

2020 Elections – Steering Committee Application Form

Please return this form at the latest by **November 5, 2020 (midnight, Eastern Daylight Time, EDT)** to the Electoral Board, duly completed, signed and dated, along with a curriculum vitae of one to two pages, **to all members** of the Electoral Board:

Ms. Ananya Bhattacharya (Contact Base, India, Asia-Pacific), Mr. Carlos J. Villaseñor Anaya (Cultural Interactivity and Development (Interactividad Cultural y Desarrollo A.C.), Latin-American and Caribbean States). Mr. Michael Atwood Mason (Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, International)

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Electoral region of the candidate

- Africa (group Va) (two year term)
- Asia and the Pacific (group IV) (two-year term)
- Western Europe and North America (group I) (two-year term)
- International NGOs (two-year term)

NGO, with its headquarters located in the region:

Name: Persian Garden Institute for Living Heritage

Headquarters in (country): Iran

Accreditation date / renewal: Date of accreditation 10 September 2020.

E-mail:

The candidate

Mr Ms Other (Dr)

First Name: Janet

Family Name: Blake

E-mail: info@pgilh.org (Personal email: blake.chrpd@gmail.com)

Desired profile

	Yes	No	Comments
Be member of an accredited NGO under the 2003 Convention	X		
Have participated at a minimum of two sessions of the Governing bodies of the 2003 Convention	X		I was also present as a consultant to the Secretariat for the first two intergovernmental negotiating sessions for the 2003 Convention (held in 2002).
Have a good working knowledge of English and/or French, both oral and written	X		Both French and English (mother language).
Have access to a good internet connection	X		
Have a reasonable knowledge and be well connected to ICH NGOs, accredited or not, in his region	X		I know some, but not all of them. I also know (and have worked with) some of the NGOs based other regions.
Be willing to draft and review documents related to the communication tasks of the Committee	X		Lots of experience in international drafting of documents (including the Preliminary Draft of the 2003 Convention).
Be willing to moderate sessions of the Forum	X		I have experience of facilitating online webinars for UNESCO and of moderating many panel sessions etc.
Be willing to undertake activities of representation for the Committee and for the Forum	X		
Have received the approval of the NGO to become member of the Steering Committee	X		

Signature of Candidate



The alternate candidate

Mr Ms Other

First Name: Sadry

Family Name: Sharifi

E-mail: sadry.sharifi@gmail.com

Desired profile

	Yes	No	Comments
Be member of an accredited NGO under the 2003 Convention	X		
Have participated at a minimum of two sessions of the Governing bodies of the 2003 Convention		X	
Have a good working knowledge of English and/or French, both oral and written	X		I have working knowledge of English.
Have access to a good internet connection	X		I have high speed internet connection.
Have a reasonable knowledge and be well connected to ICH NGOs, accredited or not, in his region	X		I have 10+ years of experience in working with UNESCO, Natcom, ICCN, Tehran ICH Center and Persian Garden Institute.
Be willing to draft and review documents related to the communication tasks of the Committee	X		
Be willing to moderate sessions of the Forum	X		In my experience in above-mentioned organizations, I had the chance to moderate sessions in various conferences.
Be willing to undertake activities of representation for the Committee and	X		

for the Forum			
Have received the approval of the NGO to become member of the Steering Committee		X	

Signature of Alternate Candidate

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Signature of the person responsible for the NGO or other authorized person:

Janet Blake

Name: Janet Blake

Position in the NGO: Head, Board of Directors

Date: 27/10/2020

Seal of the NGO:

(We do not have a seal, so we have put our logo instead)



Brief Curriculum Vitae (Dr Janet Blake)

Academic Qualifications

1991-1996: University of Dundee – PhD in International Law (part-time study)

1978-1982: University of Aberdeen (UK) - MA (Honours) in Classics

International Awards and Recognition

2018: Awarded Farabi International Award (First Prize in the Law Section) for the book: *International Cultural Heritage Law* (Oxford University Press).

