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3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Room XI

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PART 1 – FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE



Carnaval de Negros y Blancos—(Colombia). Photo
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Date and venue

- From Monday 9 December to Saturday 14 December 2019
- Agora Bogotá Centro de convenciones in Bogotá, Colombia

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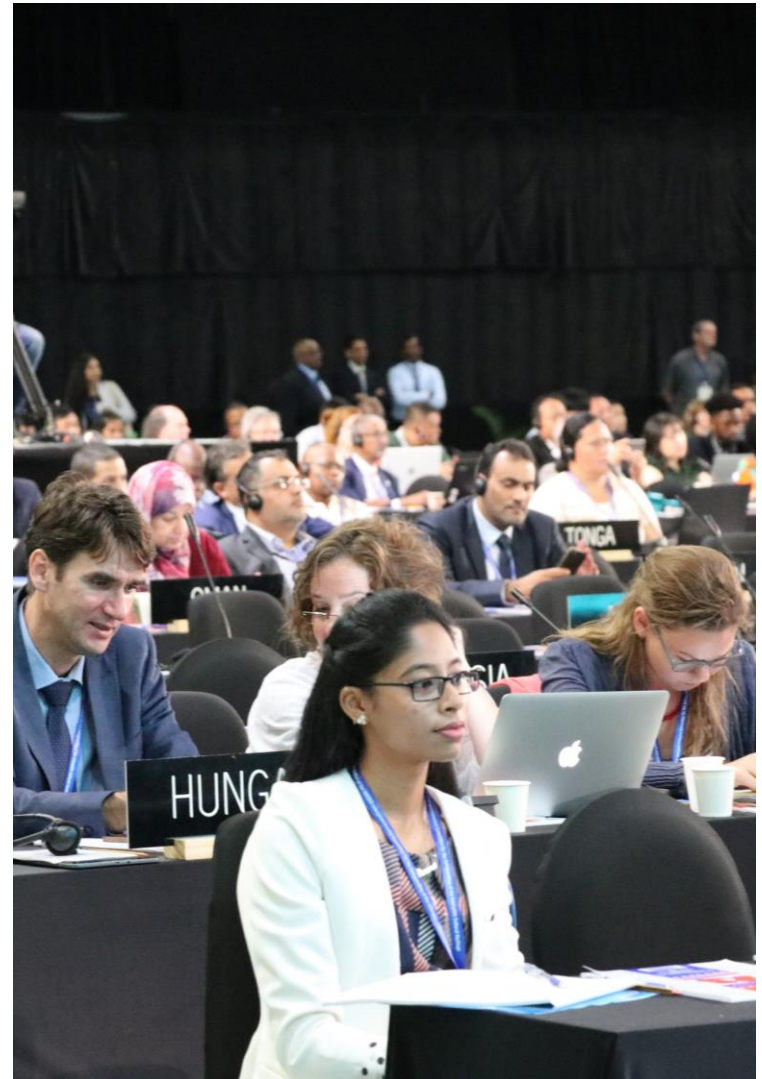
Working languages

- ‘The working languages of the Committee shall be English and French’ (Rule 41, Rules of Procedures of the Committee).
- Spanish interpretation will also be generously provided by the government of Spain



Intergovernmental Committee:

- 24 States Parties
- Elected by the General Assembly following the principles of equitable geographic representation and rotation
- Four-year term; every two years, the General Assembly renews half of the members





Role of the Committee

- Make recommendations to the General Assembly on issues such as:
 - Drafting Operational Directives
 - Use of resources of the Fund
 - Accreditation of NGOs, etc.
- Inscribe elements on the Lists (Urgent Safeguarding List, Representative List), select Good Safeguarding Practices and grant international assistance greater than US\$100,000, etc.

Committee Members

Group I

Austria	2016-2020
Cyprus	2016-2020
Netherlands	2018-2022

Group II

Armenia	2016-2020
Azerbaijan	2018-2022
Poland	2018-2022

Group III

Colombia	2016-2020
Cuba	2016-2020
Guatemala	2016-2020
Jamaica	2018-2022

Committee Members

Group IV

China	2018-2022
Japan	2018-2022
Kazakhstan	2018-2022
Philippines	2016-2020
Sri Lanka	2018-2022

Group V(a)

Cameroon	2018-2022
Djibouti	2018-2022
Mauritius	2016-2020
Senegal	2016-2020
Togo	2018-2022
Zambia	2016-2020

Group V(b)

