



ICH NGO Forum

Pre-14.COM and 14.COM activities

Bogotá, 7–13 December 2019

Programme Booklet

(final)

Saturday, 7 December: Capacity-building workshop

Black Tower Premium Hotel (Av esperanza 43a 21)

(Lunch, coffee/tea breaks and facilities hosted by Sweden)

9:30–10 **Plenary session: Introduction to the workshop**

10–11:30 **Group work**

Group A: newly accredited NGOs and newcomers to COM: **Introducing the Convention, its key terms, and the role of NGOs in its implementation on national, regional and international levels;** facilitator Jorijn Neyrinck (Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed / Workshop Intangible Heritage Flanders)

The session will rely on training material developed within the global capacity-building programme of the Living Heritage Entity of UNESCO (notably units 2-4). Besides, the participants will be acquainted into the dynamics of the Committee's sessions, and the

activities of the ICH NGO Forum on them.

Group B: experienced NGOs: **Workshop on advisory functions of accredited NGOs;** chair Robert Baron (International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, SIEF); facilitators Robert Baron (SIEF), Ananya Bhattacharya (Contact Base), Jorge Gustavo Caicedo (La Enciclopedia del Patrimonio Cultural Inmaterial, EPCI / The Intangible Cultural Heritage Encyclopedia) and Hanna Schreiber (Stowarzyszenie Twórców Ludowych / Association of Folk Artists)

The Workshop on Advisory Functions of Accredited NGOs will discuss the various ways the ICH NGO Forum and our member NGOs might advise the Secretariat and Intergovernmental Committee about the Convention. It will recommend priorities for advisory activities about the *implementation* of the Convention as well as *reporting, monitoring and critical reflection* about the *impact* of the Convention. The workshop will also discuss methods for NGOs to *share* and *disseminate* research and best practices about ICH impacts, safeguarding practices, marketing, tourism, marketing and inventorying. The workshop will be centered upon small group roundtable discussion groups.

11:30–11:45 Coffee/tea break

11:45–12:15 **Plenary session:** Group B reports back in plenary and discussion

12:15–14 Lunch break (hosted by Sweden)

14–15 Group work – six regional groups: **Regional capacity-building needs, opportunities and challenges**; facilitators Meg Nömgård (Berättarnätet Kronoberg / The Storytelling Network of Kronoberg) – NGOs in Electoral Group I; Kaloyan Nikolov (Европейска Асоциация на Фолклорните Фестивали / European Association of Folklore Festivals) – NGOs in Electoral Group II; Jorge Gustavo Caicedo (EPCI) – NGOs in Electoral Group III; Dong Hwan Choi (무형문화연구소 / The Center for Intangible Culture Studies, CICS) – NGOs in Electoral Group IV; Emily Drania Drani (The Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda, CCFU) – NGOs in Electoral Group V (a); Reme Sakr (الأمانة السورية للتنمية) / Syria Trust for Development) – NGOs in Electoral Group V (b)

This session will address developments following the last assessment of needs, opportunities and challenges taken at the NGO Forum capacity-building workshop held in Jeju in 2017 (reports pertaining to regions I, III, IV and V [a] are available at: <http://www.ichngoforum.org/regional-working-groups/>).

Depending on the region in question, this new assessment may focus on relationship, networking, sharing knowledge and/or level of collaboration between ICH NGOs in the region, and/or between NGOs and other key actors in safeguarding ICH – ICH bearers and their communities, civil society, state agencies, and other stakeholders. Taken as a whole, the ICH NGO Forum has to find ways towards more balanced representation of ICH NGOs from six regions of the world, and therefore it is expected that each regional

group will discuss and propose ways of how to overcome this ongoing imbalance.

15–15:45 **Plenary session:** Groups report back in plenary and discussion

15:45–16 Coffee/tea break

16–17:30 **The role of NGOs in the safeguarding of ICH in Colombia**, presentation and discussion; moderator and interpreter (from Spanish to English) Martin Andrade Perez (Fundación Erigaie / Erigaie Foundation)

The role of NGOs in the safeguarding of ICH in Colombia has been particularly important. Behind each one of the 23 elements inscribed on the Representative List of ICH of Colombia there is an NGO in charge of its safeguarding even before the inscription. Others work either at the regional level, with specific communities, in particular domains, or have expanded their range of action as a result of its positive impact on the ICH agenda. This presentation will introduce the work that has been done by some of these NGOs to show how their diversity has promoted innovation and successful safeguarding measures.

