# Annotated agenda of the twelfth session of the Committee

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| **Monday, 4 December 2017** | | | |
| As of 8.30 a.m. | Registration of participants | | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 1. | Opening | |
|  | 2. | Adoption of the agenda | |
|  | 3. | Observers | |
|  | 4. | Adoption of the summary records of the eleventh session of the Committee | |
|  |  | Report of the Chairperson of the Committee on the Bureau activities  *The Chairperson will inform the Committee of the outcomes of the Bureau meetings held since its election by the Committee at its eleventh session in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 2016.* | |
|  |  | Report of the Non-Governmental Organizations Forum  *Representatives of the ICH NGO Forum will present its activities to the Committee.* | |
|  | 5.b | Report by the Secretariat on its activities  *This item reports on the activities of the Secretariat from January 2016 to June 2017. The report reflects the extent of the Secretariat’s work based on the 38 C/5 results framework, and sets out an overall strategic assessment of programme implementation, focusing on the key achievements and overall challenges encountered.* | |
|  |  | Briefing point on the communications and outreach strategy  *The Secretariat will present to the Committee the development of the communications and outreach strategy.* | |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 6. | Voluntary supplementary contributions to the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund  *The Committee may accept contributions to the Fund for specific purposes relating to individual projects, provided that they have been approved by the Committee. This document reports on such contributions since the Committee’s eleventh session, and presents two funding priorities for the period 2018-2021.* | |
|  | 7. | Draft plan for the use of the resources of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund in 2018–2019  *This item presents the Financial Report on the use of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund for the period January 2016 to June 2017, as well as an analysis of the past trends. It also proposes a draft plan for the use of the resources of the Fund for the period January 2018 to December 2019, and the first semester of 2020, to be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval.* | |
|  | 8.a | Reports of States Parties on the use of International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund  *Under the Convention, States Parties are required to submit a report to the Committee on the use of International Assistance provided to support national efforts to safeguard their intangible cultural heritage. This document covers such reports submitted by States Parties during the period July 2016 to June 2017. It also includes an overview of the implementation of the International Assistance mechanism.* | |
| **Tuesday, 5 December 2017** | | | |
| 9 – 9.30 a.m. |  | Meeting of the Bureau | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 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  *Six years after ratifying the Convention and every six years thereafter, States Parties are obliged to report on the legislative, regulatory and institutional measures taken to meet the directives of the Convention and to review the status of elements inscribed on the Representative List. This item concerns the eleven reports submitted for the 2017 reporting cycle, as well as an overview of the reports, with a cumulative focus on measures taken by States Parties to integrate intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding into cultural and other policies.* | |
|  | 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  *Every four years, States Parties of the Convention with elements inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List are obliged to submit reports on the status of these elements. This item covers twelve such reports submitted on time for examination by the Committee at the current session.* | |
|  | 9. | Draft overall results framework for the Convention  *Following the Committee’s decision to develop an overall results framework for the Convention at its eighth session, this item presents the report of the open-ended intergovernmental working group formed to this end, which was convened in Chengdu, China, in June 2017. The report includes the draft framework recommended by the working group.* | |
|  | 10. | Draft amendments to the Operational Directives on periodic reporting  *This item presents some considerations on the need to reform the periodic reporting mechanism by moving towards a regional cycle of national reporting, as highlighted by the open-ended intergovernmental working group, which met in 2017 in Chengdu, China. It also includes the related draft amendments to the Operational Directives, which the Committee may recommend to the General Assembly for approval.* | |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 11. | Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2017  *Composed of six accredited NGOs and six experts representing countries non-members of the Committee, the Evaluation Body evaluated 49 files for the 2017 cycle. These included: 6 nominations for inscription on the Urgent Safeguarding List; 35 nominations to the Representative List; 4 proposals for the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices, 3 requests for International Assistance, and, for the first time, one request for the transfer of an element from one List to another. The report includes an overview of the 2017 cycle, observations and recommendations concerning the Body’s working methods as well as a number of cross-cutting issues.* | |
