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Intangible Cultural Heritage

Information and exchange meeting

Nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for
the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

1 October 2024

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Room XI

PART I – Nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee



Ancestral and traditional techniques for the elaboration of the 'Poncho Para'i de 60 Listas', from the city of Piribebuy, Republic of Paraguay
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Date and place

- From Monday 2 to Saturday 7 December 2024
- Opening ceremony on Sunday 1 December 2024 (Port of Asunción)
- Venue: Conmebol Convention Center and Gran Bourbon Hotel (Asunción, Republic of Paraguay)

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Calendar of events

Meetings

19th session of the Intergovernmental Committee

02/12/2024 - 07/12/2024

Asunción (Paraguay)



Practical Information

- Information and exchange meeting (1)

The nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will take place in **Asunción, Republic of Paraguay from Monday 2 to Saturday 7 December 2024**. An opening ceremony is scheduled on Sunday, 1 December 2024. The session will be chaired by H.E. Ms Nancy Ovelar de Gorostiaga, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Paraguay to UNESCO.

An **information and exchange session will be held at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, on 1 October 2024 (afternoon)** to present the working methods of the Committee as well as practical information concerning this session. This information and exchange session will also be broadcast live on the 19.COM webpage.



Artisan weaving the guard (II)
[Read more on the element](#)

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Registration: [Click here to register](#)

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Sessions and participants

- Daily sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (break between 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) except on Wednesday 4:30 p.m.
- General Information Document (INF.1) provides practical information on accommodation, visas and transportation
- Open to observers from States Parties, States not party, intergovernmental organizations, accredited NGOs, category 2 centres, etc.

Sessions and participants

- Participation costs for representatives from developing States, (Members of the Committee or not) and accredited NGOs from developing countries may be covered by the Fund for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (subject to availability of funds).
- One request for one expert per State Party or accredited NGO shall be considered for such assistance from the Fund: ‘...only for persons who are experts in intangible cultural heritage’ (Rule 5.4, Rules of Procedure of the Committee).

Working languages

- ‘The working languages of the Committee shall be English and French’ (Rule 41.1, Rules of Procedures of the Committee).
- Spanish interpretation provided through the support from the Kingdom of Spain

Role of the Committee

- Defined under Article 7 of the Convention
- Gives recommendations to the General Assembly on issues such as:
 - Drafting Operational Directives
 - Use of resources of the Fund
 - Accreditation of NGOs, etc.
- Inscribes elements on the Lists (Urgent Safeguarding List, Representative List), selects Good Safeguarding Practices and grants International Assistance when submitted with nominations.

The Intergovernmental Committee

- Composed of 24 States Parties.
- Elected by the General Assembly respecting the principles of equitable geographical representation and rotation.
- For a term of four years; every two years the General Assembly renews half of the members.

Committee Members

Group I

France	2024-2028
Germany	2022-2026
Spain	2024-2028

Group II

Slovakia	2022-2026
Ukraine	2024-2028
Uzbekistan	2022-2026

Group III

Barbados	2024-2028
Dominican Republic	2024-2028
Haiti	2024-2028
Paraguay	2022-2026

Committee Members

Group IV

Bangladesh	2022-2026
China	2024-2028
India	2022-2026
Malaysia	2022-2026
Viet Nam	2022-2026

Group V(a)

Angola	2022-2026
Burkina Faso	2022-2026
Ethiopia	2022-2026
Nigeria	2024-2028
Uganda	2024-2028
Zambia	2024-2028

Group V(b)

Algeria	2024-2028
Mauritania	2022-2026
United Arab Emirates	2024-2028

Bureau

- Chairperson: H.E. Ms Nancy Ovelar de Gorostiaga (Paraguay)
- Vice-Chairpersons: Germany, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Angola and Mauritania
- Rapporteur: Ms Ľubica Voľanská (Slovakia)

Documents

- Working documents (LHE/24/19.COM/X): request a decision by the Committee
- Information documents (LHE/24/19.COM/INF.X): do not require any decision
- Numbered according to the item on the agenda
- Nominations, requests and reports are also available through the website


