

Name of Institute/Centre	Regional Research Centre for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in West and Central Asia, Iran
Year of creation	2011
UNESCO focal point	Cécile Duvelle, CLT/CEH/ITH
Statutes and agreements	Agreement signed in August 2010
Thematic specialization	Contribute to implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in West and Central Asia; strengthen capacities and cooperation in the Region; further and coordinate scientific and technical studies; reinforce capacities in States of the Region that are Parties to the 2003 Convention for actively participating in its implementation on the regional and international level.
Geographic coverage	West and Central Asia
Is the agreement in compliance with UNESCO's integrated comprehensive strategy (35 C/22 and Corr.) adopted at the 35 th session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2009?	The agreement is in compliance with the fundamental provisions of the integrated comprehensive strategy, but minor changes will need to be made in the event of renewal.
Governing Board	Governing Council, to be composed of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a representative of the Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization; (b) a representative of two Member States that have sent a notification, in accordance with the stipulations of Article 5, paragraph 2, above; (c) a representative of the Iranian National Commission for UNESCO; (d) a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO; (e) three specialists in the field of intangible cultural heritage.
UNESCO staff detached	None
Financial contributions	2010-2011

	Regular programme (please provide details, i.e. cost of undertaking the feasibility study, activities, implemented through contractual arrangements, costs of participating in the governing boards, other)	Substantial investment of Regular Programme staff time; no out-of-pocket expenses
	Extrabudgetary (please provide details)	None
	Total	
	Centre or Institute's Budget and sources of financing	Not yet operational
	Has the Institute or Centre been audited, if yes by whom and what were the results?	No
Contribution to UNESCO's programme results at the Main Lines of Action (MLA) level in the 35 C/5	Centre is linked to CLT Main line of action 2: Safeguarding living heritage, particularly through the promotion and implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage; it is not yet operational and has thus made no contribution to date to the expected results of that MLA	
Does the institute or centre contribute to the implementation of a UNESCO sector strategy, if yes, please indicate how?	The Centre is intended to contribute to the Culture Sector's strategy for implementation of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	
Was a review carried out by UNESCO on the Centre/Institute's contribution to the Strategic Programme Objectives of the Organization prior to the expiration of the	Not applicable; centre is not yet operational and agreement will not expire until 2015	

<p>Institute/Centre's agreement?</p> <p>If yes, please provide a short synopsis of the results of this review (no more than 100 words max)</p>	
<p>Last external evaluation</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Has this centre/institute promoted best practices in promoting South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation, if yes, please provide a brief synopsis (100 words max)</p>	<p>Centre is not yet operational</p>