# The role of NGOs and Safeguarding experiences

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#### The role of the NGOs

- The general nature of ICH is that the practice is connected to people;
   To individuals, practitionars, bearers and communities. The term community is mentioned 29 times in the form used for RL
- This is one of the main reasons the NGOs have a crucial role in the convention. We are *in* the field, working with practicionars and communities. The ICH is something vibrant, concrete and alive. Not just an abstract element on a list
- Important to create platforms for exchange of experiences from the field, good or bad, ideas, inspiration and methodology, so that we can learn from each other



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#### Established in Baku at the 9.COM

- An online journal where accredited NGOs could share their experiences from the field.
- Since 2012 NGOs and experts have been sharing articles, from different parts of the world, covering different domains.
- In this work the Editorial board have played an active role, with dedicated board members

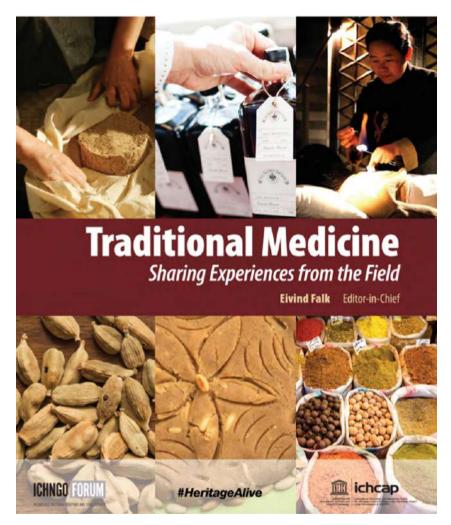




#### **Traditional Medicine**

- The interest for the theme *traditional medicine* surprised us.
- We decided to make a book
- Cooperation with ICHCAP was established in Addis Ababa.
- The book was presented at the 12.COM in Jeju.





#### Next step

- In Jeju we decided that we should make a new book on either woodcarving or traditional food
- Again in cooperation with ICHCAP. Confirmed in Jeonju this autumn
- We have allready received 10 articles. Two of them will be presented on the #HeritageAlivesymposium on Wednesday this week.
- It will be ready in 2019 and presented at the 14.COM
- You are welcome to join our hard-working







### Nordic safeguarding Practic

- The main purpose of the website Nordic Safeguarding Practices is to present Good practices in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in the Nordic region.
- Contributing countries are: Sweden,
   Finland, Iceland, Denmark, Greenland,
   Norway. The territories Faroe Island and Åland have also reserved place on the site.



Sharing intangible cultural heritage

# Nordic Safeguarding Practices

Good practices from:





## www.nordicsafeguardingpractices.org Bring to the fore innovative and creative practices

- Raise awareness of common identity as well as diversity in the region
- Join forces to harmonize the implementation of the Convention in the Nordic region





### Mind the gap

As NGOs we play a crucial role in the implementing of the convention.

We are, so to say minding the gap between the community and practitioners on one side, and the State parties on the other.

This is why the NGOs experiences and reflections from the field are vital, and need platforms for sharing.



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