 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



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

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## PART 2

Thirteenth session of the  
Intergovernmental  
Committee



# Date and venue

- From Monday 26 November to Saturday 1 December 2018.
- Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre (SVICC) in Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius  
<http://www.svicc.mu>

November 2018

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# Working languages

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

# 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 |

# Bureau

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## COMPOSITION:

- Chairperson: H.E. Mr Prithvirajsing Roopun (Republic of Mauritius)
- Rapporteur: Ms Gabriele Detschmann (Austria)
- Vice-Chairpersons: Cyprus, Armenia, Guatemala, Philippines and Lebanon

# Documents

- Working documents (ITH/18/13.COM/X): request a decision by the Committee
- Information documents (ITH/18/13.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 29 October, 4 weeks before the Committee Session**



# Webpage

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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)

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## **PART 3**

**Timetable of the Thirteenth  
session of the  
Intergovernmental  
Committee**

# Monday, 26 November 2018

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## MORNING

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

# Monday, 26 November 2018

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## AFTERNOON



Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund:  
voluntary supplementary contributions and other issues



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  
(32 reports)



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 (16 reports)

# Tuesday, 27 November 2018

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## MORNING



Reports of States Parties on the use of International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund (*10 reports*)



Reform of the periodic reporting mechanism

# Tuesday, 27 November 2018

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## AFTERNOON

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Issues concerning the follow-up of inscribed elements on the Lists of the Convention

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Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2018

10a

Examination of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding (*7 nominations*)

# Wednesday, 28 November 2018

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## MORNING

10b

Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (*40 nominations*)

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## AFTERNOON

10b

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



# Thursday, 29 November 2018

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MORNING

10b

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

# Thursday, 29 November 2018

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## AFTERNOON

10c

Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices  
(2 proposals)

10d

Examination of requests for International Assistance (1 request)

# Friday, 30 November 2018

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## MORNING

10

Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2018 (*cont.*)

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Intangible Cultural Heritage in emergencies

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Multiple submissions of International Assistance requests

# Friday, 30 November 2018

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## AFTERNOON

13

Reflection on the participation of NGOs in the implementation of the Convention

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Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2019 cycle

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Number of files submitted for the 2018 and 2019 cycles and number of files that can be treated in the 2020 and 2021 cycles

# Saturday, 1 December 2018

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## MORNING

16

Report of the Informal ad hoc open-ended working group

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Follow-up on implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO

# Saturday, 1 December 2018

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## AFTERNOON

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Date and venue of the fourteenth session of the Committee

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Election of the members of the Bureau of the fourteenth session of the Committee

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Other business

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Adoption of the list of decisions

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Closure