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Agenda Item 1: Promoting Sustainable Education for Climate Action

The Republic of Iceland sees education as a very important way to raise more environmentally conscious citizens. That's why environmental education has been added to the national curriculum at all levels of education, from pre-school to secondary school.

Iceland's 2018–2030 Climate Action Plan and its 2020 updates list education and public awareness as key priorities, in line with SDGs 4.7 and 13.3. Digital platforms and local collaborations contribute to making climate education accessible in everywhere.

Iceland strongly supports the mandatory inclusion of climate change education in national curricula and the training of teachers in environmental awareness. It also supports global collaborations that encourage the sharing of best practices and innovations in environmental education, particularly among Nordic countries.

Agenda Item 2: Strengthening the Protection and Promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage

Iceland views intangible cultural heritage (ICH) as a community's identity. Iceland ratified the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2005 and plays an active role in the intergenerational transmission of oral traditions, handicrafts, etc.

In 2021, Iceland successfully inscribed its Nordic clinker boatbuilding tradition on UNESCO's Representative Intangible Cultural Heritage List. New nominations are currently being prepared, such as Iceland's unique swimming pool culture, which demonstrates the importance the country attaches to preserving both traditional and contemporary cultural elements.

Iceland promotes the ethical use of digital tools to document and disseminate cultural practices, especially in rural or fragile areas. Ensuring the voices of youth and indigenous communities are heard and included in heritage policies is also a priority for Iceland.