

REPORT ICH NGO FORUM GENERAL MEETING 2018

The General Meeting of the ICH NGO Forum met on 26 November 2018 in Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius, to the occasion of 13.COM.

On the initiative of the Steering committee, the GM was organized around the following **agenda:**

- the flagship actions of ichngoforum;
- the activity report of the steering committee;
- the financial report;
- the activity report of the working groups
- the draft action plan of the ethics working group;
- •a reflection on the future role of NGOs in the evaluation process;
- an introduction to the elections of the members of the steering committee
- other issues

The flagship actions of ichngoforum are

- specific activities such as: symposiums, the creation of working groups, the publication of a newspaper, conferences;
- international cooperation and networking;
- dissemination of information via the website, social networks;
- governance
- participation in convention meetings;
- exchanges with the Secretariat
- exchanges with other stakeholders including: States Parties, Category II Centers and communities;
- processes: Capacity Building, Regional networking, Reflection ROLES OF NGOs and accreditation process, relation to overall Results Framework,
- etc.

Report of Steering Committee work 2018

The work of the steering committee was organized via monthly meetings on skype for the coordination of ichngo Forum, exchanges with the Secretariat, communication; representation of the Forum in activities, contribution in inter-alia roles, ...

Financial report of the forum

The financial report of the forum was presented. In terms of donation, the forum did not receive any contribution in terms of donations or contributions in 2018. Expenditure for the year, at October 31, 2018 was valued at € 8029 on an initial budget of € 14286 ie a balance of € 6036. The steering committee thanked Diego Gradis of Tradition for tomorrow, for accompanying the steering committee for the management of the account. This accompaniment was essential especially as the person in charge of the forum account was defective.

Following the presentation, voices were heard on the financial report and the functioning of the committee. How are financial resources managed and why was the financial report not broken down earlier to allow the NGO to take its content early enough? For the management of the account, it was recalled that the account was managed by the association "ICH NGO Forum" whose members are only the members of the steering committee. For the non-dissemination of the report, it was recalled that the said report was not circulated in a timely manner in view of the failure of the treasurer.

WORKING GROUPS

Following the steering committee, the working groups briefly presented the results of their activities since the previous session. It was recognized that there was not much communication during the year between members of the working group. The need to strengthen communication systems and regional networks was reiterated.

ETHICS

A proposal of ethical principles for accredited NGOs, in accordance with ethical guidelines, was discussed. At the proposal presented, an agreement in principle was given, subject to it has been reworked by the working group on ethics.

Introduction to the elections of the members of the steering committee:

The steering committee reviewed the election process. That consisted in presenting to the assembly, the constitution of the electoral committee, the call for applications, the selection of candidates. For the year 2018, the positions open to election are the group Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Europe and North America. As arrested at the 12th IGC, a post for international NGOs.

The successful candidates are by electoral group are

AFRICA

- -M. Sekou BERTE (Mali Cultural Heritage Agency, Mali)
- -M. Seraphin BOUTE (Global Development for Pygmees Minorities, Congo)

ASIA-PACIFIC

- -M. Dong Hwan CHOI (CICS, Korea)
- -M. Ravi SAHU (Indian Association of Sports For All, HVPM, India)
- -Mrs Sajida Haider VANDAL (Trust for History, Arts and Architecture, Pakistan)

EASTERN EUROPE

- M. Kaloyan NIKOLOV (European Association of Folklore Festivals, Bulgaria)

WESTERN EUROPE-NORTH AMERICA

- -M. Vincenzo CAPUANO (Associazione Sant'Antuono & le Battuglie di Pastellessa, Italy)
- -Mrs Amelia FRAZAO MOREIRA (Centro em rede de investigação em antropologia/ Centre for Research in Anthropology, Portugal)
- -Mrs Meg NOMGARD (Berättarnätet Kronoberg/ The Storytelling Network of Kronoberg, Sweden)
- -M. Lluís Garcia PETIT (Ensemble de l'Associacionisme Cultural Català, Spain)

INTERNATIONAL NGOS

- -Mrs Hee Sook LEE-NIINIOJA (ICOMOS-ICICH, Headquarters in Paris)
- Mrs Naila CERIBASIC (International Council for Traditional Music, Headquarters in Austria)

- -M. Bohumil STRAKA (International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey, Headquarters in Belgium)

Each candidate was entitled to 4 minutes to introduce himself. Following these various presentations, appointments were made for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 for the election of new members of the Steering committee. Taken by the time, the General Meeting ended around 21h.

Port Louis on November 28, 2018

The steering committee