

Report on the Working Group Research online meeting, 18 December 2020

Agenda

- Welcome and introduction by the coordinator of the Working Group Research Albert van der Zeijden, Dutch Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Presentation of the Mission Statement by Martin Andrade Perez, Valentina Zingari, Amélia Frazão Moreira, Tamara Nikolic Djeric
- Discussion
- Future plans, proposal tourism toolbox: Martha Fleurant, Jorijn Neyrinck
- Composition Coordination group

1. Welcome

Last year in Bogota, it was agreed that the Working Group Research would undertake two main activities:

- Organize a mini symposium on ICH and Sustainable Tourism
- To propose a Mission Statement for the Working Group to be discussed during the December 2020 meeting on 18 December 2020.

Because of Covid 19 the conference took place as a webinar with a special focus on how to make ICH Tourism more sustainable and regenerative in post pandemic situations. Among other things, there was the proposal working on an online toolbox, already worked on by Jorijn Neyrinck and Martha Fleurant of Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed, Belgium.

The report of the Conference will be published on the ICH-NGO Forum Website, for now see: <https://www.immaterieelerfgoed.nl/nl/page/10129/making-ich-tourism-more-sustainable-and-regenerative>.

2. Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was prepared by Martin Andrade Perez, Valentina Zingari, Amélia Frazão Moreira, Tamara Nikolic Djeric and presented on the website of the ICH-NGO Forum: <http://www.ichngoforum.org/working-group-research-mission-statement-discussed-18th/>

The Working Group Zoom Meeting was attended by 35 accredited NGOs. There was a lively discussion on the separate items of the Statement, especially about the Nature of the Group. It was mentioned that the Working Group should position itself more clearly among other different stakeholders and Networks, that also have activities sometimes touching on ICH. What makes this Working Group special is that it is a group of NGOs accredited with the 2003 ICH Convention and has a special focus on collaborative research, that involves the ICH communities working on exchange of information and possible research projects to the benefit of these communities. Martin will make some adjustments in the Statement, that will be presented on the ICH-NGO Forum website, alongside this report.

There was broad agreement on the proposed projects and activities for the 2021-2025 Period. The new coordination group of the Working Group will come up with a more concrete plan of action during the first part of the coming year.

3. Toolkit on Sustainable Tourism

The proposal of Martha and Jorijn was met by great enthusiasm. It furnishes the Working Group with a concrete project and a perspective on concrete results, namely an online toolbox much asked for by State Parties and communities.

Martha and Jorijn will keep the new coordination Team of the Working Group posted on the progress of this project!

4. Composition of the Coordination Group

Albert van der Zeijden and Martin Andrade Perez will start as the new coordination team of the Working Group Research. It would be great if someone from less represented regions could join the team.

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