Sunday, 8 December: Symposium

Agora Convention Centre (Ac. 24 #38-47), ICH NGO Forum Room H-I, 3rd floor

(Lunch and coffee/tea break hosted by the Republic of Singapore)

9:30–11 *ICH in Urban Contexts*, organized in cooperation with the National Heritage Board Singapore; moderators Albert van der Zeijden (Nederlands Centrum voor Volkscultuur / Kenniscentrum Immaterieel Erfgoed Nederland / Dutch Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage, on behalf of ICH NGO Forum) and Gerald Wee (on behalf of the National Heritage Board Singapore)

Over half of the population of the world is now living in urban areas – cities with millions of inhabitants and diverse communities. Cities such as Bangkok, Singapore, Bogota and Rotterdam are facing *multiple social and cultural challenges*, not the least, due to processes of migration, the challenge of *superdiversity and social cohesion*.

While intangible cultural heritage is often presented as a mainspring for cultural diversity, what about intangible cultural heritage in an urban context? What is intangible cultural heritage in an urban context and how is it transmitted and safeguarded? How can it contribute to social cohesion and renewed dialogue among communities? Is there a role for city governments in adopting certain cultural policies?

Schedule

1. Introduction, 9:30–9:55

Welcome and short introduction by Albert van der Zeijden and Gerald Wee

Presentation about Singapore, by Yeo Kirk Siang (National Heritage Board)

Presentation about Bogota, by Juliana Forero Bordam (Cultural Heritage Office, Ministry of Culture of Columbia)

2. Short presentations from different continents, 10:00–10:50

Europe: Frida Calderon on the contribution of migrants to ICH in Paris, and Mark Schep on Arnhem

Asia: Monalisa Maharjan on Nepal, and Ananya Bhattacharya on “Reimagining ICH in Kolkata”

Africa: Ki Leonce on Burkina Faso

3. Wrap up by Yeo Kirk Siang, 10:50–11

11–11:30 Coffee/tea/photo break

11:30–13 *Reform of the Listing Mechanism – How NGOs Can Contribute to Addressing Old and New Challenges?*, moderator Hanna Schreiber (Stowarzyszenie Twórców Ludowych / Association of Folk Artists)

The background documents relevant for this panel session include: *Reflection on the role of accredited non-governmental organizations within the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Report of the consultation meeting*, LHE/19/NGO/3.; Item 14 of the Provisional Agenda: *Reflection on the listing mechanisms of the Convention*, LHE/19/14.COM/14; Item 15 of the Provisional Agenda: *Reflection on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Convention*, LHE/19/14.COM/15. We recommend reading these documents before the Symposium.

At its thirteenth session in 2018, the Intergovernmental Committee launched a global reflection on the listing mechanisms of the 2003

Convention (Decisions [13.COM 6](#) and [13.COM 10](#)). At the same session the Committee requested that the Secretariat continue reflection with accredited non-governmental organizations on the definition of the advisory functions; this reflection was initiated in 2017 (12.COM). Taking these two processes into account this panel session is dedicated to discussion about old and new challenges encountered by diverse bodies and organs of the 2003 Convention: the Committee, the Secretariat, the General Assembly and evaluation bodies in relation to the listing mechanisms.

The overall aim is to reflect on the nature and purposes of the Lists (Representative List and Urgent Safeguarding List) and the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices as well as on the relevance of the various criteria for these mechanisms. The panel will be focused on the possible enhancement of the methodology for the evaluation and examination of nominations with reference to the performance of advisory functions of accredited NGOs. Although it is important to note that concrete ways in which accredited NGOs would fulfil these functions have been not identified yet, at the same time it is high time to make an attempt of its identification.

We want to provide answers to the following questions: how NGOs can best assist the governing bodies of the Convention; and how NGOs can contribute to solving identified problems in the listing mechanisms of the Convention?

The panel will focus on three identified areas where NGOs may play an important role and pursue their potential advisory functions (in the sense of Article 9 of the Convention and paragraph 96 of the Operational Directives) as, *inter alia*, information & expertise brokers, bringing to the system of the 2003 Convention their field expertise, knowledge and understanding of diverse contexts. These three identified areas are: 1) reporting functions in pre/post-inscription process; 2) assessment of urgency of safeguarding an ICH element; 3) sharing of good safeguarding practices.

