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REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2019

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

<https://ich.unesco.org/en/forms>

1. Name of the organization

1.a. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

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1.b. Name in English or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.

Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage

2. Contact of the organization

2.a. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization:	Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage
Address:	Georgia; Tbilisi; Mitskevichi St #21
Telephone number:	+995577595832
Email address:	ssakdrisicommitee@gmail.com
Website:	https://www.facebook.com/SakdrisiCommittee/ ;
Other relevant	https://sakdrisiblog.wordpress.com/?fbclid=IwAR2DHeG5Z6ZmqQh8Hdmr0CCx

information: heF-sFAhIFx3YRYG9ruBw6D8b7UVI1uLFVg

2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.): Ms. Anna Mikautadze

Family name:

Given name:

Institution/position: "Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage" - Public Relations Manager

Address: Georgia, Tbilisi, Mitskevichi #21; appartment #17

Telephone number: +995577595832

Email address: annamikautadze@hotmail.com

Other relevant
information:

3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out its activities.

local

national

international (please specify:)

worldwide

Africa

Arab States

Asia & the Pacific

Europe & North America

Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) in which it is active:

4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

March, 2014

5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

Sakdrisi was established on March 2014. At this time gold manufacturing company named Rich Metal Group - RMG decided to seize control over Sakdrisi Gold Mine, recognized as Cultural Heritage, one of the oldest gold mines in the world, dating back almost 5,000 years. RMG started gold recovery process. By this time Georgian Government position was unclear about RMG's illegal actions. Volunteers of different professions from Georgia started gathering to survive the Cultural Heritage.

6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place for establishing that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:
Cultural Heritage Sites in Georgia.

6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures – please specify:

6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information

The Sakdrisi Community Public Committee stood at the site from 12 April 2014 to 13 December 2014. The site preserved a monumental cultural heritage of the national importance category of Sakdrisi deposit. In parallel, volunteers were supported by the world's authoritative scientists and organizations, including UNESCO and Europa Nostra (see Letters), to defend the monument by court proceedings against the Ministry of Culture. After the explosion of the monument we had consultations with opposition parties and we raised the question of setting up an investigative commission of The Sakdrisi explosion and we continued with the trials. In 2015 The Sakdrisi Committee has started the activity for the construction of Sakdrisi Museum, the results were positive and the museum will be opened in the summer of 2019. In 2015 The Sakdrisi Protection Committee changed its name to Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage (Sakdrisi Committee) and began fight in order, to have a choice of Business and cultural heritage to be compatible in Georgia.

Sakdrisi Committee Activities – 2014-2019 – Cultural Heritage

1. The Sakdrisi Committee was set up in March 2014 to protect the ancient gold mine of Sakdrisi cultural heritage monument (5000y).
2. Sakdrisi Committee defended the gold mine at the site for 9 months, this was the longest action in recent history.
3. In May 2014, Sakdrisi Committee won a trial against the Ministry of Culture for the unlawful removal of a monument status.
4. On 28 August 2014, the Sakdrisi Committee received support letter from the President of UNESCO.
5. On December 14, 2014 the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia condemned the ambush of Sakdrisi and demanded the punishment of the people responsible. This was the only "condemnation" from the Catholicos-Patriarch of Georgia.
6. The Sakdrisi Committee has been trying to stop the destruction of the monument within six months after the explosion of the monument, together with the opposition parties, to create an investigative commission for the Sakdrisi blast in the Parliament.
For this purpose, an exhibition was held and in May judges were brought to study the state of the monument.
7. From spring 2015, Sakdrisi Committee has started to active work on Sakdrisi Museum. The museum will be opened in the spring of 2019.
8. In May 2016, the construction of aerodrome was suspended in Mtskheta, which was included in UNESCO list. (Suspended to date).
9. In June, 2016, activities, demonstrations and consultations were initiated regarding the prolonged construction of Mtskheta Museum. The Sakdrisi Committee for the first time demonstrated the status of 10 000 unique exhibits stored in a basement, and convened a committee hearing in the Parliament.
10. In December 2016, an anti-award "Oqros Uro" was established, which is given every 13th of December (The day of Sakdrisi explosion) to physical and legal persons who have contribute to the destruction of cultural heritage monuments. It's first owner became the Minister of Culture, Mikheil Giorgadze for the destruction of Sakdrisi.

11. In January 2017, the Sakdrisi Committee commenced fighting for the protection of the "Bneli Khevi" monuments, namely the 12th century monastery of "Phitareti" and the "Khuluti" fortress. The

monastery of "Phitareti" required urgent overlap in order to stop the water from damaging the already damaged unique frescoes.

12. In February 2017, after the damage of Tamar King's fresco in Vardzia, the Sakdrisi Committee initially asked for public consultations on the expediency of monastic life in museum reserves. (The result is partially achieved).

13. In May 2017, the Sakdrisi Committee began its activities to save Samshvilde and other monuments of Khramis Kheoba, consulted with the company "Khrami Cascade" to conduct a full archeological survey to refuse the risks associated with damages to Samshvilde, was denied by so-called "Power Fifth". The result has been achieved. The Sakdrisi Committee still cares about the Samshladze settlement.

