**Eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

**(Kasane, Republic of Botswana, 5 – 9 December 2023)**

**Calendar of events**

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| **Sunday, 3 December 2023** | |
| **Morning** | 10.00 – 12.30  **ICH NGO Forum *Symposium 2023 and poster exhibition***  **Beyond the twentieth anniversary of the Convention – Safeguarding collaborations with multiple stakeholders**  *Rooms ‘Okavango 1’ and ‘Okavango 2’* |
| **Afternoon** | 14.30 – 17.00  **ICH NGO Forum Symposium 2023 *and poster exhibition***  **Beyond the twentieth anniversary of the Convention – Safeguarding collaborations with multiple stakeholders**  *Rooms ‘Okavango 1’ and ‘Okavango 2*  *’* |
| **Evening** | 19.00 – 21.00  **Opening ceremony**  *Kazungula Bridge, Kasane* |
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| **Monday, 4 December 2023** | |
| **Morning** | 10.00– 11.00  **Special session**  ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
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| **Tuesday, 5 December 2023** | |
| **Morning**  9.00 – 9.30  9.00 – 9.30 | **Meeting of the Bureau**  *Bureau room ‘Mowana Bateleur Room 2’*  **UNESCO**  **Meeting of UNESCO Chairs**  ***Closed meeting***  ***Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*** |
| 9.30 – 12.30 | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Lunch break***  12.30 – 14.30 | 12.45 – 14.15  **Slovakia**  **Living heritage in emergencies: Good practices from Eastern Europe**  ***Round Table***  *Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*  13.30 – 14.15  **UNESCO** – **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**  **International food atlas and digital platform for safeguarding, promoting, and transmitting foodways to future generations**  ***Project launch***  *Room ‘Dikopelo small exhibition hall’*  12.45 – 14.15  **UNESCO**  **Economic dimensions of intangible cultural heritage safeguarding [EN/FR]**  ***Seminar***  *Bureau room ‘Mowana Bateleur Room 2’*  12.45 – 14.30  **ICH NGO FORUM**  **Working Group: Climate change and the human-ecological environment**  ***Working group meeting***  *Room ‘Okavango 1’* |
| **Afternoon**14.30 – 17.30 | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Evening*** | 17.30 – 18.15  **ICH NGO FORUM**  **‘Practitioner Perspectives on Intangible Cultural Heritage’ and 'Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage: A Practical Interpretation of the 2003 UNESCO Convention’**  ***Launch of two books***  *Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*  18.15 – 19.00  **UNESCO Chair Intangible Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development, France**  **Intangible cultural heritage and sustainable development: Inside a UNESCO Convention**  ***Book launch***  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’*  19.00 – 22.00  **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |

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| **Wednesday, 6 December 2023** | |
| **Morning**  9.00 – 9.30  9.00 – 9.30 | **Meeting of the Bureau**  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’*  **UNESCO**  **Meeting of the Global Network of Facilitators**  ***Closed meeting***  ***Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*** |
| 9.30 – 12.30 | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| **Lunch break**  12.30 – 14.30 | 12.30 – 13.30  **Estonia, Namibia and Eswatini**  **Learning with living heritage in and out of school**  ***Seminar***  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’*  12.30 – 14.00  **ICH NGO FORUM**  ***#heritagealive* ‘Storytelling, sharing experiences from the field’ and**  **Albert van der Zeiden Award**  ***Book launch***  *Room ‘Okavango 1’*  12.45 – 13.30  **Brazil, Panama, Paraguay, and Peru**  **Twentieth anniversary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: Strategies and experiences from Latin America and the Caribbean**  ***Book launch***  *Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*  13.00 – 14.20  **UNESCO Chair on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Comparative Law**  **Intangible cultural heritage and sustainable development in the Anthropocene era**  ***Hybrid seminar***  *Bureau room ‘Mowana Bateleur Room 2’* |
| **Afternoon**  **14.30 – 17.30** | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Evening*** | 17.30 – 18.30  **ICH NGO FORUM**  ***General Assembly of the ICH NGO Forum***  *Room ‘Okavango 1’*  17:30 – 19.00  **ICHCAP**  **Global Higher Education Network**  ***Round Table***  *Bureau room ‘Mowana Bateleur Room 2’*  17.45 – 18.45  **Spain**  ***Management of intangible cultural heritage in Spain***  ***Seminar***  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’*  17.45-19.00  **Morocco**  **Malhun, a popular poetic and musical art [After possible inscription]**  ***Musical performance with a group of musicians and singers***  *Room ‘Okavango 2’*  18.00 – 20.00  **CRESPIAL**  **Safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage of African descent in the SICA Region and Cuba: a unique pioneering experience in Central America and the Caribbean**  ***Project presentation and seminar***  *Room ‘Dikopelo 2’* |

