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Reflection on the role of accredited non-governmental organizations within the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

7 September to 19 October 2018

Questionnaire for States Parties and accredited NGOs

*You are kindly invited to fill out the questionnaire below no later than **19 October 2018**, in order for the Secretariat to gather initial data prior to the thirteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in November-December 2018. Please provide concrete and specific comments and suggestions and avoid general statements. Further information on the reflection process is included in Document ITH/18/NGO/1.*

Section A pertains to the experience of accredited NGOs with the current accreditation system and therefore specifically targets NGOs. Sections B, C, D, E and F include questions for both States Parties and accredited NGOs.

The questionnaire is to be completed online at the following address:

<https://rebrand.ly/ngo-reflection>

Should you have any query or issue concerning the electronic consultation or the reflection process, please kindly contact the Secretariat at ich-ngo@unesco.org.

Accredited NGO <input type="checkbox"/>	State Party <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of accredited NGO: Reference number (for NGOs): Year of accreditation (for NGOs):	Name of State Party:
Name and title of contact person: Email address of contact person:	Name and title of contact person: Email address of contact person:

Section A. Sharing experiences about the current accreditation system of NGOs (*for NGOs only*)

1. What are the main reasons that motivated your NGO to seek accreditation under the Convention?

2. Since the accreditation of your organization, has the accreditation system supported your work?
 Yes Rather yes Rather no No
3. Did it support your work in the way you expected?
 Yes No
4. If you consider that the accreditation system supported your work, please explain in which ways this was achieved.

5. Is your organization actively involved in the ICH NGO Forum?
 Yes Rather yes Rather no No
6. Please specify how your organization has been specifically involved in the ICH NGO Forum. If your organization has not been involved in the ICH NGO Forum, please kindly describe the main reasons why your organization did not or could not be involved.

7. What are the main challenges encountered by your NGO in its activities for the safeguarding of living heritage?

Section B. Identifying potential advisory functions of NGOs at the international level (*for States Parties and NGOs*)

8. Beside participation in the work of the Evaluation Body, what role(s) could accredited NGOs play in the implementation of the Convention at the international level? Please be as specific as possible.

Section C. Identifying potential advisory functions of NGOs at the national level (*for States Parties and NGOs*)

9. How can the accreditation system of NGOs support the work carried out by NGOs in the implementation of the Convention at the national level? Please be as specific as possible.

Section D. Redefining the accreditation system of NGOs (for States Parties and NGOs)

10. Is the current accreditation system of NGOs adequate?
- Yes Rather yes Rather no No
11. If you wish to propose modifications to the current accreditation system, please provide specific suggestions.
12. Are the current accreditation criteria (as defined in paragraph 91 of the Operational Directives) relevant and sufficient?
- Yes Rather yes Rather no No
13. If you wish to propose modifications to the current criteria or propose the addition of new criteria, please provide specific suggestions.
14. When reviewing the contribution and the commitment of accredited NGOs and their relations with the Committee (ref. paragraph 94 of the Operational Directives), what should be taken into consideration in the assessment of NGOs?
15. Which specific measures should be taken to ensure a balanced geographical distribution of accredited NGOs?
16. Should the accreditation system take into consideration the disparity in size and capacities of NGOs?
- Yes No
17. If you think the accreditation system should take into consideration the disparity in size and capacities of NGOs, in which ways could this be achieved?
18. Should the Convention foresee different types of accreditation for NGOs?
- Yes No
19. If the Convention had different types of accreditation, which criteria should define those different types of accreditation?
20. If the Convention had different types of accreditation, which entity should manage each type of accreditation?

Section E. Defining the role of the ICH NGO Forum (*for States Parties and NGOs*)

21. What do you expect to be the functions of the ICH NGO Forum? Do you see possible or desirable developments for the ICH NGO Forum?

Section F. Other issues (*for States Parties and NGOs*)

22. What other suggestions would you like to make?