

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

9 December 2024

**Culture Sector**  
**The Assistant Director-General**

Ref: CLT/EO-CGM/DCE/24/10166

Subject: **Eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (11-14 February 2025)**

Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to invite your government to participate, as observer, in the **eighteenth 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 11 to 14 February 2025**. The opening ceremony will take place on Tuesday, 11 February at 3 p.m. and registration will begin at 2 p.m. Please find enclosed the provisional agenda for this session.

In addition, several events will take place on the margins of the formal session, including:

- a meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO and National Points of Contact for the Convention, which will be held on 11 February from 10 to 11 a.m.;
- a working session between the members of the Bureau of the eighteenth session of the Committee and civil society observers, which will be held on 11 February from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Further information as well as documents corresponding to 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/eighteenth-session-intergovernmental-committee>. The working languages for the session will be English and French, with simultaneous interpretation provided in both languages.

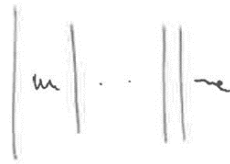
Travel and subsistence expenses of participants will be borne by the government they represent. For all enquiries concerning visas or other formalities required to enter France,

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.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation or that of your designated representative(s) by registering online, no later than **22 January 2025**, at the following address: [Eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions \(11-14 February 2025\)](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Convention at the following email address: [convention2005@unesco.org](mailto:convention2005@unesco.org).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernesto Ottone R.', enclosed within a thin rectangular border.

Ernesto Ottone R.

Enc.: Provisional agenda

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National Commissions for UNESCO of the States concerned  
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