

The Assistant Director-General For Priority Africa and External Relations a.i.

To all Permanent Delegations and Observers to UNESCO

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Subject: Online survey on the Implementation of the UNESCO Framework for Culture and Arts Education by Member States and Associated Members

Sir/Madam,

The adoption of the UNESCO Framework for Culture and Arts Education at the UNESCO World Conference on Culture and Arts Education, held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in February 2024, marked a significant milestone in advancing the global agenda for culture and arts education. Through this Framework, Ministers of Culture and Education jointly committed to building a future in which culture and the arts are fully integrated across education systems—at all levels and in all learning settings—as a means to foster educational transformation.

In support of these efforts, UNESCO is currently in the process of developing an Implementation Guidance aimed at translating the shared vision of the Framework into concrete and meaningful actions. The Guidance will unpack the principles, goals and implementation areas of the Framework, offering a set of actionable orientations for sustained international and national policies, strategies and programmes, thus serving as a practical tool for governments, educators, cultural institutions, and civil society organizations and ensuring that culture and the arts are effectively integrated into education systems worldwide.

To accompany this process and to assess progress achieved so far, UNESCO is launching a consultation with Member States and Associate Members through an online survey. This survey aims to gather national insights, experiences, practices, and challenges related to Culture and Arts Education that can inform and enrich UNESCO's implementation strategies for the Framework. More concretely, information collected through this survey will directly contribute to the refinement of the Framework's Implementation Guidance, helping to ensure that it reflects the diverse needs, priorities, and contexts of Member States and Associate Members. It will also support the identification and documentation of good practices and illustrative examples, with the goal of facilitating knowledge exchange and informing monitoring efforts.

In this context, I should be grateful if your government could submit a response to the online survey, available at the following link: https://surveys.unesco.org/875497 A copy of the questionnaire is also enclosed to this letter. Member States are encouraged to coordinate responses across relevant Ministries and Departments, particularly those responsible for culture and education, in consultation with their respective UNESCO National Commission, with a view to submitting a single, consolidated national response. In parallel, UNESCO will also ensure that other stakeholders, including civil society, teachers, artists, cultural professionals, and others, are consulted through dedicated outreach and consultation mechanisms.

In order to allow the necessary time to integrate the feedback received, with a view to enriching the Implementation Guidance, we request that survey responses be submitted **by no later than 1 July 2025.**

For any additional information on this exercise, I invite you to be in contact with the UNESCO Secretariat at: culture-education@unesco.org

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

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.: as stated.