Kuwait	2018-2022
Lebanon	2016-2020
Palestine	2016-2020



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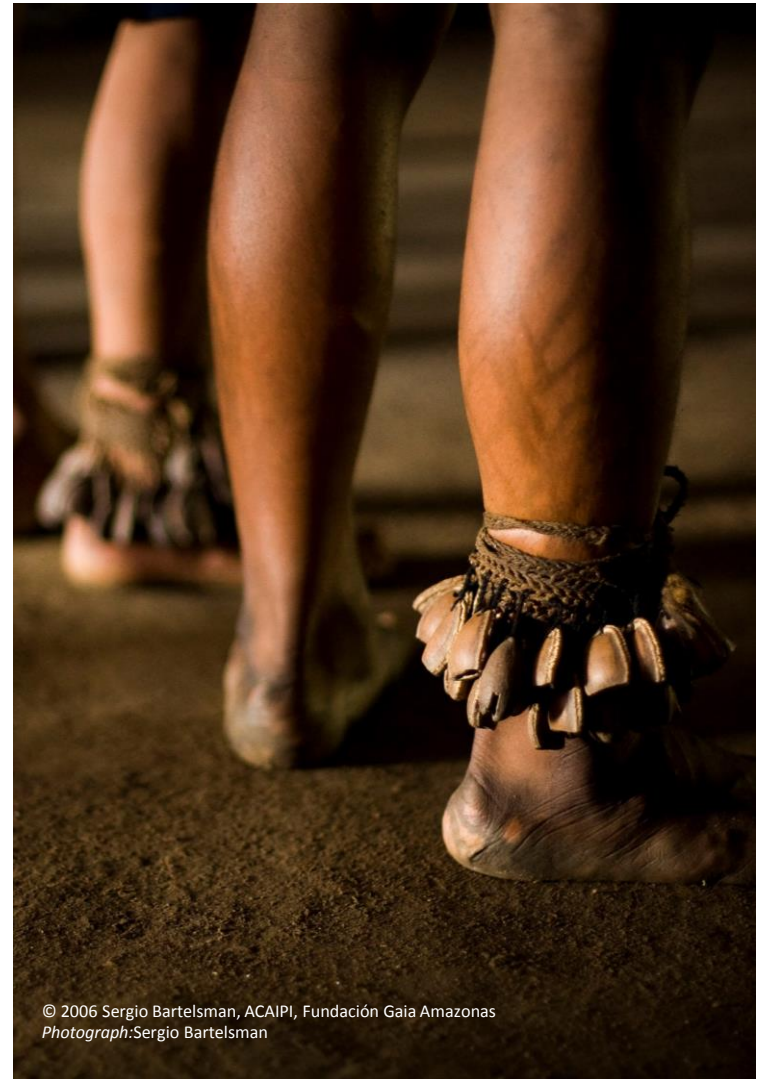
Sessions and participants

- Open to observers from States Parties, States not party, intergovernmental organizations, accredited NGOs, and registered public in the limit of available space
- Participation costs for representatives from developing States Parties (Committee members or not) and accredited NGOs may be covered by the Fund
- **One request for one expert per State Party** 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)

Bureau

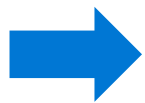
COMPOSITION

- **Chairperson:** Ms María Claudia Lopez Sorzano (Colombia)
- **Rapporteur:** Mr Bernard Jankee (Jamaica)
- **Vice-Chairpersons:** Austria, Poland, Philippines, Zambia and Palestine



Documents

- Working documents (**LHE/19/14.COM/X**):
→ request a decision by the Committee
- Information documents (**LHE/19/14.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 8 November, 4 weeks before the Committee Session

Webpage

CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Working documents
- Information documents
- Reports on the status of the elements inscribed on the USL
- Nominations, requests and proposals
- An online registration page (a preliminary list is already online)

Part 1 – Fourteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee

Webpage

- <https://ich.unesco.org/en/14com>
- <https://ich.unesco.org/fr/14com>
- ich-amendments@unesco.org

The screenshot displays the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage website. The header includes the UNESCO logo, the text 'Intangible cultural heritage', and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: NEW, EVENTS, CONVENTION, LIST, SAFEGUARDING, ACTORS, and BY COUNTRY. The main content area features a sidebar for the 'Intergovernmental Committee' with links to Decisions, Functions, Rules of Procedure, Members, and Registration. The main content area is titled 'Fourteenth session of the Committee' and includes a video player showing a person playing a traditional instrument. To the right of the video is a text block providing information about the session, including the date (9-14 December 2019) and the location (Bogotá, Colombia). Below the video and text is a section for 'Committee Members' listing various countries. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Agenda, documents and recordings' with a link to the 'Amendments' page.

Order of debate

- Only speakers recognized by the Chairperson may have the floor
- Only Committee members may intervene during the adoption of decisions





Decision-Making

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



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PART 2 – AGENDA AND TIMETABLE OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE



Traditional Vallenato music of the Greater Magdalena
region, Colombia © León Dario Peláez, Revista
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Agenda

Includes examination of topics:

- Provided in the Rules of Procedure and Operational Directives
- That the Committee or the General Assembly decided, at previous sessions, to place thereon
- Requested by Committee Members
- Proposed by States Parties and the Director-General



Monday, 9 December 2019

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- 1 Opening
- 2 Adoption of the agenda
- 3 Observers
- 4 Adoption of the summary records of the thirteenth session of the Committee
- 5a Report by the Committee on its activities
- 5b Report by the Secretariat on its activities

Monday, 9 December 2019

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Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund:
voluntary supplementary contributions and other
issues

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Draft plan for the use of the resources of the
Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund in 2020–2021

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Reform of the periodic reporting mechanism

Tuesday, 10 December 2019

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Reports of States Parties

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Examination of the reports of States Parties on the current status of elements inscribed on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding

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Reports of States Parties on the use of International Assistance from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund

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Reports of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2019

10a

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

10b

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

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10b

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

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Examination of nominations for
inscription on the Representative List of
the Intangible Cultural Heritage of
Humanity (cont.)

Thursday, 12 December 2019

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10b

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

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Examination of proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices

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Examination of requests for International Assistance

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Report of the Evaluation Body on its work in 2019

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Modification of the name of an inscribed element

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

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Intangible cultural heritage in
emergencies

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Reflection on the listing
mechanisms of the Convention

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Reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention

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Reflection on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Convention

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Report of the informal ad hoc open-ended working group

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Accreditation of new non-governmental organizations and review of accredited non-governmental organizations

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Establishment of the Evaluation Body for the 2020 cycle

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Follow-up on the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of the Governing Bodies of UNESCO

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Date and venue of the fifteenth session of the Committee

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Election of the members of the Bureau of the fifteenth session of the Committee

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Other business

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Adoption of the list of decisions

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Closure

Thank you

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