14. In the case of public hearings of the new constitution in May-June 2017, the Sakdrisi Committee protested against the new version of the Constitution, with the exception of the relevant Article (Article 34 - Old Edition), accompanied by several non-governmental organizations, to the Venice Commission.

On May 31 the corresponding address was sent to the chairperson of the Parliament. Finally, the new edition of the Cultural Heritage Protection Article was replaced but still returned (Article 20).

15. On 4 August 2017, Sakdrisi Committee commenced action in "Phitareti", protested against the company "RMG Gold", for conduction an experimental explosion without agreement with the Monument Protection Agency, and later carrying heavy equipment into the monastery protection zone, which was followed by the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation giving a strict warning to "RMG Gold"

16. On December 13, 2017, Sakdrisi Committee Anti-Award "Oqros Uro" was awarded to "RMG Gold" and Vardzia Fathers Monastery.

17. February 2018th, as a result of hard work and demand of the monument committee, In Pankisi region village Birkiani, ruins of the VIII century's saint Marry's Church, as well as the adjacent tower, was saved from so called "black archeology" and finally was given the status of cultural heritage and their description.

18. On the initiative of Sakdrissi Committee, on June 27-29, 2018, the project "Cultural Heritage Children" was started in three cities of Qvemo Kartli, Marneuli, Bolnisi and Dmanisi, where pupils of Georgian and Azeri schools were involved.

19. In 2018, the Sakdrisi Committee completed two years of struggle to save "Satkha" and "Phitareti", resulting in the rehabilitation works on both monasteries.

20. Since June 2018, the Sakdrisi Committees activities have resulted in suspending the activities of "RMG Gold" as "Bneli Khevi" and "Kvemo Bolnisi" projects, which implies the following: The dark heritage of Bneli Khevi and Kvemo Bolnisi as well as the green environment is no longer threatened!

On March 27, 2016 Sakdriss Committee commenced its activity against the illegal constructions in the visual protection zone of Vardzia Museum-Reserve (a cultural heritage of the national category). On March 30, the works were officially suspended.

Sakdrisi Committee is the initiator of the annual Cultural Heritage Forum in Georgia aimed at raising awareness on cultural heritage. The Cultural Heritage Forum will be held in September.

Sakdrisi Committee is a union of volunteers and for the past 5 years is the protector of cultural heritage and the environment from business ... The objective of the Committee is to prevent the choice between cultural heritage and business. Decision to react on active subjects is done in agreement.

All are equally involved in the work of the Committee. The key element of the Sakdrisi committee is that the Committee has other members who are involved in the process of necessity. May this be a protest action or other.

The Sakdrisi Committee cooperates with the National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation,

the National Museum, "Blue Shield".

6.d. Description of the organization's competence and expertise

Please provide information on the personnel and members of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those that demonstrate the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information

The Sakdrisi Committee members:

Ana Mikautadze – Doctor

Teo Bekauri – Architect

Nino Tsipuria – Journalist

Eka Alpaidze – Journalist

Darejan Bregvadze – Mathematician

Irakli Mamaladze – Journalist

Nino Burchuladze – Journalist

Dato Gulbani - Khridoli Academy Founder.

Dato Kurashvili - Student

7. The organization's experiences in cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, practise and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

The Sakdrisi Committee cooperate with National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia; Georgian National Museum; Blue Shield International - Georgia ; Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia ; Parliament of Georgia ; Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia ; Political Parties in Georgia.

8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

*The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated, whenever possible, into English or French if the originals are in another language. **Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.***

8.a. Members and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, a list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of the members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.a'.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.b'.

8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already clearly indicated in the documentation provided under section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs, DVDs or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.

9. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Ana Mikautadze

Title: Memeber of The Sakdrisi Committee

Date: 30/04/2019

Signature:

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To Mr. Alexander Kellner Director of National Museum

Mr. Keller we would like to express our sympathy for the current situation in National Museum of Brazil in Rio de Janeiro. Following the world medianews a fire tore through the 200-year-old National Museum of Brazil, burning for more than five hours and destroying or damaging countless irreplaceable artifacts, fossils, memorabilia, works of art, and more. Words fall short of expressing our sorrow for your loss. The National Museum is the oldest scientific institution of Brazil and one of the largest museums of natural history and anthropology in the America. Brazilian National Heritage is important for all nations. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. We are familiar with the feeling on lose Cultural Heritage. Please, accept our deepest sympathy, Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage stands by National Museum of Brazil.

About Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage

Sakdrisi was established on March 2014. At this time gold manufacturing company named Rich Metal Group - RMG decided to seize control over Sakdrisi Gold Mine, recognized as Cultural Heritage, one of the oldest gold mines in the world, dating back almost 5,000 years. RMG started gold recovery process. By this time Georgian Government position was unclear about RMG's illegal actions. Volunteers from different regions of Georgia started gathering to survive the Cultural Heritage.

