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Consultation and Validation Workshop for the Somalia National Culture Strategy

Date 24 and 25 May 2021
SOMASA, Mogadishu, Somalia

*In the framework of the ArtXchange Programme:
Connecting Creative Youth in Africa and Europe*

This workshop will present the draft National Culture Strategy and Action Plan developed for Somalia following a national consultation meeting in November 2020, which looked at natural and cultural heritage, intangible cultural heritage, underwater cultural heritage as well as the cultural and creative industries sector. The workshop will share a brochure with participants on the role of culture policies and highlight the diversity of the culture sector in Somalia, which includes rich natural and cultural heritage assets and diverse intangible cultural heritage practices. The aim of the workshop will be to consult youth stakeholders and key national authorities in the culture sector in Somalia to present the draft strategy and action plan on how to mobilize culture for sustainable development and peace-building in Somalia and to get their inputs on how to make it stronger and more relevant and respond to their needs, priorities and challenges. The workshop will take place over two half-days (morning sessions), where the first day would present the outcomes and the second day would collect feedback and inputs. Following the workshop, the proposed inputs for the strategy and action plan will be shared with the Somali Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education. Depending on the COVID-19 prevention guidelines in place, approximately 20 youth stakeholders from Somalia will be invited to the workshop together with representatives of media, different ministries and cultural institutions (15 people). The workshop will be led in English and Somali with simultaneous interpretation available in English and Somali.

Draft Programme

Day 1: 24 May 2021

Presentation of the National Culture Strategy and Action Plan

Time	Item	Speaker
9:00am -9:25am	Introduction and Welcoming Remarks	Ms. Chiara Camozzi, Representative of CISP Somalia Ms. Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Director and Representative of UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa H.E Abdirahman Mohamud Abdulle, State Minister, Somali Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education

9:25am-9:30am	Group Photo	All participants
9:30am-9:40am	Introduction to the role of Culture in Sustainable Development and Peacebuilding	Ms. Karalyn Monteil, UNESCO Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
9:40am – 10:10 am	Presentation of the Draft National Culture Strategy	Mr. Ismail Yusuf Osman, Director General of Culture and Higher Education, MOECHE
10:10 am – 10:40am	Comments by International Experts	International Experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ayeta Wangusa (cultural and creative industries); • Mr. Peter Howard (natural heritage); • Prof. George Abungu (museums and cultural heritage); • Ms. Emily Drani (intangible cultural heritage and museums)
10:40 am -11:00 am	Discussion	Moderated by Mr. Abdiaziz Ibrahim Ali artXchange Project Manager
11:00 am-11:30 am	Presentation of the Draft Action Plan	Mr. Abdikadir Mohamed Osman, Head of the Culture and Research department of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education
11:30 am -11:35pm	Links with Education Strategy	Dr. Abdishakur Sheikh Hassan, Technical Advisor of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education
11:35 am -11:55pm	Discussion	Moderated by Mr. Abdulkadir Nur Hussein, Chairperson Somali Academy of Science and Arts (SOMASA)
11:55pm - 12:00 pm	Closing remarks	Mr. Mohamed Caabi Hassan, Director General of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education

Day 2: 25 May 2021

Youth/ministry feedback and validation of the National Culture Strategy and Action Plan

Time	Item	Speaker
9:00 – 9:10am	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Karalyn Monteil, UNESCO Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa

		Mr. Abdulkadir Nur Hussein, Chairperson Somali Academy of Science and Arts
9:10am-10:00am	Breakout groups for inputs on youth involvement in implementation of the Culture Strategy and Action Plan Group 1: Museums and Collections Group 2: Natural and Cultural Heritage Group 3: Intangible Cultural Heritage Group 4: Cultural and Creative Industries Group 5: Artisan and crafts sector	All participants
10:00am -11:30am	Presentation of Group feedback by rapporteurs (Approximately 15-20 minutes per group)	Moderated by Mr. Abdulkadir Nur Hussein, Chairperson Somali Academy of Science and Arts
11:30am -11:40am	Discussion	Moderated by Mr. Abdulkadir Nur Hussein, Chairperson Somali Academy of Science and Arts
11:40am-11:50am	Conclusions and Recommendations	Mr. Abdiqani Ahmed Abdullahi, Permanent Delegation of Somalia to UNESCO
11:50am-12:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Mr. Mohamed Caabi Hassan, Director General of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Higher Education