

Asia Pacific region:

General challenges of NGOs:

1. **There is a gap between General awareness about ICH and 2003 Convention.**
2. **Civil organizations are playing an active role in safeguarding ICH**
3. **Lack of funding for technology investment and lack of networks need to be addressed.**

Aspect 1. human resource management in NGO network.

We identified the existing problems of lack of international experiences, language barriers in international communication.

For solutions :

- the necessity of identifying a key person per region in various levels for networking.
- identify shared interest area, based on which to set up a website to share information.
- build up relationships with university and colleges (offer internship to involve young people into NGO work of safeguarding ICH to address the issue of human resources and sustainable development).
- collaboration with category 2 center.

Aspect 2. funding.

We recognized the diversity of approaches in different countries within the region. -Government funding

- cooperation funding
- social business model
- Crowdfunding
- civil society and institutional research funding

Aspect 3. agreement to build up a platform to support regional networks, in order to compensate and enhance each other by exchanging ICH resources.

For example, our Korean NGO CICS offered potential international ICT supports through their ICHpedia system.

we identified the common interests, the uniqueness of common challenges, optional strategies and shared resources for building up a network. In conclusion, we address challenges in regional networks for NGO,

we listed a few important questions:

1st. How to maintain inventory, apply and utilize ICH?

we proposed approaches such as publications, digitalization and after-school class program for children about ICH, for example, giving music class of traditional instruments.

There are questions need further discussion in broader international context, such as:

2nd. How to incorporate in transmission of ICH?

3rd. How can network help to improve the conditions of intellectual property?

4th. How can NGO stay independent from the Government, while receiving found from government?

Meeting 6 December

As a first step we will start sharing our activities and events and call for participation in a website.

Korean NGO CICS offered to develop and make a start in 2018.