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Linking living heritage to sustainable urban development

Sustainable development and urban planning

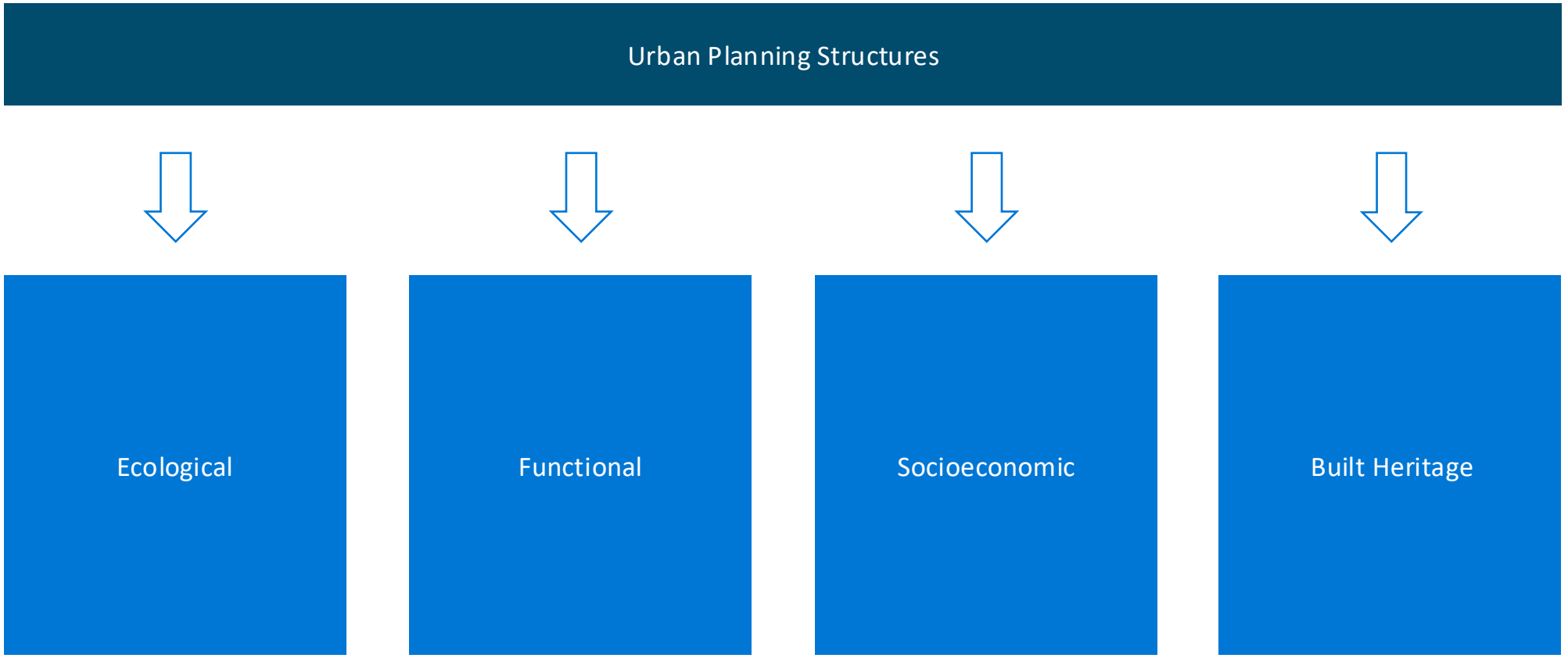
The four main structures of urban planning **(ecological, functional, socioeconomic and built heritage)** are linked to the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainable development.



