**CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Twelfth session**

**Jeju Island, Republic of Korea**

**4 to 9 December 2017**

**Item 18 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2018 cycle**

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| **Summary**In conformity with Paragraph 27 of the Operational Directives, the evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000 shall be accomplished by an Evaluation Body. The present document proposes the establishment of such Evaluation Body for the 2018 cycle.**Decision required:** paragraph 9 |

1. Article 8.3 of the Convention provides that ‘the Committee may establish, on a temporary basis, whatever ad hoc consultative bodies it deems necessary to carry out its task’.
2. The Operational Directives further provide, in Paragraph 27, that ‘on an experimental basis, the evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000 shall be accomplished by a consultative body of the Committee established in accordance with Article 8.3 of the Convention, to be known as the “Evaluation Body”.’
3. Pursuant to Rule 20.2 of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall define the composition and terms of reference (including mandate and duration of office) of such ad hoc consultative bodies at the time of their establishment. Annex 1 to the present document accordingly proposes, for decision by the Committee, a set of terms of reference for the Evaluation Body, including its mandate and duration.
4. In conformity with Paragraph 27 of the Operational Directives, ‘the Evaluation Body shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Committee: six experts qualified in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee and six accredited non-governmental organizations, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and various domains of intangible cultural heritage’. Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives further specifies that ‘once appointed by the Committee, the members of the Evaluation Body shall act impartially in the interests of all the States Parties and the Convention’.
5. Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives also stipulates that ‘the duration of office of a member of the Evaluation Body shall not exceed four years’ and that ‘every year, the Committee shall renew one quarter of the members of the Evaluation Body’. The purpose of that system is to balance the need for continuity and institutional memory, on the one hand, and the need for reinvigoration and fresh inputs, on the other; the principle of equitable geographic representation shall also be strictly respected.
6. The Committee at its ninth session by Decision 9.COM 11 established the first Evaluation Body and decided on a system of rotation when appointing new members to the Body. Such a system determines which three seats shall be replaced each year. According to that decision, the following three seats should be newly filled in 2018:
* Electoral Group III – non-governmental organization
* Electoral Group IV – non-governmental organization
* Electoral Group V(b) – expert
1. In conformity with Paragraph 28 of the Operational Directives, in July 2017 the Secretariat informed the States Parties of the vacant seats to be filled from each Electoral Group. The Chairperson of each Electoral Group concerned has, thereafter, sent up to three candidatures to the Secretariat. Annex 2 to this document provides the names of one candidate non-governmental organization from Electoral Group III, three candidate non-governmental organizations from Electoral Group IV and three candidate experts from Electoral Group V(b), together with a link to the *curriculum vitae* in the case of experts, and to the website and the request for accreditation in the case of non-governmental organizations.
2. The Committee is, therefore, asked to name three new members, as determined by the system of rotation it adopted and in accordance with Rule 39.7 B, and to renew the appointments of these nine incumbent members.
3. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. Having examined document ITH/17/12.COM/18,
2. Recalling Article 8.3 of the Convention, Paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Operational Directives and Rule 20 of its Rules of Procedure,
3. Further recalling its [Decision 9.COM 11](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/9.COM/11),
4. Establishes a consultative body to be known as the ‘Evaluation Body’ for the evaluation in 2018 of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000, and adopts its terms of reference as annexed to this Decision;
5. Appoints the following individual experts and accredited non-governmental organizations as members of the Evaluation Body for 2018:

**Expert representatives of States Parties non-Members of the Committee**

1. EG I: Ms Amélia Maria de Melo Frazão Moreira (Portugal)
2. EG II: Mr Saša Srećković (Serbia)
3. EG III: Ms Sonia Montecino Aguirre (Chile)
4. EG IV: Ms Hien Thi Nguyen (Viet Nam)
5. EG V(a): Mr John Moogi Omare (Kenya)
6. EG V(b): XXX

