

Philippine Centre of ITI



Open Call for the International Dance Day Celebration

28 – 30 April 2026, Manila, Philippines

Application Deadline: 28 February 2026

The **International Theatre Institute (ITI)** is pleased to share the following open call issued by the **Philippine Centre of ITI**, as part of its national initiative for the **International Dance Day 2026** celebration in Manila.

This activity is **conceived and organised by the Philippine Centre of ITI**, in alignment with ITI's values of cultural dialogue, peace, and sustainable development.

The **ITI General Secretariat** supports the visibility of this initiative by sharing the call within the ITI network, while the **artistic concept, selection process, production, and logistical coordination** remain under the responsibility of the **Philippine Centre of ITI**.

About the Celebration

In the context of the International Dance Day Celebration 2026, the Philippine Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI), through its cultural arm **Earthsavers Dreams Ensemble (UNESCO Artist for Peace)**, invites dance artists and performance groups from around the world to participate in a three-day international celebration in Manila from 28 to 30 April 2026.

Rooted in ITI's long-standing commitment to peace, dialogue, and sustainable development, this global gathering aligns with **2026, the UN International Year of Volunteers for the SDGs**, and highlights the role of dance as a powerful medium for artistic expression, cultural dialogue, and collective action in response to today's converging global challenges — including climate change, conflict, inequality, and environmental degradation.

About the Program

The celebration will feature **live dance-theatre performances** developed through a *techno-resiliArt* methodology, combining movement, music, visual media, text, and digital technologies.

Artistic proposals should reflect **one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and engage with the interconnected themes of **people, planet, peace, and prosperity through partnership**.

The program encourages **interdisciplinary, inclusive, intergenerational, and heritage-based approaches**, valuing both indigenous wisdom related to ecological protection and contemporary creative practices.

Performing delegations are encouraged, where possible, to include an **indigenous elder or bearer of environmental care and ritual traditions**, reflecting ways of living in peace with people and in harmony with nature.

Practical Information

- **Performance duration:** 10–30 minutes, to ensure balanced representation from all continents
- **Hospitality:**
Hospitality will be undertaken by the **ITI Philippine Centre** from **27 April (arrival) to 30 April (departure)**, including accommodation, meals, and local transportation for a company of up to six (6) artists.

International travel costs shall be borne by the participants.

A sample link of a brief *techno-resiliArt* performance is provided for reference:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wsYB4wVX2JcJrVV2n7cuLvyTCS1D2kiP/view>

Post-April Significance

The international dance event will include a **pre-encounter ASEAN regional component** (26–27 April), created by ASEAN artists, followed by interaction with international delegations during the festival program from **28 April** onward.

The event will be documented for **possible showcasing at the United Nations Conference COP31**, to be held in **Antalya, Turkey, in November 2026**.

Organising Entity

The International Dance Day 2026 celebration in Manila is organised and hosted by the Earthsavers Dreams National ITI Centre (Philippine Centre of ITI) under the auspices of the International Theatre Institute (ITI).

Interested artists and companies are kindly invited to refer directly to the application information and contact details provided below.

Application deadline for interest and subject matter is **28 February 2026**.

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