

To the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, not Members of the Intergovernmental Committee, and to the States Members of UNESCO, not Parties to the Convention

12 December 2025

**Culture Sector
The Assistant Director-General**

Ref: CLT/EO-CGM/DCE/25/10622

Subject: **Nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (17-20 February 2026)**

Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to invite your government to participate, as observer, in the **nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions**, which will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Room I (Fontenoy Building) **from 17 to 20 February 2026**. The opening ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 17 February at 10 a.m. and registration will begin at 9 a.m. Please find enclosed the provisional agenda for this session.

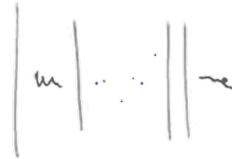
Further information as well as the working documents corresponding to the items inscribed on the provisional agenda will be made available in accordance with the statutory deadline (four weeks before the opening session of the Committee) at the following address: <https://www.unesco.org/creativity/en/statutory-meeting/nineteenth-session-intergovernmental-committee>. The working languages for the session will be English and French, with simultaneous interpretation provided in both languages.

Travel and subsistence expenses of participants will be borne by the government they represent. For all enquiries concerning visas or other formalities required to enter France, I kindly invite you to contact the French consulate or mission in your city or country. The present letter, together with a letter from your government indicating the name of your country's representative(s), may be used when applying for a visa.

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I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation or that of your designated representative(s) by registering online, no later than **23 January 2026**, at the following address: <https://indico.un.org/event/1020510/>. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Convention at the following email address: convention2005@unesco.org.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ernesto Ottone R.', is positioned above the printed name.

Ernesto Ottone R.

Enc.: Provisional agenda

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