Symposium participants will work in three groups according to the metaplan methodology, based on shared understanding of the problem, shared commitment, dialogue process (peer-to-peer discussions) and dialogue mapping through visualization and structure of arguments, leading to the creation of the consensus.

13–15 Lunch break (in Hilton Bogota Corferias, hosted by the Republic of Singapore)

15–16:30 ***ICH NGO Forum Bylaws and ICH NGO Forum Code of Conduct***, discussion on the draft proposals prepared by the working group and the Steering Committee; moderator Naila Ceribašić (International Council for Traditional Music, ICTM)

The drafts were initially prepared by Robert Baron, Naila Ceribašić and Antoine Gauthier, and then amended and endorsed by the Steering Committee. UNESCO's Secretariat of the Convention also gave its feedback before the final drafts were sent to all accredited ICH NGOs for their review. They are available at: <http://www.ichngoforum.org/ich-ngo-forum-draft-bylaws-code-conduct-reflection-process/> The purpose of this session is to discuss comments and suggestions for revisions received through the reflection process, as well as those made on the spot, with the aim to come to agreement on the final versions of the two documents to be adopted by the General Meeting of the ICH NGO Forum on 11 December 2019.



Monday, 9 December

c. 10 Address of ICH NGO Forum on its activities at the opening of 14.COM

13–14:30 Launching of *#HeritageAlive's* and ICHCAP's new book on traditional food (presentation and snack supported by ICHCAP)

The accredited ICH NGOs online journal *#HeritageAlive* has been sharing experiences from the field among NGOs and experts since 2012. In cooperation with ICHCAP we are proud to present our new publication – *Traditional food, sharing experiences from the field*. It will be presented by Weonmo Park (ICHCAP), Eivind Falk (Editor-in-Chief of *#HeritageAlive*) and the four authors. At the end, the audience will be invited to a snack of traditional food addressed in the book.

Tuesday, 10 December

13–14:30 Exchange of information about the activities and plans of ICH NGO Forum working groups and regional groups

14:30–15:30 Meeting of ICH NGO Forum Working Group on Information and Communication Technologies, chair Jorge Gustavo Caicedo (EPCI)

Our vision is to take ICH to the future with the help of information and communication technologies (ICT). *Our mission* is to use ICT as a comprehensive tool for safeguarding ICH. *Our goal* is to improve, with the help of ICT, the work of 176 accredited NGOs, the Steering Committee and the working groups.

Actions:

1. Share all online inventories initiatives

2. Share tools to improve communication among all accredited NGOs

3. Share digital experiences to help or improve safeguarding measures for ICH and its bearers

4. Develop a communication portal for the Steering Committee and the working groups, easy to access and to updated information.

Work programme:

1. Launch an online survey to the ICH NGO Forum mailing list;

2. Establish a contact person for each accredited NGO;

3. Make an inventory of active programs and events;

4. Identify people and organizations involved in the safeguarding of ICH;

5. Enable big data analytics (please share your feedback to <https://goo.gl/forms/DuEPgbqXEiaPuq9B3>);

6. Strengthen *ichngoforum.org* as the official contact point of accredited NGOs with the Steering Committee and the working groups;

7. Strengthen *ichngoforum.org* as the official web-ich-inventory and communication system for accredited NGOs.

Members of the Working Group are Gustavo Caicedo, Shrinivas P. Deshpande, Gabriele Desiderio, Kaloyan Nikolov, Soon Cheol Park, and Laurier Turgeon. All interested are invited to join the meeting.

18–20 Presentation of candidates for the Steering Committee; Discussion on ICH NGO Forum Statement at 14.COM

Letter of the Electoral Board to candidates and members of the ICH NGO Forum is available at: www.ichngoforum.org/results-call-applications-steering-committee-elections-2019/

Wednesday, 11 December

13–14:30 Meeting of ICH NGO Forum **Working Group on Research: *Towards a more formal organization of the group***, chair Albert van der Zeijden (Dutch Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage)

Building on our earlier discussions in Jeju and Mauritius, the purpose of the organisational meeting in Bogota is to decide on the role and function of the Working Group on Research within the ICH NGO Forum, and also to formalise the organisational structure and to establish a small working committee that can prepare future activities. About the role and function of the Working Group on Research, see the introductory discussion paper below.