**Accredited non-governmental organizations**

1. EG I: Norsk Håndverksinstitutt / Norwegian Crafts Institute
2. EG II: Czech Ethnographical Society
3. EG III: XXX
4. EG IV: XXX
5. EG V(a): The Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda (CCFU)
6. EG V(b): Egyptian Society for Folk Tradition

**Annex 1: Terms of Reference of the Evaluation Body for the 2018 cycle**

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| The Evaluation Body  |
| 1. | shall be composed of twelve members appointed by the Committee: six experts qualified in the various fields of intangible cultural heritage representative of States Partiesnon-Members of the Committee and six accredited non-governmental organizations, taking into consideration equitable geographical representation and various domains of intangible cultural heritage; |
| 2. | shall elect its Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur;  |
| 3. | shall hold private meetings in accordance with Rule 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee; |
| 4. | shall be responsible for the evaluation of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding and on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention and of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000, in conformity with the Operational Directives for the implementation of the Convention. It shall, in particular, include in its evaluation: |
|  | a. | an assessment of the conformity of nominations to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding with the inscription criteria as provided in Chapter I.1 of the Operational Directives, including an assessment of the viability of the element and the feasibility and sufficiency of the safeguarding plan, and an assessment of the risks of it disappearing, as provided in Paragraph 29 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | b. | an assessment of the conformity of nominations to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity with the inscription criteria, as provided in Chapter I.2 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | c. | an assessment of the conformity of proposed programmes, projects and activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention with the selection criteria, as provided in Chapter I.3 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | d. | an assessment of the conformity of International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000 with the selection criteria, as provided in Chapter I.4 of the Operational Directives; |
|  | e. | recommendations to the Committee:- to inscribe or not to inscribe the nominated elements on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding or the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, or to refer the nominations to the submitting State(s) for additional information;- to select or not to select the proposed programmes, projects or activities that best reflect the principles and objectives of the Convention, or to refer the proposals to the submitting State(s) for additional information;- to approve or not to approve the International Assistance requests greater than US$100,000, or to refer the requests to the submitting State(s) for additional information; |
| 5. | shall provide the Committee with an overview of all files and a report of its evaluation; |
| 6. | shall cease to exist following submission to the thirteenth session of the Committee of the report on its evaluation of files to be examined by the Committee in 2018. |
| Once appointed by the Committee, the members of the Evaluation Body shall act impartially in the interests of all States Parties and the Convention. |

**Annex 2: List of candidates**

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| **Electoral Group III** |
| **Accredited Non-Governmental Organizations** |
| Erigaie Foundation | Accredited in 2010 ([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/download.php?versionID=02454))Renewed in 2015 ([Activity report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/29858-EN.doc))[Website](http://www.erigaie.org) |
| **Electoral Group IV** |
| **Accredited Non-Governmental Organizations** |
| Oral Tradition Association (OTA) | Accredited in 2012 ([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/NGO-90223-ICH-09.pdf))Ongoing review of accreditation([Activity report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/36074-EN.docx))[Website](http://www.atl-oraltradition.com) |
| Aigine Cultural Research Center - Aigine CRC | Accredited in 2016 ([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/NGO-90335-10.COM-ICH-09.pdf))[Website](http://www.aigine.kg) |
| Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation (CHF) | Accredited in 2010 ([Accreditation form](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/NGO-90025-ICH-09.pdf))Renewed in 2015 ([Activity Report](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/29824-EN.doc))[Website](http://www.chf.or.kr/) |
| **Electoral Group V(b)** |
| **Experts** |
| Nahla ABDALLAH EMAM | Egypt | [CV](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/12COM-EB-CV-ABDALLAH-Egypt.docx) |
| Abdelaziz HWEDY | Jordan | [CV](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/12COM-EB-CV-HWEDY-Jordan.docx) |
| Saeed AL BUSAIDI | Oman | [CV](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/12COM-EB-CV-AL_BUSAID-Oman.docx) |