

ICH NGO Forum Steering Committee

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7. ICH NGO Forum Plan of activities for 2021

In reference to ICH NGO Forum report for 15.COM and its draft decision, as well as taking into account Forum's plan of activities that was approved last year, the Steering Committee proposes to give a special emphasis during 2021 to the following aspects:

- i) advisory functions to the Committee on specific thematic issues, including our more active contribution to the statutory sessions – through the Forum's report and/or its interventions on specific agenda items;
- ii) elaboration of ways and means to strengthen the network of ICH NGOs in under-represented regions, and to overcome unbalanced geographical distribution of NGOs accredited to the Convention;
- iii) more active involvement of the Forum in the regionally-based periodic reports and, more broadly speaking, in follow-up (reporting and monitoring) on inscribed elements, realized in close collaboration with ICH communities, groups and individuals concerned;
- iv) depending on available resources, the development of capacity-building material intended specifically for NGOs, carried out in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention.

The outcomes of these four aspects are expected to be additionally communicated to the public and discussed through meetings, symposia and/or publications.

Our *annual symposium* and *capacity building* on Saturday and Sunday prior to 16.COM will also thematize one or more of these aspects.

Besides, the Forum will prepare its rather extensive *Report for 16.COM*, further developing the points raised in the Forum's report for 15.COM (if the Committee endorses our suggestion to continue the practice initiated this year, as we expect).

Apart from coordinating above activities, the Steering Committee – its four officers and the remaining three members – will also manage all additional duties and responsibilities which are prescribed in the Bylaws.

The annual plans of the Working Groups, *#HeritageAlive* and regional groups will be presented at the General Assembly.