2015: Selected by UNESCO's Director-General as one of 70 Accomplished Women around the world as part of the 70th anniversary celebrations of the Organization

Relevant Professional Experience

Current position: Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti), Tehran (since 2001) and Managing Director, Persian Gardens Institute for Living Heritage

2019: Nominated by the Islamic Republic of Iran as candidate for membership of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

September 2018-June 2019: Director-Elect, Tehran ICH Centre (Category 2 Centre for UNESCO).

2015-2017: Advisor to the Director of the Tehran ICH Centre (Category 2 Centre for UNESCO)

2014-2018: Director, Human Rights Department, UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Peace and Democracy at National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti), Tehran

2013-present: Global Facilitator for UNESCO for the ICH Capacity-building Programme

2013-present: Member of the Cultural Heritage Committee of the International Law Association

2011-present: Academic member of Centre of Excellence for Education in Sustainable Development at National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti), Tehran

1996-1998: Research Fellow, School of Law, University of Glasgow (UK)

1994-1995: Expert Consultant to the Council of Europe in the field of cultural heritage

1993-4: Programme Adviser in the Cultural Heritage Division of the Council of Europe

Select Publications

46 articles in peer-reviewed journals (mostly international) and 8 books, including:

Janet Blake and Lucas Lixinski (eds.) *A Commentary on UNESCO's 2003 Convention on Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage* (Oxford University Press, 2020)

Janet Blake *International Cultural Heritage Law* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Janet Blake *Exploring Cultural Rights and Cultural Diversity, With a Compendium of Relevant Human Rights and Other Instruments* (UK: Institute of Art and Law, 2014)

Janet Blake *A Commentary on the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003)* (UK: Institute of Art and Law, 2006)

Janet Blake (2013) (Consultant) with Barbara Torggler and Ekaterina Sediakina-Rivière *Evaluation of UNESCO's Standard-setting Work of the Culture Sector Part I – 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage* (Paris: UNESCO, 2013)

Janet Blake (2001) *Preliminary Study on Developing a New Standard-Setting Instrument for the Safeguarding of Intangible Heritage (Traditional Culture and Folklore)* (UNESCO, Paris, 2001)

Work as an International Expert for UNESCO (1999-2020)

2019: Developing/delivering a three-day regional capacity-building workshop on periodic reporting for national Focal Points in the LAC Region (with 3 other Global Facilitators).

2018-2019: Revising the Periodic Reporting mechanism of the 2003 Convention to bring it into line with the new Results-based Framework

2016-17: Member of four-person Expert Group for developing a Results-based Evaluation Framework for States Parties of the 2003 Intangible Heritage Convention.

2012-2017 Analysing and summarising States Parties' Periodic Reports on implementation of the Convention, preparing cumulative summaries on specific topics and drafting summary reports and Decisions on USL elements for the Intergovernmental Committee

2015: Advising on a new Law for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Palestinian Authority.

2015: Preparing two capacity-building units on Gender and Safeguarding ICH

2013: Helping to draft the *Evaluation of UNESCO's Standard-setting Work of the Culture Sector Part I – 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage* (UNESCO, 2013)

2013: Preparing a report on gender in cultural heritage, published as: 'Gender and Intangible Cultural Heritage,' in *Gender Equality – Heritage and Creativity*, (Paris: UNESCO, 2014)

2007/8: Drafting a Preliminary Study entitled: *The Advisability of Developing a New UNESCO Standard-setting Instrument for Safeguarding Indigenous and Endangered Languages* (presented to UNESCO's Executive Board at its 179th session in Spring 2008).

2002/3: Consultant to UNESCO for the First and Second Sessions of the Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts for the preparation of a Preliminary Draft Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage held at UNESCO Headquarters (Paris) in July 2002.

2002: Rapporteur for two meetings of a Restricted Drafting Group held at UNESCO Headquarters (Paris) in March and June 2002 for the preparation of a Preliminary Draft Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

2000: Drafted *Preliminary Study on the Question of Developing a New International Standard-setting Instrument for the Safeguarding of Intangible Heritage* (UNESCO Publishing, Paris, 2001).

Languages:

English (mother language)

French (Very good functional knowledge)

Persian (Excellent)

Spanish (Basic)