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

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

**Meeting of the Bureau**

**UNESCO Headquarters, Room VIII**

**22 March 2023**

**10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Item 5 of the provisional agenda:**

**Change of venue for the eighteenth session of the Committee**

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| **Decision required:** paragraph 4 |

1. The Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage decided at its seventeenth session (Decision [17.COM 16](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/17.COM/16)) to hold its eighteenth session in Gaborone, Republic of Botswana from 4 to 9 December 2023.
2. On 14 March 2023, the Secretariat received an official letter from the national authorities of Botswana, requesting to change the venue of the eighteenth session from Gaborone to Kasane, Botswana.
3. The Bureau is called upon to approve the change of venue for the next session of the Committee, in accordance with Rule 4.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee which provides that the Bureau may, if necessary, modify the place of the next session of the Intergovernmental Committee, in consultation with the Director-General.
4. The Bureau may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Bureau,

1. Having examined document LHE/23/18.COM 1.BUR/5,
2. Recalling Decision [17.COM 16](https://ich.unesco.org/en/Decisions/17.COM/16),
3. Further recalling Rule 4.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee,
4. Takes note of the request from the Republic of Botswana to change the venue for the eighteenth session of the Committee and reiterates its appreciation to Botswana for hosting the upcoming session;
5. Decides to hold the eighteenth session of the Committee in Kasane, Republic of Botswana from 4 to 9 December 2023.