

Apply to the Fund of the 2003 Convention for the safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

The International Assistance mechanism lies at the very core of the 2003 Convention, as it enables an effective and sustainable way for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH). This mechanism provides dedicated financial and technical resources for States Parties to implement a wide range of projects for safeguarding ICH.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the number of requests for International Assistance under the 2003 Convention has decreased over the last two years. In order to stimulate the use of this mechanism, as restrictions start easing, the Living Heritage Entity will organize three informative sessions to present the aim of the International Assistance mechanism, as well as the modalities and processes for applying to the fund.

The recently developed [Toolkit for requesting International Assistance from the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage](#) will also be presented to participants. This guideline introduces key concepts of the Convention, the criteria for receiving funding and how to plan and monitor projects.

These three information sessions will take place in March and are open to all stakeholders involved in the field of intangible cultural heritage safeguarding, such as government officials, National Commissions, NGOs, universities, category II centres, civil society organizations and associations, among others.

To participate please register in one of the following sessions:

22 March 2022 from 9:00 to 11:00 (Paris time): Presentation of international assistance for the Asia and Pacific region. Interpretation will be available in French and English.

Link to register: <https://unesco-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpe6oqDgjE92Xb9pumsRLX-wb9reH4DHK>

24 March 2022 from 15:30 to 17:30 (Paris time): Presentation of international assistance for Latin America and the Caribbean. Interpretation will be available in English and Spanish.

Link to register: <https://unesco-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqcuCs rz0sH9Vy-sNLor3eXzjr4zDDHPKJ>

29 March 2022 from 10:00 to 12:00 (Paris time): Presentation of international assistance for the African, Arab and Central and Eastern European regions. Interpretation will be available in French and English.

Link to register: <https://unesco-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0oc-ghpzlrGtCR6BB8XGCajjXXcmWNSN2w>

For further information, please contact the Secretariat at the following address: ICH-Assistance@unesco.org.