

WG Meeting minutes

Working group for more balanced geographical representation of NGOs

Thursday, 31st March 2022 / 15:00 – 16:30 (Paris time/GMT+1)

Welcome / Agenda

Chairperson of the working group, Cholponai U-G from Aigine CRC, welcomed all the participants to the meeting and went through the Agenda of the meeting. Recording and minutes of the meeting are going to be distributed at the ICH NGO Forum's website and Youtube channel.

Presentation of a NGO

Unfortunately, a presentation was not available for the meeting. It was discussed that presentations are important vehicle to gain understanding of the different roles and circumstances of NGOs in different regions, and thus the working group shall continue to have presentations in its meetings.

Finalizing outreach plan

The outreach plan was finalized and approved.

WG governance structure & election procedures

It was discussed that the governance structure and election procedures are not formalized with the working group, since it was just officially created in December 2021. It was decided that choosing the chair and a secretary should be done in the working group meeting during the committee meeting of the 2003 Convention in every December and that the election should be done by consensus.

Q&A and closing of the meeting

It was discussed that the working group start its awareness raising and capacity building work by organizing a meeting with African NGOs to get more information about the current situation and get input how to achieve the working group goals.

It was decided to organize a meeting with African ANGOs on 4th of May. Financial aid will be asked from the Steering committee to take care of the costs of the interpreters.

Chairperson closed the meeting and concluded that the meeting was very fruitful.