

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	•••••
Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'éducation, la science et la culture	•
Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura	•
Организация Объединенных Наций по вопросам образования, науки и культуры	
منظمة الأمم المتحدة للتربية والعلم والثقافة	•
联合国教育、 科学及文化组织	•

To the Non-governmental organizations accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

1<sup>st</sup> October 2012

Ref.: CLT/CEH/ITH/12/6378

Subject: Seventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 3 to 7 December 2012

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General of UNESCO, I have the honour to invite your organization to the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. As you were informed by e-mail on 24 August 2012, the session will now take place at UNESCO Headquarters (7, place de Fontenoy, Paris 75007, Room XII), from 3 to 7 December 2012.

Please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the session. Documents corresponding to items inscribed on this agenda will be published on the website of the Convention (http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/7COM/) at the latest four weeks before the beginning of the session and in the two working languages of the Committee – English and French (Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedures of the Intergovernmental Committee). In the event you are unable to download the documents, please send an e-mail to the Secretariat of the Convention in the Culture Sector, at ichmeetings@unesco.org.

As you know at its fourth session that took place recently, the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention, dedicated a certain percentage of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund for the participation in the sessions of the Committee of experts on the intangible cultural heritage representing accredited NGOs from developing countries. Therefore in the event you are eligible, I invite you to submit your request, in writing to the Secretariat of the Convention at ichmeetings@unesco.org and **before 15 October 2012**. Any request for support will not be accepted after this date. You will be informed whether your request has been accepted as soon as possible if.

1, rue Miollis 75732 Paris Cedex 15 France Tel. : +33 (0)1 45 68 43 95 Fax : +33 (0)1 45 68 57 52

www.unesco.org

I should be grateful if you would confirm your participation at this Committee session by registering online on the Convention's web page at the abovementioned address as soon as possible. In the event you encounter technical difficulties, kindly send an e-mail to ichmeetings@unesco.org.

You may wish to know that, as is customary, an NGO Forum will take place on the eve of the opening session, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, 2 December at Maison des associations (4, rue Amélie, 75007 Paris). Information on the agenda for the forum is available on the following website: http://ngoforum.pbworks.com/.

Yours sincerely,

Francesco Bandarin

Encl: 1

cc: Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Committee