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

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

**Meeting of the Bureau**

**Cresta Mowana Safari Resort, Bateleur room 2**

**4 December 2023**

**9 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

**Item 1**

**Change of date and**

**revision of provisional timetable of the eighteenth session of the Committee**

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| **Decision required:** paragraph 4 |

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 (Rule 9.1 of the Committee’s Rules of Procedure).
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](Decision%2018.COM%203.BUR%204)). 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. Consequently, the Bureau is requested to examine this request so that the eighteenth session of the Committee will be convened from 5 to 9 December 2023, together with a revised provisional timetable of the session.
4. The Bureau of the Intergovernmental Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

DRAFT DECISION 18.COM 4.BUR/1

The Bureau,

1. Having examined document LHE/23/18.COM 4.BUR/1 and its annex,
2. Recalling Decision [18.COM 3.BUR 4](https://ich.unesco.org/en/decisions-bureau/18.COM%203.BUR/4),
3. Decides to change the date of the eighteenth session of the Committee to 5 to 9 December 2023 (Kasane, Republic of Botswana);
4. Submits to the Committee the provisional timetable of its work for examination at its eighteenth session.

**Annex**

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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 | |