Albert van der Zeijden: *The Role and Function of the Working Group on Research of the ICH NGO Forum*

The Working Group on Research was established in Windhoek, Namibia, december 2015 (see: www.ichngoforum.org/wg/ich-ngos-research/) to function as a platform for the NGOs to exchange information about specific topics on which we want to deepen our understanding. In Mauritius we also discussed future plans of the Working Group and the way into which the Working Group should develop.

What must be clear is that the ICH NGO Forum is not a community of researchers. It is a community of NGOs involved in safeguarding ICH, with a clear interests in participatory research involving the communities. What we have done so far is to select a topic and invite speakers from within the Forum to do short presentations during the Intergovernmental Committee meetings, sharing experiences, sharing research. The topics selected so far were “inventorying” (in Jeju) and “participatory research” (in Mauritius).

In practice the Working Group on Research has functioned as a platform for exchange for applied ICH research. The idea is to build on this, and – for the Working Group on Research to decide – to

select themes for further discussion, such as safeguarding ICH and tourism, safeguarding ICH and sustainable cities, etc. A further idea might be to use the website of the Forum more intensely, e.g. by establishing an interactive database on articles and publications on specific research topics (in this we should not double the recently established website <https://ich.unesco.org/en/news/research-on-the-2003-convention-an-interactive-bibliography-for-all-stakeholders-13238>). Last but not least we might decide to prioritise research directly done by NGO Forum members over university, private consultants or independent researchers, even if they are associated with (or member of) an NGO Forum member.

As to cooperation with others we might think of seeking cooperation with the leading Internet magazine on applied ICH Research, the magazine *Memoriamedia Review*. Some kind of partnership could be beneficial to the both of us.

If we want to evolve to a platform for applied ICH research, it is for the Working Group as a whole to decide on possible options. This includes the selection of a steering group of three or four persons, that can prepare future meetings of the Working Group and relevant other activities.

18–20:30 **General Meeting of the ICH NGO Forum**

Agenda

1. Report of the Steering Committee on its work from December 2018 to December 2019
2. Financial report of the Steering Committee
3. Elections of four new members of the ICH NGO Forum Steering Committee from the regions of Eastern Europe (Electoral Group II); Latin-America and the Caribbean (Electoral Group III); Africa (Electoral Group V (a)); Arab States (Electoral Group V (b)). Letter of the Electoral Board to candidates and members of the ICH NGO Forum is available



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4. Adoption of the ICH NGO Forum Bylaws and ICH NGO Forum Code of conduct
5. Other business

Thursday, 12 December

13–14:30 Meeting of **#HeritageAlive**, moderated by Eivind Falk (Norsk håndverksinstitutt / Norwegian Crafts Institute), Editor-in-Chief

14:30–15:30 Meeting of the ICH NGO Forum **Working Group on Overall Results Framework**; chair Ananya Bhattacharya (Contact Base)

The agenda of the meeting is to discuss roadmap for the Working Group and invite NGOs to join the group.

18–19:30 Meeting of ICH NGO Forum **Working Group on Ethics**; chair Antoine Gauthier (Conseil québécois du patrimoine vivant)

The Working Group on Ethics was established in 2015 in Windhoek (Namibia) to work, *inter alia*, on the proposal of twelve ethical principles for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, which were endorsed by the Intergovernmental Committee and then by the General Assembly of the 2003 Convention. The working group then produced, notably, the “Declaration of the ICH NGO Forum in the Republic of Mauritius on Ethical Principles for the Safeguarding of ICH”, endorsed by the General Meeting of the Forum in 2018. In view of the 14.COM session in Colombia, some members of the working group have worked on a proposal for the Code and Bylaws of ICH NGO Forum.

The aim of this meeting is to start thinking about policies, charters or regulations that can be used for the NGO Forum and/or serve as a tool for all accredited NGOs and Forum partners, for example:

- Harassment Policy with Resolution Mechanism
- Director Integrity Policy (including some form to sign)
- Environmental policy
- Free, prior, informed and sustainable consent forms
- Wage policy

At the Bogotá meeting, we will also be able to discuss the organizational structure of the Working Group on Ethics, if needed, and the creation of a subgroup to begin working on concrete policy proposals for the ICH NGO Forum based on our reflections.

Friday, 13 December

13–14:30 **Reflection on debates and decisions at 14.COM** in reference to ICH NGOs

Programme and this booklet prepared by the Steering Committee of the ICH NGO Forum

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