Information and exchange session

Online
10 December 2021, 2.00 to 3.00 p.m.

Sixteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
13 - 18 December 2021
Date and venue

- Monday 13 December to Saturday 18 December, 10:15 a.m.- 5:15 p.m. (Paris time) with one hour break
- Online (Zoom + webcast on the website of the Convention)
Consultation process on meeting modality

• Informal exchange of the Bureau of the Committee
  - Option A. a reduced in presential meeting
  - Option B. a fully online meeting

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• All items on the provisional agenda
• Timetable with a daily session of six hours adjusted to account for time differences of the Committee members
• 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
Group I
The Netherlands 2018-2022
Sweden 2020-2024
Switzerland 2020-2024

Group II
Azerbaijan 2018-2022
Czechia 2020-2024
Poland 2018-2022

Group III
Brazil 2020-2024
Jamaica 2018-2022
Panama 2020-2024
Peru 2020-2024
Committee members

Group IV
- China: 2018-2022
- Japan: 2018-2022
- Kazakhstan: 2018-2022
- Republic of Korea: 2020-2024
- Sri Lanka: 2018-2022

Group V(a)
- Botswana: 2020-2024
- Cameroon: 2018-2022
- Côte d'Ivoire: 2020-2024
- Djibouti: 2018-2022
- Rwanda: 2020-2024
- Togo: 2018-2022

Group V(b)
- Kuwait: 2018-2022
- Morocco: 2020-2024
- Saudi Arabia: 2020-2024
Bureau composition

Chairperson:
Mr Punchi Nilame Meegaswatte (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Sweden, Czechia, Brazil, Djibouti and Saudi Arabia

Rapporteur:
Ms Jun Takai (Japan)

The Bureau will meet online everyday starting from Tuesday 14 December from 9.30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Working documents (LHE/21/16.COM/X):
→ request a decision by the Committee

Information documents (LHE/21/16.COM/INF.X):
→ do not require any decision

Numbered according to the item on the agenda

Documents published on 15 November
(4 weeks before the Committee)
The participants requiring active participation should register via zoom.

Delegations are invited to limit the number of persons simultaneously connecting to Zoom:

- Committee members: a maximum of five people simultaneously connecting.
- States Parties non-members of the Committee: a maximum of three people simultaneously connecting.
- Other observers: a maximum of one person connecting at any moment.
Order of debate

Only speakers recognized by Chairperson can take the floor for 2 minutes

General debate

Priority given to Committee Members

Then observers (States Parties, States non Party, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, etc.)
Adoption of decisions

Only Committee Members may intervene

Rule 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

• Some by a two-third majority
  
  o Amendment or suspension to the Rules of Procedure
  o Convening an extraordinary Committee session
  o Amending, deleting or adding items to the agenda
States Parties wishing to submit amendments are requested to use the provided form and send it by e-mail to

ICH-amendments@unesco.org
Monday 13 December

1. Opening
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Observers
4. Adoption of the summary records of the fifteenth session of the Committee
5.b. Report by the Secretariat on its activities (January 2020 to December 2021)
Monday 13 December

6. Modification of the name of an inscribed element

7. Reports of States Parties

7.a. Examination of the reports by States Parties on the current status of elements inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding

7.b. Examination of the reports of the first cycle of periodic reporting 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 by States Parties in Latin America and the Caribbean
Tuesday 14 December

7.c Examination of the reports by States non party on the current status of elements inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

7.d Reports by States Parties on the use of International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund

8 Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2021
Committee members who wish to debate or propose amendments to a draft decision, are invited to inform the Secretariat by Tuesday, **14 December 8 a.m.** (Paris time) by sending an email to **ICH-amendments@unesco.org**.

States Parties with inscribed elements may take the floor or show short videos after inscription: **not to exceed 2 minutes**

States Parties wishing to show a short video must send it via file transfer system (such as UNESCO’s filedepot or [http://WeTransfer.com](http://WeTransfer.com)) by **11 December** to **ichmeetings@unesco.org**, with a copy to Mr Hugues Sicard ([h.sicard@unesco.org](mailto:h.sicard@unesco.org))
Tuesday 14 December

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

8.b Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity
Wednesday 15 December – Thursday 16 December

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Thursday 16 December

8.c Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices

8.d Examination of requests for International Assistance

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19 Request by Haiti to examine the nomination ‘Joumou soup’
Friday 17 December


10. IOS Evaluation (2021) of UNESCO’s action in the framework of the 2003 Convention

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

12. Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund: voluntary supplementary contributions and other issues
Friday 17 December

13. Draft plan for the use of the resources of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund in 2022–2023

14. Reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention and proposal for related revisions to the Operational Directives
Saturday 18 December

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

16. Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2022 cycle
Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2022 cycle (item 16)

3 vacant seats:
- EG III – Non-governmental organization
- EG IV – Non-governmental organization
- EG V(b) – Expert

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Saturday 18 December

17. Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Committee

18. Election of the members of the Bureau of the seventeenth session of the Committee

19. Other business

5.a. Report by the Committee to the General Assembly on its activities
   (January 2020 to December 2021)

20. Adoption of the list of decisions

21. Closure