



INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Working Group Research: Action Plan for 2021

The long-term goal of the Working Group Research is to develop an internal communication channel, map the expertise of the ICH-NGO Forum members and generate spaces to discuss relevant topics.

During the Working Group Research meeting on 18 December 2020 it was suggested to work on two main topics in 2021:

1. to create a toolkit on Sustainable Tourism;
2. to work on a conference on ICH and the environment.

1. ICH and sustainable tourism

Building on our ICH-NGO Forum Symposium 'How to make ICH more sustainable and regenerative in post pandemic situations' we will work on an online toolbox on ICH and Tourism, to be presented on the website of the Forum somewhere in 2021.

The toolkit will be taken as a starting point to exchange information on this topic, to map the expertise of the ICH-NGO Forum members and sharing good practices and.

concrete Actions:

- a. the launching of the toolkit. Possibly in June 2021
- b. Map the expertise of the ICH-NGO Forum via an online survey, also asking the ICH NGO Forum members to come up with a few lines on safeguarding methodologies and/or good safeguarding practices they were involved in.
- c. ...

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Developers of the toolkit: Martha Fleurant & Jorijn Neyrinck, with the help of an advisory group consisting of Robert Baron, Martin Andrade Perez and Albert van der Zeijden

Mapping the expertise with an online survey: Martin Andrade Perez and Albert van der Zeijden

2. ICH and the environment

Traditional knowledge about nature and the universe is an important part of ICH. It has become particularly important in these times of climate change and environmental upheaval. It is crucial to gather information on this traditional knowledge for two main reasons: to archive it as a source of information before the environments change to the point that this knowledge is lost, and, secondly, to use it, along with scientific knowledge, to help populations adapt to these important climatic changes. Although this is a pressing issue, there has not been much research done in this field, at least, not to our knowledge.

Concrete actions:

- a. an open web conference on this topic, possibly in October, or otherwise in December during the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting, with three or four presenters, presided by Laurier Turgeon
- b. Mapping or presenting relevant research and or good practices ...

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