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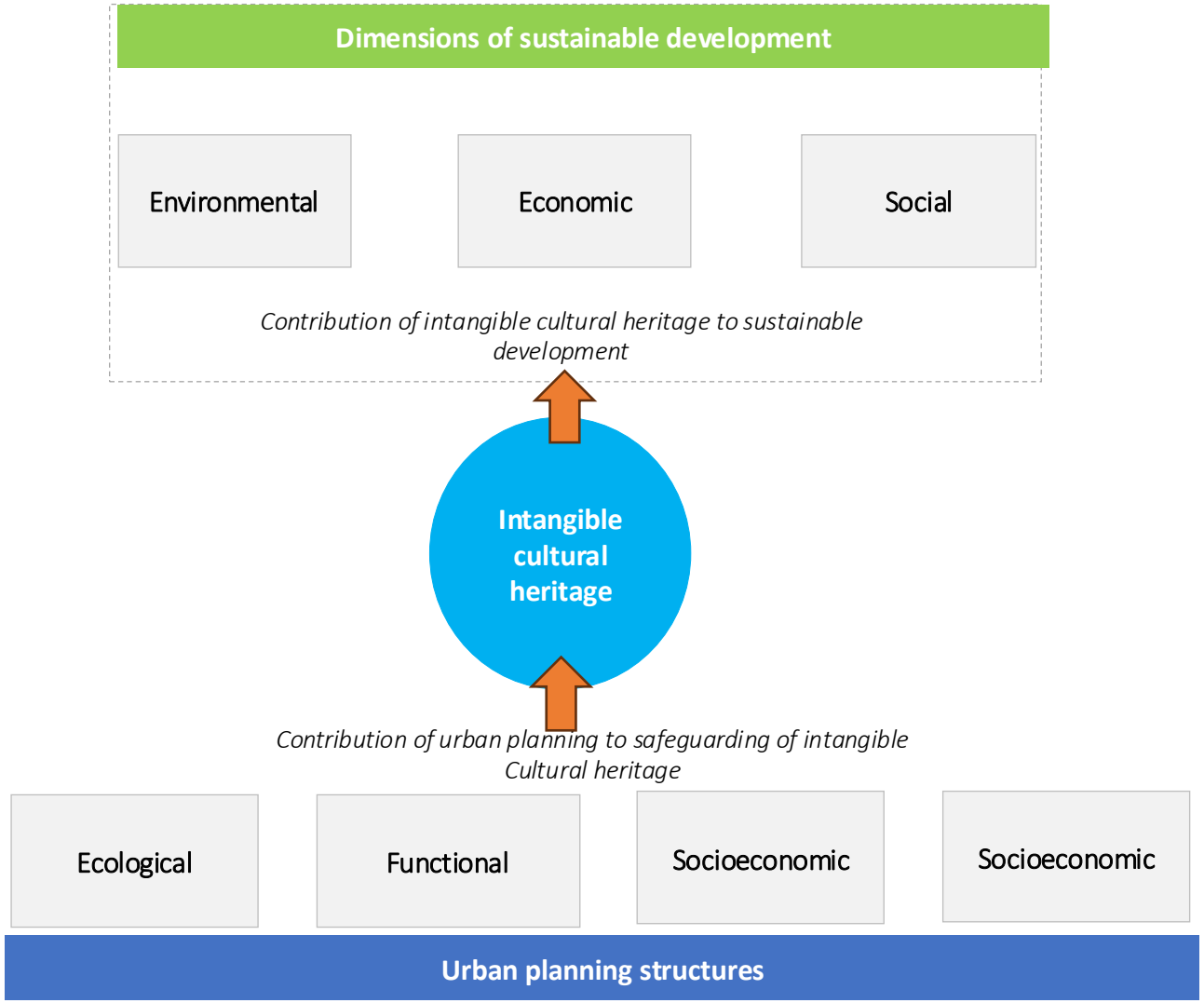
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Urban planning structures



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Relationship between sustainable development and urban planning structures



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Intangible cultural heritage and urban planning structures

Linking intangible cultural heritage to urban planning structures is a way of recognizing the importance of strengthening its role as a driver of sustainable development.



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Ecological structure

Key components:

- Biological components of the cities such as flora, fauna and other life forms.
- Physical components such as sun, water, soil and climate.



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Ecological structure – examples

Kumbh Mela in India, inscribed in 2017 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims in the world, during which participants bathe in the sacred Ganges river.

This event encompasses astronomy, astrology, spirituality, ritual traditions and social and cultural customs and practices.


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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 5: Gender Equality (279) | **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities** (73)

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities (141) | **SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** (553)

BIOMES

Inland wetlands (58) | Urban areas (275)

DOMAINS OF THE CONVENTION

Social practices, rituals and festive events (508)

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Ecological structure – examples

Ch'utillos, Festival of San Bartolomé and San Ignacio de Loyola, and meeting of cultures in Potosí, in Bolivia (Plurinational State of), inscribed in 2023 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

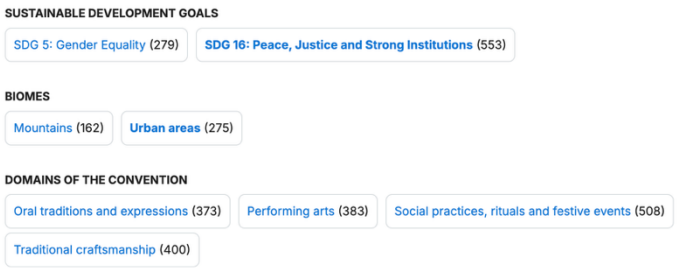
The festival is characterized by gastronomic fairs, dance shows and a procession to the sanctuary located in the Mullu Punku ravine, a natural site with rock formations.











