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ICH-08 Report – Form

REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

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Please provide only the information requested below. Annexes or other additional materials cannot be accepted.

A. Identification of the organization

A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report

A.1.a. Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.

WEST AFRICA COALITION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS (WACIPR)

A.1.b. Name of the organization in English and/or French.

WEST AFRICA COALITION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS (WACIPR)

A.1.c. Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)

NGO-90217

A.2. Address of the organization

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. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.

Organization: WEST AFRICA COALITION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS (WACIPR)
Address: NO 4, OTOKITI STREET, OFF UWELU ROAD, P.O. BOX 4228, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA
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Email address: wacipr@yahoo.com

Website:

Other relevant information:

A.3. Contact person for correspondence

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

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MR

Family name:

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Given name:

JOSEPH

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Other relevant information:

B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national level (Chapter III of the Convention)¹

Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.

B.1. Describe your organization's participation in State efforts to develop and implement measures to strengthen institutional capacities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH) (Article 13 and Operational Directive (OD) 154), e.g. in the drafting of ICH-related policies or legislation, in the establishment of national ICH committees or in other government-led processes.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

B.2. Describe your organization's cooperation with competent governmental bodies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (Article 13), including existing institutions for training on and the documentation of ICH (OD 154).

Not to exceed 250 words

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¹ In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers when filling in parts B, C and E.

B.3. Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the State's Periodic Report (OD 152).

Not to exceed 250 words

PROVISION OF DATA AND INFORMATION ON MONITORING

B.4. Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

B.5. Describe your organization's participation in the identification, definition (Article 11.b) and inventorying of ICH (Article 12, OD 80 and OD 153). Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

B.6. Describe your organization's participation in other safeguarding measures, including those referred to in Article 13 and OD 153, aimed at:

- a. promoting the function of ICH in society;
- b. fostering scientific, technical and artistic studies with a view to effective safeguarding;
- c. facilitating, to the extent possible, access to information relating to ICH while respecting customary practices governing access to specific aspects of it.

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

B.7. Describe your organization's involvement in measures to ensure greater recognition of, respect for and enhancement of ICH, in particular those referred to in Article 14, ODs 105 to 109 and OD 155:

- a. educational, awareness-raising and information programmes aimed at the general public, in particular young people;
- b. educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned;
- c. capacity-building activities for the safeguarding of ICH;
- d. non-formal means of transmitting knowledge;
- e. education for the protection of natural spaces and places of memory whose existence is necessary for expressing ICH.

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

C. Bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation

Report on any activities carried out by your organization at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives, as referred to in Article 19 and OD 156. You may, for example, consider the following issues:

- a. sharing information and documentation concerning shared ICH (OD 87);
- b. participating in regional cooperation activities including, for example, those of category 2 centres for ICH established under the auspices of UNESCO (OD 88);
- c. developing networks of NGOs, communities, experts, centres of expertise and research institutes at subregional and regional levels to develop joint and interdisciplinary approaches concerning shared ICH (OD 86).

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

- D.1 Has your organization participated in the Committee meetings or those of the General Assembly? If so, please indicate which meetings you attended and describe the nature of your contribution to the Committee's work.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

- D.2 Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (OD 26 to 31), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.

Not to exceed 100 words

NO

- D.3 In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (OD 96) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?

Not to exceed 500 words

SEE ANNEXE

E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (as described in OD 27 and OD 96):

- E.1. Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

E.2. Does your organization have experience in working across several ICH domains? Please describe your experiences.

Not to exceed 250 words

SEE ANNEXE

E.3. Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.

Not to exceed 250 words

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Not to exceed 250 words

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Not to exceed 250 words

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Report on activities carried out by your organization in cooperation with UNESCO (both direct cooperation with UNESCO as well as activities carried out under the auspices of UNESCO or for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention, or financial support, such as funding from the Participation Program).

Not to exceed 250 words

CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP IN NIGERIA.

G. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.

For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

Yes

YES

No

H. Signature

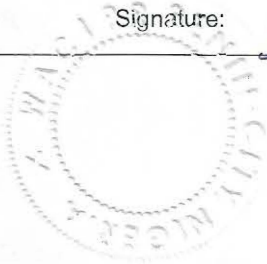
The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.