Documentary film about Gold of Sakdrisi: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNuT5VR9tfE>
Volunteers began 24 hours constant monitoring of Sakdrisi that lasted 9 months. This was the longest act of protest in the history of Georgia. Groups of volunteers – protectors of Sakdrisi were named as Sakdrisi Survival Committee. During these nine months of constant monitoring we moved the case through the court system. Europa Nostra (the largest European union, working on the cultural heritage matters), UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and a lot of other famous scientists, politicians from France, Germany, USA , Austria and Switzerland provided support for Cultural Heritage - Sakdrisi. Besides the protest actions on 13th of December, 2014 Rich Metal Group illegally exploded ancient gold mine of Sakdrisi-Kachagiani located in Bolnisi Municipality. The Historical Mine had been destroyed. After the “barbaric explosion” of Sakdrisi Civil society activists in Georgia have staged protests against the site's destruction. A few dozen young students have been camped out near Sakdrisi.

In February 2015 Sakdrisi Survival Committee demanded for establishing Temporary Parliamentary Investigative Commission in Parliament of Georgia to investigate the illegal explosion of the Historical Mine and started consulting process with different Political Parties.

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After the great effort of Sakdrisi Survival Committee the Government of Georgia and Rich Metal Group (RMG) agreed to build museum - a modern archaeological museum, value of 4 000 000 dollars.

Unfortunately, we couldn't manage to defend Sakdrisi. On February, 2016 Sakdrisi Survival Committee changed the named. Nowadays Sakdrisi Survival Committee is known as Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage. These activists and volunteers became the most influential civil society activists in Georgia. Lately we began to protect Cultural Heritage in Georgia and Ecosystem. Sakdrisi Survival Committee secures all of the Cultural Heritage which is threatened by private businesses, especially in the region where Rich Metal Group operates. Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage contradicts open cut mining process and cyanide irrigation process. We managed to stop the processes that could damage ecosystem. Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage still remains union of volunteers and negotiates with non-Governmental and Governmental organizations, organizes cultural events for popularization Cultural Heritage and for protecting ecosystem.

In 2016 Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage managed to stop the airdrome construction process near Mtskheta (Mtskheta site is in the list of UNESCO World Cultural Heritage) and staged protest scale requesting to build museum in the city Mtskheta, UNESCO was involves in project development process.

In February 2017 Sakhdrisi Committee of Cultural Heritage managed to interrupt Rich Metal Group's intention gold mining process in „Bneli Khevi”, Tetrtskharo Municipality.

In summer 2017 Sakdrisi Committee of Cultural Heritage with other organizations sent request to The Venice Commission to restore the Issue about Cultural Heritage in the new version of The Constitution of Georgia.

In 2016 Sakdrisi Committee of Cultural Heritage every 13th of December (Sakdrisi explosion day) awards companies, who promoted destroying Cultural Heritage with anti-prize - Golden Hammer.

From 2014 to February 2018 Sakdrisi Committee of Cultural Heritage organized 108 conference. About Sakdrisi Committee of Cultural Heritage is done a research, shot 3 documentary films and made several programs in Media.

Kind Regards,
Team of Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage



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Sep 25 at 2:15 AM

Dear Team of Sakdrisi Committee for Cultural Heritage,
Georgia

The Museu Nacional's Board of Directors gratefully thanks you the support we receive from you at this difficult moment.

Considering the difficulties the Museum Nacional is going through, we keep on developing most of our daily tasks, along with the emergency work of rescue.

We are deeply grateful concerning the support you are giving us.

Cordially,

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Ref.: CLT/HER/WHC/7501/14/5930

28 August 2014

Subject : **Sakdrissi gold mine**

Ms Gudushauri,

On behalf of the Director-General, I wish to thank you for your letter of 23 July last concerning the Sakdrissi gold mine and the project that the mining company, RMG Gold Ltd, is planning to develop in the area.

We have taken due note of the information you provided regarding the cultural heritage of the area, and have shared your letter with the relevant Georgian authorities for their information and follow-up, as appropriate and in accordance with the 1972 *Recommendation concerning the Protection, at National Level, of the Cultural and Natural Heritage*.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the safeguarding of cultural heritage worldwide, and to remain,

Yours sincerely,


Kishore Rao

cc: Permanent Delegation of Georgia to UNESCO
National Commission of Georgia for UNESCO



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Subject : Sakdrisi gold mine

Madam,

I would like to thank you for the additional information you transmitted regarding the Sakdrisi gold mine.

As previously noted in our letter of 28 August 2014, although the site is neither inscribed on the World Heritage List nor on the Tentative List of Georgia, we have taken due note of the information you provided regarding the cultural heritage of the area, and shared your letter with the relevant Georgian authorities.

Please note that the State Party submitted to the World Heritage Centre a detailed report concerning this issue. Both the information provided by your Association and the State Party report are under review by the relevant Advisory Bodies. Their comments will be transmitted to the relevant national authorities for follow-up, if appropriate.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in protecting cultural heritage and to remain,

Yours sincerely,

Kishore Rao
Director
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