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Ecological structure – examples

Festival of St. Francis of Assisi, Quibdó, in Colombia, inscribed in 2012 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The patron saint travels the Atrato River in boats, and people celebrate the sunrise with devotional hymns and perform the Great Procession of the Saint.

Local artists and artisans make the floats, neighborhood altars, costumes and street decorations, and the young people learn along with them.





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 4: Quality Education (409) | SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities (73)

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities (141) | **SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions** (553)

BIOMES

Forests (61) | Inland wetlands (58) | **Urban areas** (275)

DOMAINS OF THE CONVENTION

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Traditional craftsmanship (400)

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Functional structure

Key components:

- Transportation and mobility systems
- Public spaces
- Basic services
- Urban facilities



For additional information, please see Habitat III Issue Papers 11) Public Space, 18) Urban infrastructure and basic services, 19) Transport and mobility, and 20) Housing: https://habitat3.org/wp-content/uploads/Habitat-III-Issue-Papers-report.pdf

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Functional structure – examples

Transportation and mobility systems

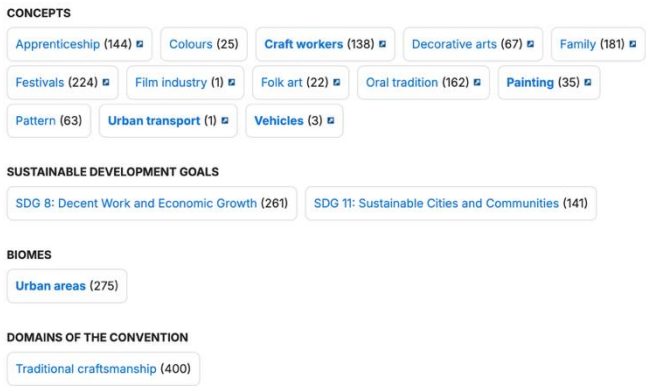
Rickshaws and rickshaw painting in Dhaka, Bangladesh, inscribed in 2023 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The rickshaw is a small three-wheeled passenger vehicle pulled by a single person. The paintings and decorations are easily visible, making it an itinerant exhibition.









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Functional structure – examples

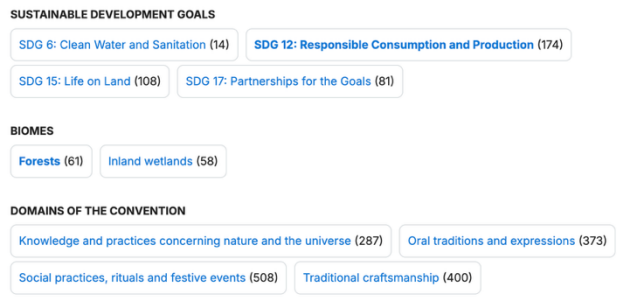
Transportation and mobility systems

Timber rafting, inscribed in 2022 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
Timber rafting in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia, Poland and Spain has its origins in the Middle Ages, when rafts were used to transport timber, goods and people. Communities emerged that shared the knowledge, skills, techniques and values of raft making


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Functional structure – examples

Public Spaces

Holy Week in Guatemala, inscribed in 2022 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

It involves processions, vigils, funeral marches, seasonal gastronomy and the creation of carpets, orchards and altars.

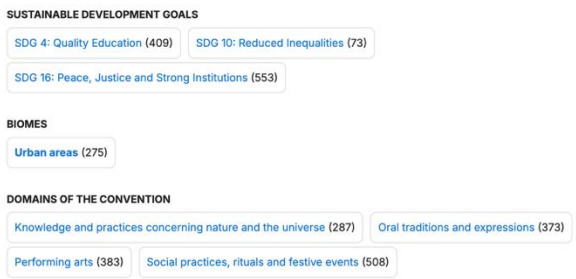
It promotes tolerance and inclusion through the participation of people from different social groups and fosters mutual respect











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Functional structure – examples

Public Spaces

Great Festival of Tarija, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), inscribed in 2021 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The pilgrims perform music and dances, and the neighbors decorate the temples and streets through which the procession passes and organize sports and cultural activities.









SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 2: Zero Hunger (113) | **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being** (99) | SDG 4: Quality Education (409)

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production (174) | SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (553)

BIOMES

Mountains (162) | **Urban areas** (275)

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Functional structure – examples

Basic services

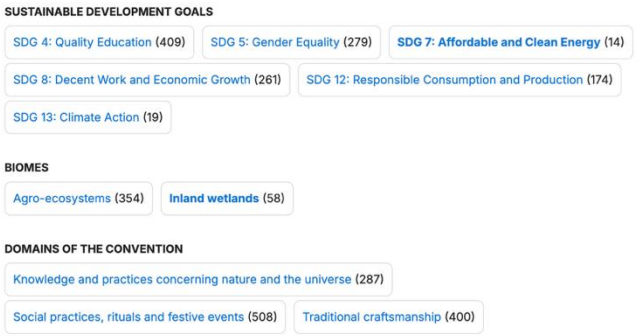
Craft of the miller operating windmills and watermills in Netherlands (Kingdom of the), inscribed in 2017 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Mills play an important social and cultural role in Dutch society and have an iconic value that contributes to a sense of identity and continuity.









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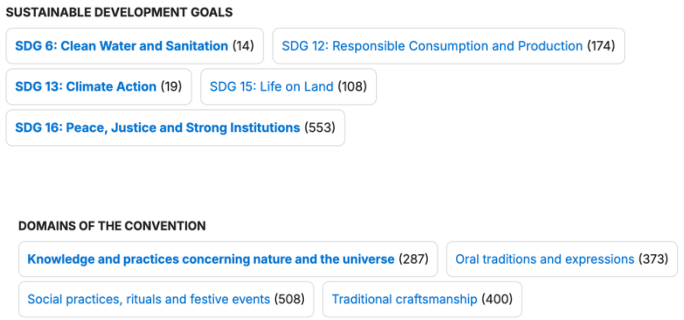
Basic services

Irrigators' tribunals of the Spanish Mediterranean coast: the Council of Wise Men of the plain of Murcia and the Water Tribunal of the plain of Valencia, Spain inscribed in 2009 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The irrigators tribunals of the Spanish Mediterranean coast are traditional law courts for water management that date back to the time of al-Andalus.







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Urban facilities

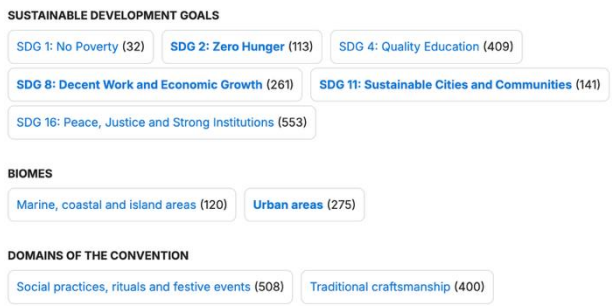
Hawker culture in Singapore, community dining and culinary practices in a multicultural urban context, inscribed in 2020 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

- The Hawker Centers are community kitchens where traditional culinary practices are carried out in a multicultural urban context.
- Hawker Centers play a role in improving community interactions and strengthening social ties.


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Functional structure – examples

Urban facilities

Bulgarian Chitalishte (Community Cultural Centre): practical experience in safeguarding the vitality of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, selected in 2017 on the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices.

- They are created by communities and are open to all, regardless of age, gender, political and religious views.
- They carry out cultural and educational activities to safeguard Bulgarian customs and traditions.

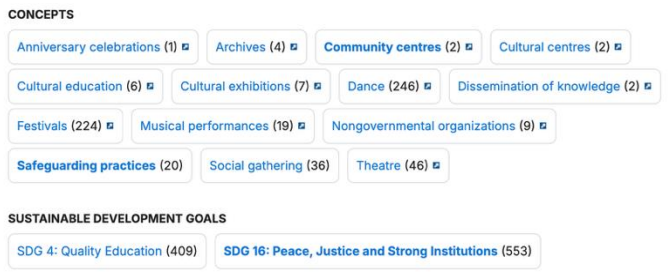












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Socioeconomic structure

Social and economic inclusion through access to housing, health, education, employment opportunities, etc.

Factors that improve investment attraction and rural-urban integration.



