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

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

**Eighteenth session**

**Kasane, Republic of Botswana**

**5 to 9 December 2023**

**Provisional timetable**

1. In conformity with Rule 12.2 of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure, the Bureau of the Committee ‘shall coordinate the work of the Committee and fix the dates, times and order of business of meetings’, based on the provisional agenda of the Committee prepared by the Director-General in the sense of Rule 9.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.
2. At its meeting on 2 October 2023, the Bureau decided to submit to the Committee a provisional timetable for the eighteenth session of the Committee (Decision 18.COM 3.BUR 4). On 3 December 2023, the national authorities of the Republic of Botswana requested that the session start on Tuesday, 5 December, instead of on Monday, 4 December 2023.
3. At this meeting on 4 December 2023, the Bureau decided to submit to the Committee the revised provisional timetable below.

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| **Tuesday 5 December 2023** | | | |
| As of 8.30 a.m. | Registration of participants | | |
| 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. |  | Meeting of the Bureau (to be confirmed) | |
| 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 seventeenth session of the Committee | |
|  |  | Report by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Bureau activities | |
|  | 5. | Report by the Secretariat on its activities (January 2022 to June 2023) | |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Break | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 8. | Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2023 (Part I) | |
|  | 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 | |
| 5.30 – 7.00 p.m. | Break | | |
| 7.00 – 10.00 p.m. | 8.b | Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity | |
| **Wednesday 6 December 2023** | | | |
| 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. |  | Meeting of the Bureau | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 8.b | Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity | |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Break | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 8.c | Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices | |
|  | 8.d | Examination of requests for International Assistance | |
|  | 8. | Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2023 (Part II) | |
| **Thursday 7 December 2023** | | | |
| 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. |  | Meeting of the Bureau | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. | 6. | Twentieth anniversary of the 2003 Convention in 2023 | |
|  | 7. | Periodic reporting | |
|  | 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 | |
| 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. |  | Plenary celebration: Twentieth anniversary of the 2003 Convention | |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Break | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 7.b | Examination of the reports of the regional 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 the Arab States | |
|  | 7.c | Update on the regional cycles of the Convention’s periodic reporting and proposal for related amendments to the Operational Directives | |
|  | 9. | Follow-up on elements inscribed on the Lists of the Convention | |
| **Friday 8 December 2023** | | | |
| 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. |  | Meeting of the Bureau | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 10. | Report on International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund and proposal for related amendments to the Operational Directives | |
|  | 11. | Reflection on a broader implementation of Article 18 of the Convention and proposal for related amendments to the Operational Directives | |
|  | 12. | Thematic initiatives on living heritage and sustainable development | |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Break | | |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 13. | Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund: voluntary supplementary contributions and other issues | |
|  | 14. | Draft plan for the use of the resources of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund in 2024 and 2025 | |
|  | 15. | Report of the non-governmental organizations forum | |
| **Saturday 9 December 2023** | | | |
| 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. |  | Meeting of the Bureau | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | 16. | Accreditation of new non-governmental organizations and review of accredited non-governmental organizations | |
|  | 17. | Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2024 cycle (Part I) | |
|  | 18. | Date and place of the nineteenth session of the Committee | |
|  | 19. | Election of the members of the Bureau of the nineteenth session of the Committee | |
| 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. | Break | |  |
| 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | 17. | Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2024 cycle (Part II) | |
|  | 20. | Report by the Committee to the General Assembly on its activities (January 2022 to December 2023) | |
|  | 21. | Other business | |
|  | 22. | Adoption of the list of decisions | |
|  | 23. | Closure | |