

33 NEW ELEMENTS INSCRIBED ON THE LIST OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY

The [12th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage](#), which was held from 4 to 9 December 2017 in Seoul (Republic of Korea) [inscribed thirty-three new elements on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).

The Committee brings together the representatives of 24 States Parties to UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and decides on measures to safeguard oral traditions and expressions, performing arts, social practices, rituals, festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe or the knowledge and skills.

The thirty-three new elements inscribed on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity have been proposed (in chronological order of inscription) by Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Portugal, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Azerbaijan, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Mauritius, Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Viet Nam and Lao People's Democratic Republic.

These thirty-three new elements including traditional music, songs, dances and games, culinary traditions, artisanal processes and crafts, traditional systems to manage local resources are presented with [information, pictures and videos in the UNESCO webpage](#).

The Intergovernmental Committee also inscribed six new elements from Botswana, Colombia and Venezuela, Mongolia, Morocco, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates on the [List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding](#). The inscription helps States to mobilize international cooperation and assistance to ensure that communities continue to practice and transmit their intangible cultural heritage

In 2017 the [List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#) includes 470 elements corresponding to 117 countries.



The cultural practices included on this list and the great participation of actors and governments from all over the world shows that the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, adopted in 2003 by the General Conference of UNESCO continues to be a key initiative for promoting cultural diversity at international level, for enhancing traditional knowledge in national policies and transmitting it to the future.

The next annual meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will take place from 26 November to 1st December 2018 in Port-Louis (Republic of Mauritius).

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