UNIT 41

Hand-out 5.b:

General assessment of the initial irrigators’ council nomination

Use this hand-out together with the **‘**Instructions for completing nomination forms ICH-01 and ICH-02**’** (available at the webpage <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/forms>) to analyse the initial nomination file. These questions can guide the discussion, but feel free to raise other issues and concerns.

* Is the name of the element sufficiently descriptive?
* Has the community concerned been correctly identified?
* Is the geographical range of the element adequately described?
* Has an adequate rationale for the selection of the concerned community(ies) been advanced?
* How does the element fit into each of the domains named?
* Is there too much or too little historical detail in the nomination?
* Is there sufficient detail in Section 1 to determine whether the element complies with the definition of ICH in the Convention?
* Is there sufficient information to determine the identity of bearers and practitioners and their diverse roles?
* Is the present-day function and value of the element for the community, group or individuals involved clear from the information in the file?
* Is there evidence that the community concerned has been involved in the preparation of the nomination, including the safeguarding measures proposed?
* How unequivocal is the State’s support to the safeguarding plan?
* Does the inscription give proof that the element satisfies the definition of ICH provided in the Convention?
* Will the proposed measures safeguard the element and or protect it from negative effects of inscription?
* Have any appropriate customary restrictions on access to the element been identified? If so, are they taken into account appropriately?
* Is the documentation complete?
* Have the photos and videos been well chosen? If not, what could they have chosen instead?
* Are the contacts provided appropriate?
* Has the form been signed by an appropriate person?