

## QUESTIONNAIRE

### **General Information:**

**Country:** Uzbekistan

### **Organization responsible for the preparation of the project:**

National Library of Uzbekistan named after Alisher Navoi

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### **Brief description of the consultation process established for the preparation of the report:**

Consultation process covered 14 regional information libraries centers of Uzbekistan. Moreover, the recommendation was subject for discussion during INFOLIB National Week, organized by the National Library of Uzbekistan during 16-20 October 2018 (<http://www.natlib.uz/en>)

### **General Support:**

#### **1. Has the Recommendation been promulgated to appropriate ministries and institutions?**

The Recommendation was promulgated to the National Library of Uzbekistan and other 14 regional information library centers of Uzbekistan.

#### **2. Has the Recommendation been translated into the national language?**

We have used the text of the recommendation in Russian language since most of experts are fluent in Russian language too.

#### **3. Has your country created a supportive, participatory, enabling and stable environment for all parties? (1.1, 1.2, 3.1,4.5, 5.1, 5.2)**

Nowadays the issue of creating equal supportive and stable conditions for 14 regional information resource centers is being worked out.

#### **4. How, if at all, has your country applied international standards and curatorial best practice (2.4, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.5)?**

Manuscripts and rare editions are stored in accordance with standard GOST 7.50-2002 "Preservation of Documents. General requirements".

#### **5. What consultation mechanisms does the government maintain with stakeholders in the documentary heritage sector (national and private**

**memory institutions, professional associations, relevant NGOs)? (1.2)**

Some of these measures are reflected in the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Measures to Implement the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 20, 2012 No. PP-1729" On Measures to Organize the Activities of the Navoi National Library of Uzbekistan. Information Resource Center”

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 202 "On Measures to Ensure the Preservation of Unique, Especially Valuable and Rare Publications, System Increase and Enrichment of its Fund" dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**6. What actions has your country taken in order to support memory institutions in establishing policies and standards by research and consultation, guided by internationally established norms? (1.1,1.2, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2)**

The National Library named after Alisher Navoi holds regular events and procedures aimed to preserve historical documents on the basis of approved international standards. Work is underway to facilitate access to historical documents by creating analogue catalogs. A special program was developed with a constantly updated digital database, designed to facilitate the use of historical documents by researchers at the website [www.nodir.natlib.uz](http://www.nodir.natlib.uz)

**7. What major capacity-building measures and policies have taken place within the sector? Is research and training for documentary heritage professionals organized in your country? How often? (2.4, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 5.1, 5.2)**

We hold regular events and trainings aimed to preserve historical documents on the basis of approved international standards for our 14 information-library centers. Besides, National Library of Uzbekistan, there are also research groups and institutes with funds storing historical documents such as Beruni Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences, State Archives Committee and others.

**Legislation and mandates:**

**8. What legislation does your country have in place to?**

- Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Information-Library Activity” (13<sup>th</sup> April 2011, No. 280)
- Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Copyrights and Related Rights” (20<sup>th</sup> July 2006, No. 42)
- Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “State Youth Policy” (14<sup>th</sup> September 2016, No. 406)
- Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Organization of Information-Library Services for Population” (20<sup>th</sup> June 2006, No. 381)

- Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Measures for ICT-Based Quality Development of Information-Library Services for 2011-2015” (23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, No. 1487)
- Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Establishment of Information Resources Center at the Navoi National Library of Uzbekistan” (20<sup>th</sup> March 2012, No. 1729)
- Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “E-Library and Creation of Full-Text Electron Information Sources at the Libraries” (5<sup>th</sup> July 2011, No. 198).
- Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Measures Related with Establishment of Information Resources Center at the Navoi National Library of Uzbekistan” (4<sup>th</sup> April 2012, No. 98).
- Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on “Protection Measures of Unique and Rare Documentary Sources” (9<sup>th</sup> July 2012, No. 202)
- Rules on Information-Library Services at the National Library of Uzbekistan
- Rules on Virtual Services of the National Library of Uzbekistan
- Rules on Utilization of Information Sources in Internet through National Library of Uzbekistan
- Rules on Book Exchange between National Library of Uzbekistan and foreign libraries
- Rules on Access to the Fund of Rare Manuscripts and Books of the National Library of Uzbekistan

**9. Has government net funding of national memory institutions (in recent years) increased or decreased? By how much? (4.1)**

Government net funding information is not available.

**10. What long term investment in analogue and digital documentary preservation has been made?**

In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Priority Measures for the Implementation of the National General Education Electronic Library Project in Financial Cooperation with the Economic Development and Cooperation Fund of the Republic of Korea" No. PP-2088 dated December 17, 2013 and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Strategy and Finance of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan, concluded on December 18, 2013, the National Library of Uzbekistan, together with the Ministry of the Development of Information Technologies and Communications carries out work on the implementation of the project "National General Education Electronic Library".

