



## Caribbean Youth Forum on Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage

20-24 November 2012, Grenada

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UNESCO, through its Intangible Cultural Heritage Section, invites youth participants from the Caribbean to submit applications to attend the Caribbean Youth Forum on Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage to be held in Grenada, 20-24 November 2012. Each National Commission is responsible for the dissemination of this information and for the pre-selection at national level. With the exception of candidates from Cayman Islands, Curacao, Sint Maarten and Suriname who have until **14 September 2012** to submit their applications to their National Commission/counterparts, all other candidates must submit applications to the National Commission of their country by **22 August 2012**. Their contact details are on the UNESCO website at

[http://www.unesco.org/ncp/index.php?lc=E&region=5&module=national\\_commissions&web](http://www.unesco.org/ncp/index.php?lc=E&region=5&module=national_commissions&web)

Thanks to the generous contribution of Bulgaria and the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund, the Caribbean Youth Forum on Intangible Cultural Heritage will be held in Grenada from the 20 to 24 November 2012. It intends to foster recognition of the significant role of young people in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage and respond to the need of strengthening their knowledge and capacities in this area. Organized in the context of UNESCO's global strategy to strengthen national safeguarding capacities through the effective implementation of the 2003 Convention, it will bring together about 25 participants from youth groups/organizations in the sub-region active in the field of culture. The youth coming from about 17 different Caribbean Small Island and Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will learn about the core concepts of the Convention and develop substantial understanding of its mechanisms and their role in the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.

The five-day forum is structured around a number of sessions: introducing the participants, introducing the 2003 Convention, key concepts in the Convention, intangible cultural heritage (ICH) safeguarding and sustainable development, field trip preparation, field trip visit to ICH community 1 and 2, feedback and discussion on field trip visit, the role of youth in ICH safeguarding, team planning and reporting on an action plan for participants' engagement in ICH safeguarding, conclusion and evaluation of the Forum. At the conclusion of the session on team planning and reporting, participants will draft a brief report on their experience during the Forum to be submitted to the 7th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

## OBJECTIVES

The Forum intends to:

- build knowledge of youth on the Convention's concepts and mechanisms and their role in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage;
- foster dialogue among youth on strategies to strengthen the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage;
- orient youth toward activities and collaboration geared at safeguarding their intangible cultural heritage, building in the process mutual respect for the heritage of others.

## PROFILE

**Nationality:** a national of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

**Age:** candidates must be between 20 to 25 years of age as at 30 November 2012.

**Language:** fluency in English (forum will be conducted in English only).

**Attitude:** commitment to learning about the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and being involved in the safeguarding process at the national and sub-regional level.

**Community Involvement:** participation in safeguarding activities as a part of a youth group or organization active in the field of cultural heritage.

## SELECTION PROCESS

### **Participants from British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Sint Maarten and Suriname:**

Candidates are asked to submit applications to the National Commissions/counterparts of their country by **14 September 2012**, following which the National Commissions are to conduct the selection of one candidate and submit his or her application to UNESCO for confirmation by **28 September 2012**.

### **All other applicants**

Once candidates have submitted their application to attend the Caribbean Youth Forum on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage to their National Commission, it will go through various stages:

1. **Submission by National Commission** - after completing its pre-selection, determining that candidate profiles corresponds to the skills and abilities required, respective National Commissions will submit the applications to the Intangible Cultural Heritage Section at UNESCO by **31 August 2012**. Each country may submit a maximum of 5 applications.
2. **Examination**- applications are examined by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Section.
3. **Selection**- the Intangible Cultural Heritage Section will inform candidates directly if their application is successful (their respective National Commissions will be notified).

**Additional Information:** all selected candidates will be expected to confirm their availability to attend the forum as well as to provide additional information as requested by UNESCO. All boarding and travel expenses of participants to the forum will be covered by UNESCO.

Please note that the contact details of all pre-selected and selected candidates will be stored in our database to be utilized for future activities involving youth participation.

**For further information** regarding the forum, kindly contact Susanne Schnuttgen, Chief of the Capacity Building and Heritage Policy Unit ([s.schnuttgen@unesco.org](mailto:s.schnuttgen@unesco.org)) and Ritamae Hyde, Assistant Programme Specialist in the same Unit ([rm.hyde@unesco.org](mailto:rm.hyde@unesco.org)).