



INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Working Group Research: Action Plan for 2023

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 related to research in the field of ICH. During the Working Group Research meeting on **31 March 2023**, it was decided to confirm the work-in-progress on two main domains in 2023:

1. Giving continuity to the toolkit on ICH and Sustainable Tourism;
2. Working on the Symposium for the 20th Anniversary of the 2003 UNESCO Convention;

Collective reflection has brought out these relevant issues as possible fields of work for the future. These topics could also be taken into account in the Symposium agenda (point 2) and in further developments in the Forum:

- ICH and cultural policies
- ICH, knowledge of nature, environment and climate change
- ICH and cultural landscapes
- ICH, indigenous communities and minorities
- ICH and conflict
- ICH and sustainable development
- ICH and risks related to decontextualization and commercialization
- Research methodologies linked to participatory inventories of intangible heritage and good practices/experiences in progress

1. ICH and sustainable tourism

As decided during several meeting between 2022 and 2023, the toolkit is a starting point to exchange information on this topic, to map the expertise of the ICH-NGO Forum members and share good practices and concrete actions.

In 2023, these objectives orient our actions:

- > keep the web dossier alive via regular working sessions - thinking on different alliances and partnerships, addressing strategic challenges and ways forward
- > working on a communication strategy for the webdossier
- > monitoring of requests and collaborations linked to the web dossier are happening
- > translating in multiple languages are in process

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2. Symposium 2023, 18.COM

This format has been proposed during the first 2023 meeting

Celebrating 20 years of UNESCO 2003 Convention. Making the next 20 years together!

The ICH NGO Forum as a community of practice and safeguarding the Spirit of the Convention reflects on the road travelled and the way forward

objective: Share the objective/outputs: bring a beautiful message while also pointing out the challenges

Steps:

- Build a small operational working group on the Symposium, via a call in the List, to take the work forward (May-June 2023)
- Launch a call to all NGOs: what are the important questions for the next 20 years for the Convention? What is the role of the NGOs in this? And of the ICH NGO Forum?
- Have a draft program with Agenda ready for August 2023 and share with EB to include important reflections in NGO report for 18.COM on 20th anniversary

First tentative draft programme:

1. AM. Opening greetings from the Secretariat
2. Introduction and reflection by some key-persons of the ICH NGO Forum (founders and 'compagnons de route') on the history and the ICH NGO Forum main achievements, evolutions, challenges.
3. Round tables on the topics resulting from the call to the NGOs – in coordination with the EB and the other WG (Heritage Alive, Ethics, ORF, etc)
4. PM. (Critical-constructive) Reflections from key-speakers on the cases/evolutions presented in the morning
5. Conclusions

3. General cooperation strategy

The working Group Research will participate to the **general coordination meeting organized by the Steering Committee** and the others Working Groups, in order to improve the cooperation and coordination between the different ICH NGO Forum Working Groups.

4. Teams and coordination management, 2023

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