Will be published online by 4 November, 4 weeks before the session

Webpage

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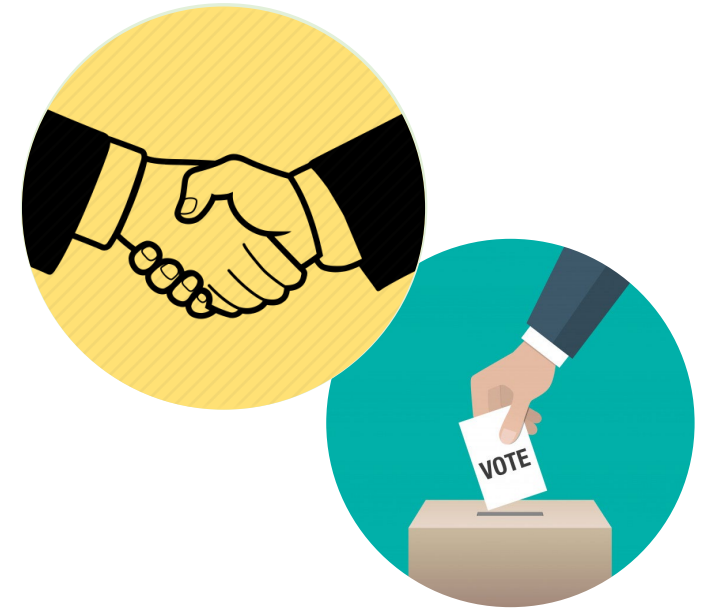
- Working documents
- Information documents
- Reports on the status of the elements inscribed on the USL
- Reports on the implementation of the Convention in States Parties in Africa
- Nominations, requests and proposals

Order of debate

- Only speakers recognized by Chairperson may have the floor.
-  Speakers are asked to limit their interventions.
The Chairperson has the right to use a timer if she deems it necessary.
- Only Committee Members may intervene during the adoption of decisions.
- Representatives of a State Party, whether or not a Member of the Committee, shall not speak to advocate the inclusion in the Lists, but only to provide information in reply to questions raised (Rule 22.4, Rules of Procedure of the Committee).

Decision-making

- Consensus is privileged
- In case of voting:
 - Each State Member has one vote
 - Decisions by a simple majority (13 out of 24)
 - Some by a two-third majority (16 out of 24)
 - Amendment or suspension to the Rules of Procedure
 - Convening an extraordinary Committee session
 - Amending, deleting or adding items to the agenda



Amendments

- To be submitted by Committee members to ICH-amendments@unesco.org
- Please indicate the name of your country.
- The form will be available on the 19.COM webpage.

PART II – Agenda and timetable of the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee



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Monday, 2 December 2024

MORNING

- 1 Opening
- 2 Adoption of the agenda
- 3 Observers
- 4 Adoption of the summary records of the eighteenth session of the Committee
- Report by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Bureau activities
- 5 Report by the Secretariat on its activities (January to June 2024)

Monday, 2 December 2024

AFTERNOON

5

Report by the Secretariat on its activities (January to June 2024)

6

Periodic reporting

6.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

6.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 Africa

Tuesday, 3 December 2024

MORNING

6.c

Update on the regional cycles of the Convention's periodic reporting

7

Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2024
(Part I)

Tuesday, 3 December 2024

AFTERNOON

7.a

Examination of nominations for inscription on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding

7.b

Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Wednesday, 4 December 2024

MORNING AND AFTERNOON

7.b

Examination of nominations for inscription
on the Representative List of the Intangible
Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Thursday, 5 December 2024

MORNING

7.b

Examination of nominations for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

7.c

Examination of requests for transfer of elements from one list to the other

Thursday, 5 December 2024

AFTERNOON

7.d

Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices

7

Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2024 (Part II)

8

Follow-up on elements inscribed on the Lists of the Convention

Friday, 6 December 2024

MORNING

9

Report on International Assistance from the
Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund

10

Broader implementation of Article 18 of the
Convention

Friday, 6 December 2024

AFTERNOON

11

Thematic initiatives on living heritage and sustainable development

12

Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund: voluntary supplementary contributions and other issues

13

Report of the non-governmental organizations forum

Saturday, 7 December 2024

MORNING

14

Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2025 cycle (Part I)

15

Number of files submitted for the 2024 and 2025 cycles and number of files that can be treated in the 2026 and 2027 cycles

16

Date and place of the twentieth session of the Committee

Saturday, 7 December 2024

AFTERNOON

- 17 Election of the members of the Bureau of the twentieth session of the Committee
- 14 Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2025 cycle (Part II)
- 18 Other business
- 19 Adoption of the list of decisions
- 20 Closure

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Working methods

- Adoption of decisions for nominations without debate if no amendment (Item 7)
- ‘Working agreement’ (Item 7)
- Distribution of amendments via a mailing list (for all items)



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