As part of this investment project, the installation is foreseen the Digitization Center for scanning and digitizing information and library resources to provide online access to the resources of the National Library and other libraries participating in the project.

The implementation of the National Educational Electronic Library

(NEEL) project will also allow safeguarding valuable national library information resources and publications.

**11. What encouragement has been given in the development of open source software and access to proprietary codes by memory institutions? (4.7, 4.8)**

There was no requirement for an open source code. Resource is based on ASP.NET language.

**Identification and preservation status of documentary heritage**

**12. Do all national memory institutions have published collection development, preservation and access policies? Are there in your country established policies, mechanisms and criteria for selecting, acquiring and de-selecting documentary heritage? What policies have been developed recently? (1,1)**

National Library of Uzbekistan published some tutorials for preservation of documentary heritage for 14 regional information libraries centers of Uzbekistan. There are mechanisms and criteria for the selection, acquisition and withdrawal of documentary heritage in the National Library.

**13. What documentary heritage has been identified as at potential or imminent risk (if any)? What action has been taken? Was it brought to the attention of competent bodies? (1.3, 2.7, 5.5)**

Till now National library of Uzbekistan does not reveal the documentary heritage with potential or imminent risk.

**14. What arrangements are in place to protect the documentary heritage from danger? (5.4)**

Backup and digital copies are created, policies and procedures are in place to prevent the loss of documentary heritage.

**15. What practical support has been given to private, local and individual collections of documentary heritage? Are they visible in national directories? (1.3, 4.3)**

We do not have information relating to private and individual collections of documentary heritage.

**16. What specific steps have been taken to encourage consistency of best practice, coordination and sharing of tasks among memory institutions? (2.1, 2,7)**

Joint seminars, conferences and trainings between institutions of memory of the Republic of Uzbekistan are regularly held.

Master classes and capacity building seminars were held to improve the skills of curators of museums, archives and libraries with support of the 2014-2015 UNESCO Participation Programme project on "Development of Open Educational Resources and Preservation of Documentary Heritage of Libraries in Uzbekistan". The National Library of Uzbekistan conducted a

training seminar on "Preservation and Accessibility of Documentary Heritage in Uzbekistan", which was carried out with support of the National Commission for UNESCO and with participation of 14 regional information-library institutions, "Oltin Meros" Foundation, Ministry for the Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Culture of Uzbekistan, State Archive Committee of Uzbekistan, Academy of Sciences.

**17. What training schemes have been developed? (1.5)**

There is a training system designed to ensure the identification, preservation and accessibility of the documentary heritage.

**18. What is the level of involvement of national memory institutions in international professional associations and networks? (2,8, 2,9)**

Medium (Participation in International Professional Associations)

**19. Are there partnerships, including public-private ones, established allowing sharing of costs, facilities and services? (2.2, 3.4, 4.2)**

The public-private partnership approach just started to introduce in Uzbekistan.

**20. Is there in your country a national Memory of the World committee? If not, what plans exist to establish one? (4.10, 5.6)**

National Memory of the World Committee was established under the National Library of Uzbekistan with support of the National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO. Members of the Committee are representatives from 14 regional information libraries centers, State Archives Committee, Academy of Sciences and universities.

**21. What recent nominations have been made to Memory of the World registers (international, regional, national)? (1.4)**

"Archives of Chancellery of Khiva Khans", prepared by the Central State Archive of Uzbekistan, was inscribed to the "Memory of the World" International Register in 30 October 2017. New nomination "

"The Turkestan Collection" of the National Library of Uzbekistan was inscribed to the Asia-Pacific regional register of the Memory of the World Programme on 19 May 2016. "The Turkestan Collection" is a kind of encyclopedia on history, ethnography, geography, economics and culture of Central Asia. The collection is a thematic selection of clippings from periodicals, sometimes including individual books as a whole. Total number of volumes - 594; their content covers the period from the beginning of the 70s of the XIX century until 1917.

Two new nominations have been submitted by the Republic of Uzbekistan to the "Memory of the World" International Register in August 2017 for the next cycle:

- 1) Manuscript “Comment Kazi-Zade Rumi on “Al-Mulakhkhas fi al-hay’ah” (Compendium of Astronomy) al-Chaghmini” (prepared by the National Library of Uzbekistan);
- 2) "The Qushbegi Chancellery of the Bukhara Emirate" (prepared by the Central State Archive of Uzbekistan).

**22. Are there any Memory of the World outreach and visibility activities organized in your country enhancing accessibility of documentary heritage? Please give examples. (3.7)**

The National Library of Uzbekistan has created a bibliographic and full-text database of manuscripts, as well as rare editions stored in the National Library and of historical, scientific, artistic, and cultural value.

The National Library of Uzbekistan has created a website [www.nodir.natlib.uz](http://www.nodir.natlib.uz) with the presentation of electronic images and a bibliographic database with annotations on unique and especially valuable publications stored in the National Library as well as historical, scientific, artistic and cultural value.