|  | 11.a | Examination of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding  *Six nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List will be examined by the Committee at this session, in alphabetical order of the submitting States (in English). The Committee will decide on their inscription after reviewing the recommendations by the Evaluation Body.* | |
|  | 11.b | Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity  *Thirty-five nominations to the Representative List will be examined by the Committee at the present session, in alphabetical order of the submitting States (in English). The Committee will decide on their inscription after reviewing the recommendations by the Evaluation Body.* | |
| **Wednesday, 6 December 2017** | | | |
| 9 – 9.30 a.m. |  | | Meeting of the Bureau |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 11.b | | Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity *(continued)* |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 11.b | | Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity *(continued)* |
| **Thursday, 7 December 2017** | | | |
| 9 – 9.30 a.m. |  | | Meeting of the Bureau |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 11.b | | Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity *(continued)* |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 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  *This item reports on a request for the removal of an element from the Urgent Safeguarding List and its transfer to the Representative List. The report includes the recommendation by the Evaluation Body in this regard, along with a corresponding draft decision for the Committee’s consideration.* |
|  | 11.d | | Examination of requests for International Assistance  *Three requests for International Assistance will be examined by the Committee at the present session, in alphabetical order of the submitting States (in English). This item includes the recommendations of the Evaluation Body in this regard, as well as a set of draft decisions for the Committee’s consideration.* |
|  | 11.e | | Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices  *Four proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices will be examined by the Committee at this session. This item presents the recommendations by the Evaluation Body in this regard, as well as a set of draft decisions for the Committee’s consideration.* |
| **Friday, 8 December 2017** | | | |
| 9 – 9.30 a.m. |  | | Meeting of the Bureau |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 12. | | Procedures to facilitate dialogue between the Evaluation Body and the submitting State(s)  *At its eleventh session in 2016, the Committee asked the Secretariat to propose a procedure for the evaluation of files that would allow submitting States to respond to preliminary recommendations made by the Evaluation Body. This item proposes such a procedure, together with the related amendments to the Operational Directives that the Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly for adoption.* |
|  | 13. | | Report of the informal ad-hoc working group  *At its last session, the Committee decided to establish an informal ad-hoc working group to examine issues relating to the consultation between the Evaluation Body and submitting States, and to the Committee’s decision-making process for nominations, proposals and requests. This item presents the outcomes and recommendations of this working group.* |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 14. | | Reflection on the removal of an element from a List and the transfer of an element from one List to the other  *At its last session, when examining the first request for the transfer of an element from one List to the other, submitted by Viet Nam, the Committee decided to open up a general reflection on the transfer and removal process. This item presents the key issues in this regard, with the aim of facilitating the reflection process.* |
|  | 15. | | Intangible Cultural Heritage in emergencies  *At its last session, the Committee encouraged the Secretariat to gather knowledge and experience on the role communities play in safeguarding their intangible cultural heritage in situations of emergency, and on how they can mobilize such heritage as a tool for preparedness, resilience, reconciliation and recovery. This item presents the results of the activities undertaken by the Secretariat to this end thus far.* |
|  | 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)  *In line with Resolution 38 C/101 of the General Conference of UNESCO, during its last session the Committee examined the follow-up to the recommendation of this report by the External Auditor. The Committee requested that this item be included again on the agenda of this session, with a view to presenting it to the seventh session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention.* |
| **Saturday, 9 December 2017** | | | |
| 9 – 9.30 a.m. |  | | Meeting of the Bureau |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 17. | | Accreditation of new non-governmental organizations and review of accredited non-governmental organizations  *This item presents the requests from new non-governmental organizations for accreditation to provide advisory services to the Committee. It also sets out the outcomes of the review process on maintaining relations with the fifty-nine non-governmental organizations accredited at the fourth session of the General Assembly in 2012.* |
|  | 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 |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Lunch | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 21. | | Other business |
|  | 5.a | | Report by the Committee to the General Assembly on its activities  (January 2016 to December 2017)  *This item contains a draft report on the Committee’s activities from January 2016 to December 2017, which it may wish to present to the seventh session of the General Assembly.* |
|  | 22. | | Adoption of the list of decisions |
|  | 23. | | Closure |