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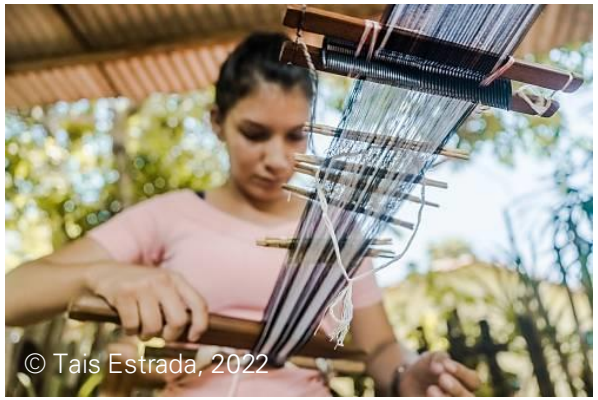
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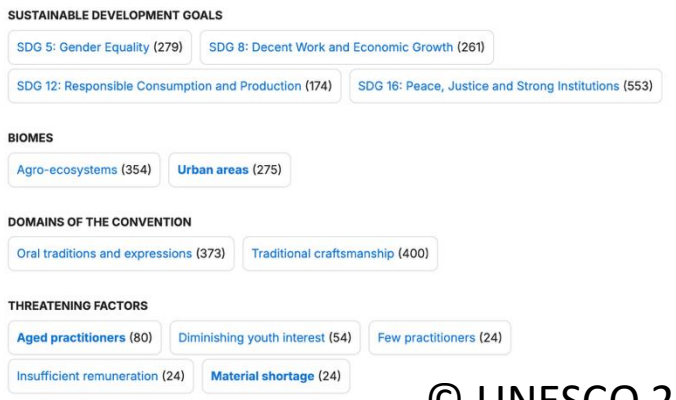
Ancestral and traditional techniques for the elaboration of the 'Poncho Para'i de 60 Listas', from the city of Piribebuy, Republic of Paraguay, inscribed in 2023 on the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding.

Handmade garment from Paraguay. The ancestral techniques, which were first used by the native peoples, have been transmitted orally from mother weavers to their daughters through observation and practice.
Symbol of unity and identity-









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Socioeconomic structure – examples

Knowledge of the light rum masters in Cuba, inscribed in 2022 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

- Transmission of the knowledge of the rum masters, which is put into practice in aging cellars, blending areas and laboratories.

- The teachers form a community with selective admission that advocates responsible consumption.









SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth (261) | SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production (174) | SDG 15: Life on Land (108)

BIOMES

Agro-ecosystems (354) | Marine, coastal and island areas (120) | **Urban areas** (275)

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Socioeconomic structure – examples

Carnaval de Negros y Blancos in Colombia, inscribed in 2009 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

- During carnival, private homes become collective workshops for the exhibition and transmission of carnival arts.
- People of all ethnicities wear black on the first day and white on the following day to symbolize equality.



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Built heritage structure

This structure is imperative in the structuring of urban plans, especially in relation to buildings, monuments, public spaces and urban sectors of historical, social and economic value of a city.

Built heritage includes tangible and intangible values.



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Built heritage structure – examples

Historic Quarter of the Seaport of Valparaíso, Chile (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

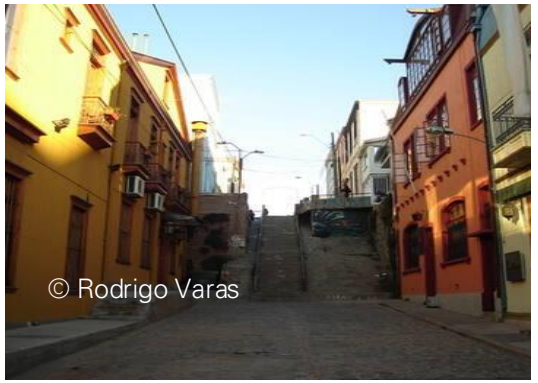
The colonial city of Valparaíso is a remarkable example of urban and architectural development in Latin America at the end of the 19th century.

The city has preserved interesting structures from the early industrial era, for example, the multiple funiculars that run along the steep slopes of the hills.

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Built heritage structure – examples

Parisian zinc roofing, inscribed in 2022 on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, encompasses the knowledge and skills required to restore the roofs of Haussmann-style buildings constructed in Paris during the nineteenth century.

With nearly 80 per cent of the roofs in Paris covered in zinc, the city is a living archive of these skills that shape the unique identity of its urban landscape.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SDG 4: Quality Education (493) | SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth (332)

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities (165) | SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Productio

SDG 13: Climate Action (25)

BIOMES

Urban areas (337)

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Traditional craftsmanship (460)

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