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| **Thursday, 7 December 2023** | |
| **Morning**  9.00 – 9.30  9.00 – 9.30 | **Meeting of the Bureau**  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’*  **UNESCO**  **Meeting of the Category 2 Centres**  ***Closed meeting***  ***Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*** |
| 9.30 – 11.30  11.30 – 12.30 | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’*  **Plenary celebration: Twentieth anniversary of the 2003 Convention**  ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Lunch break***  12.30 – 14.30 | 12.30-13.30  **Malaysia**  **Mek Mulung ‘Putera Cahaya Bulan’ [After possible inscription]**  ***Theatre performance***  *Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*  13.00 – 14.30  **ICH NGO FORUM**  **Working group on legal and policy development**  ***Working group meeting***  *Room ‘Okavango 1’*  13.30-14.00  **UNESCO**  **Safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in situations of conflict and forced displacement [EN/FR]**  ***Seminar***  *Bureau room ‘Mowana Bateleur Room 2’* |
| **Afternoon**  **14.30 – 17.30** | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Evening*** | 17.30 – 18.30  **ICH NGO FORUM**  **Working group: Overall Result Framework**  ***Working group meeting***  *Room ‘Okavango 1’*  18.00 – 19.05  **Botswana**  **Cultural night for the 18th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**  *Mowana Resort Cultural Village*  18.00 – 19.30  **ASOPARUPA - Federación Nacional de Parteras Tradicionales de Colombia**  **The route of midwifery: a transnational cultural connection between Colombia, Cyprus, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Slovenia and Togo´**  **[After possible inscription]**  ***Exhibition and discussion***  *Room ‘Dikopelo 2’* |

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| **Friday, 8 December 2023** | |
| **Morning**  9.00 – 9.30 | **Meeting of the Bureau**  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’* |
| 9.30 – 12.30 | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Lunch break***  12.30 – 14.30 | 12.30-13.30  **Malaysia**  **Mek Mulung ‘Putera Cahaya Bulan’ [After possible inscription]**  ***Theatre performance***  *Room ‘Dikopelo 2’*  13.00 – 14.00  **ICH NGO FORUM**  **Working group: Research**  ***Working group meeting***  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’*  13.00 – 14.00  **Belgium**  **A community of care: unveiling Geel’s psychiatric family foster care heritage**  ***Seminar***  ***Room ‘****Okavango 1’* |
| **Afternoon**  **14.30 – 17.30** | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Evening*** | 17.30 – 18.30  **ICH NGO FORUM**  **Working group: Balanced geographical representation**  ***Working group meeting***  *Room ‘Okavango 1’*  18.00-19.30  **Indonesia**  **Celebrating the inscription of Jamu on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity [After possible inscription / TBC]**  ***Musical performance***  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’* |
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| **Saturday, 9 December 2023** | |
| **Morning**  9.00 – 9.30 | **Meeting of the Bureau**  *Bureau room ‘Nkgwana’* |
| 9.30 – 12.30 | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |
| ***Lunch break***  12.30 – 14.30 | - |
| **Afternoon**  **14.30 – 17.30** | **Plenary** ***Plenary room*** *‘Nkgwana’* |

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| **Dikopelo Exhibition Halls: Exhibitions, performances and displays** | | |
| **ICH NGO Forum** | **4 to 8 December 2023**  **Beyond the twentieth anniversary of the 2003 Convention – Safeguarding collaborations with multiple stakeholders**  ***Poster exhibition*** | |
| **Kuwait:** | **4 and 8 December 2023**  **The Art of Weaving – Good Safeguarding Practices**  ***Exhibition*** | |
| **Namibia:** | **5 to 8 December 2023**  **Aixan |gana|ob ≠ans tsi ||khasigu’ – Nama Traditional Music – ancestral musical sound, knowledge and skills**  ***Poster exhibition*** | |
| **Lithuania:** | **7 to 8 December 2023**  12.30 – 14.30  **Sodai straw garden making [After possible inscription]**  ***Workshop open to 18.COM participants*** | |
| **Malaysia:** | **7 to 9 December 2023**  12.30 – 14.30  **Book exhibition on Mek Mulung [After possible inscription]**  ***Book exhibition*** | |
| **Morocco:** | **4 to 9 December 2023**  **Presentation of elements of Moroccan hospitality based on values and knowledge of living heritage**  ***‘Living exhibition’*** – ***presentation of elements*** | |
| **Uzbekistan:** | **7 December 2023**  12.30 – 14.30  **Harmony of Ornament and Form Perfection – From minerals to ceramic**  **[After possible inscription]**  ***Exhibition*** | |
| **UNESCO:** | **7 to 9 December 2023**  **Intangible cultural heritage elements inscribed during the 18.COM**  **[After possible inscription]**  ***Video projection*** | |
| **Saudi Arabia:** | **5 to 8 December 2023**  **12.30** – **14.30**  **International food atlas and digital platform for safeguarding, promoting, and transmitting foodways to future generations**  ***Cooking performance and films*** | |
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| **Food court** | | |
| **Saudi Arabia:** | | **7 to 8 December 2023**  **12.30** – **14.30**  **Harees dish: know-how, skills and practices**  **[After possible inscription]**  ***Food tasting*** |

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