

Permanent Delegations of the States
Parties to the Convention for the
Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural
Heritage

17 April 2026

Culture Sector
The Assistant Director-General a.i.

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Subject: **Eleventh session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 17 to 18 June 2026)**

Dear Permanent Delegate,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour of inviting your country to the eleventh session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which will take place at UNESCO Headquarters (7, place de Fontenoy, Paris, Room I) from **17 to 18 June 2026**.

Please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the session. Documents corresponding to items inscribed on this agenda will be published in the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) on the dedicated webpage of the Convention (<https://ich.unesco.org/en/11ga>) **by 18 May 2026**.

Simultaneous interpretation of the debates will be provided in all six languages and will be broadcasted live on the dedicated webpage of the Convention.

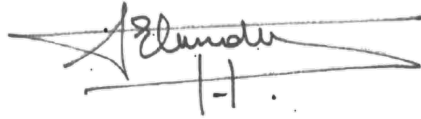
Out of concern for the environment and in order to reduce costs, printed copies of the documents will not be provided. If you are unable to download the documents, you are kindly invited to contact the Secretariat of the Convention at ichmeetings@unesco.org.

During the lunch break on 18 June 2026, an information and exchange meeting will be convened by the Secretariat on the capacity-building approaches under the 2003 Convention, with particular attention to the global network of facilitators. Unlike in recent sessions, the Secretariat will not coordinate specific side events – States Parties wishing to organize events in conjunction with the session of the General Assembly are kindly requested to contact directly the relevant services of the Organization (see the [webpage](#) for further information).

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All travel and subsistence expenses of participants to the General Assembly session will be covered by the government they represent. I would be grateful if you could confirm your country's participation by registering online as soon as possible on the Convention's dedicated webpage at <https://ich.unesco.org/en/11ga>. Should you encounter technical difficulties, kindly send an e-mail to the Secretariat at the above-mentioned e-mail address.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lazare Eloundou Assomo', is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, there is a vertical line and a small dash.

Lazare Eloundou Assomo

Enc.: Provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the General Assembly (Document LHE/26/11.GA/3)

cc: National Commissions concerned