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Regional consultation meetings in preparation of the reflection year on the periodic reporting mechanism of the 2003 Convention

The periodic reporting form ICH-10

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The periodic reporting form ICH-10 and the Overall Results Framework

As per Article 29 of the Convention and Chapter V of the current Operational Directives, States Parties **submit their periodic reports** on the **implementation of the Convention** at the national level and on the status of **elements** inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

For this purpose, States Parties are asked to use **form ICH-10** to submit **reports**.

The reform of the periodic reporting mechanism (2017-2019) included the **revision of the periodic reporting form ICH-10**.

The form ICH-10 was **aligned with the overall results framework** for the implementation of the 2003 Convention to make easier to report on the impact of the 2003 Convention and the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage **against clear indicators and benchmarks**.

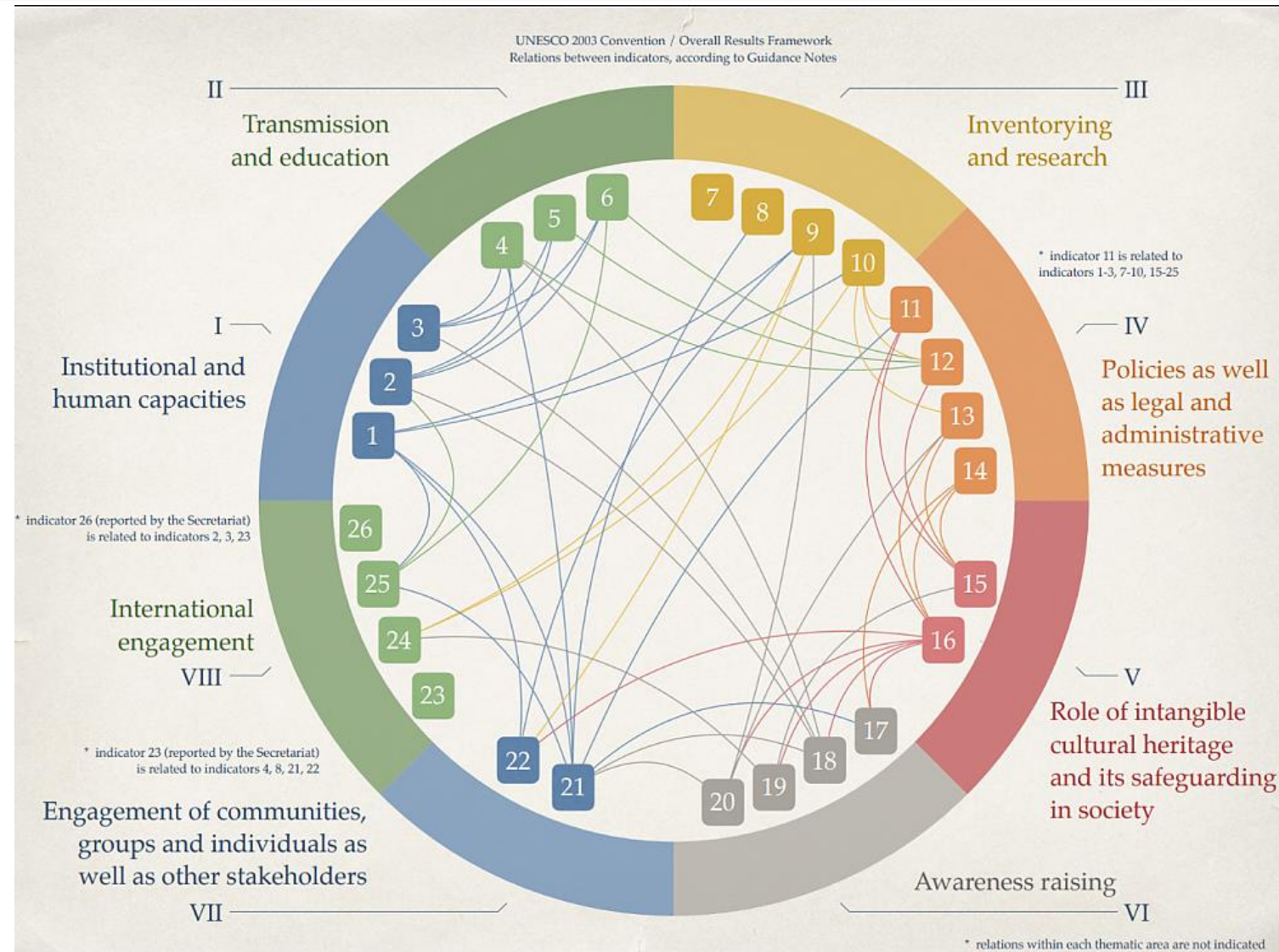


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The overall results framework for the implementation of the Convention

The overall results framework of the 2003 Convention was developed and adopted ([Resolution 7.GA.9](#)) to establish the **overarching goals** of implementing the Convention and to provide a clear set of **indicators and assessment factors** against which to measure the progress towards achieving these goals.

The Convention overall results framework is built on **eight thematic areas**, **twenty-six core indicators** and **eighty-six assessment factors**.



The periodic reporting form ICH-10: overall structure

The periodic reporting form ICH-10 is structured on the following three main sections.

Section A: general information

It covers
general
information
related to
periodic
reporting of
the State Party
concerned

Section B: reporting against core indicators

It allows to
report on
safeguarding
activities and
priorities
according to
the thematic
areas of the
overall results
framework

Section C: status on the elements inscribed on the Representative List

It allows to
report on the
status of each
element of
intangible
cultural
heritage
present in the
State's territory
that has been
inscribed on
the
Representative
List

Section D: signature on behalf of the State Party

It contains the
name and
signature of the
official
empowered to
sign the report
on behalf of
the reporting
State



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The guidance notes for core indicators

For the overall results framework to be implemented effectively, it is important that all those involved in monitoring, reporting and evaluation share a **consensus about the scope of each indicator** and a **common understanding of how to measure the degree to which it has been attained**.

In this sense, the Secretariat developed **guidance notes for each of the 26 core indicators**. These Guidance Notes are intended to provide a **common understanding** of essential terminology, particularly the terminology used in the overall results framework.

Structured around two main parts:

- The first part sets out the **larger context** by including the formal statement of the indicator together with its relation with the Sustainable Development Goals and other indicators.
- The second part provides **specific guidance on monitoring**, which is mainly but not exclusively relevant for the reporting exercise.

For more information on the guidance notes, you may consult the [dedicated webpage](#)



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Recommendations on the periodic reporting form ICH-10

The **extension and complexity of the periodic reporting form** has been highlighted by both focal points for periodic reporting and living heritage experts who have supported the first regional cycle of periodic reporting. In this sense, a series of recommendations were gathered by the Secretariat in view of simplifying the form to reduce the reporting burden on reporting States. These may be summarized as follow.

Overall recommendations

- Develop guidelines with **examples of response** that can be shared with country focal points.
- Develop a **glossary of terms** that may be used to ensure their consistent understanding and interpretation.

Concepts and terminology

- Further explain concepts related to **inclusivity, diversity, community participation, formal and non-formal education, inventories and sustainable development**.

Types of answer

- Find a more balanced use of **‘Likert scale’** answers, which can provide a more nuanced perception of the implementation of the Convention at the national level.
- Encourage a more widespread use of the **‘Comments’** field.
- Provide ways to explain **different kind of diversity** (e.g. checkboxes)

Overlapping of questions

- **Reduce and/or groups together** the number of questions that cover **multiple related issues** (e.g. inventories, education and training, documentation and research, awareness-raising activities, community participation, financial support for safeguarding, international frameworks).