Name: JOSEPH OGIERIAKHI

Title: PROGRAMMES DIRECTOR

Date: 12 FEBRUARY, 2021

Signature: 



NGO REVIEW OF ACCREDITATION

ICH-08 REPORT (ANNEXE TO FORM)

B. CONTRIBUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

B.1.

WACIPR WAS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE VARIOUS MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE TO MOVE ICH FORWARD IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW. THE STAKEHOLDERS MEETINGS WERE HELD TO FORM EFFECTIVE SYNERGY AMONG NGOS AND STATE PARTY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ICH AT THE COMMUNITIES. UNESCO FOCAL OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE LIAISES WITH WACIPR CONSTANTLY ON ISSUES OF IMPLEMENTING ICH AT THE GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES.

B.2.

WACIPR PERIODICALLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE TRAINING MODULES OF THE NIGERIA INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL ORIENTATION (NICO) IN THE AREAS CONCERNED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE THROUGH WORKSHOP/SEMINARS AND ASSISTS THE STATE PARTY TO GAIN ACCESS TO SOME RESTRICTED ICH ELEMENTS

B.3. (SEE FORM)

B.4.

WACIPR CONTINUED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION OF NOMINATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE LIST. THE NGO WAS INVOLVED IN IDENTIFICATION, DOCUMENTATION AND INVENTORYING OF KWAGHIR THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE INSCRIBED IN 2019 (14.COM) ON THE REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY (NOMINATION FILE NO 0683). WACIPR ALSO LOBBIED COMMITTEE MEMBER STATES TO SUPPORT THE NOMINATION.



B.5.

WACIPR IS A COMMUNITY-BASED NGO WORKING WITH OVER 300 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES (2020) RICH IN INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE VAST COMMUNITIES WITH A VIEW TO SAFEGUARDING AND TRANSMISSION TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. THERE IS AN ON-GOING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION IN THE COMPILATION OF THE TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PHARMAPOEIA WITH ASSOCIATED INGENIOUS TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE. WACIPR HELPS STATE PARTIES TO SECURE ACCESS AND CONSENT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

B.6.

WACIPR ENGAGES IN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES REGARDING ICH, REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH ICH BEARERS, GROUP AND COMMUNITIES. IT RAISES AWARENESS FOR ICH AND THE 2003 CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE. WACIPR FACILITATES ACCESS TO ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATING TO ICH IN THE COMMUNITIES IT EXECUTES ITS MANDATE DUE TO EARNED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE OF THE POPULACE. THE NGO RESPONDS TO ENQUIRIES AND QUESTIONNAIRES FROM COMPETENT FOCAL NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES ON ISSUES OF ICH

B.7.

WACIPR HOSTED, ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN EVENTS INCLUDING CAPACITY-BUILDING SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS RELATED TO ICH. IN SOME OF THE EVENTS, ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO STREAMLINE ICH INTO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF ENDING POVERTY, ZERO HUNGER, GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. THESE WERE ALSO GEARED TOWARDS RAISING AWARENESS FOR INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND PORTRAY IT AS AN INDISPENSABLE FACTOR OF HUMAN EXISTENCE. THE BIENNIAL CULTURAL WEEK ORGANIZED BY WACIPR WAS REVIVED IN 2019, IT FEATURED EXHIBITIONS OF TRADITIONAL CRAFT, PERFORMING ARTS, ORAL TRADITIONS AND EXPRESSIONS WITH ZEALOUS AND ACTIVE



PARTICIPATION OF TEEMING YOUTHS. THE EVENTS WERE APPLAUDED AS EDUCATIVE, INFORMATIVE AND SUCCESSFUL BY THE PUBLIC.

C. BILATERAL, SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

WACIPR IS NETWORKING WITH ICH BEARERS, GROUP AND NGOS, SHARING IDEAS ON INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 CONVENTION ON SAFEGUARDING FOR ICH. WACIPR ALSO HAS OVERSEAS NETWORKING PARTNERS FOR RESEARCH ON ICH. WACIPR IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF UNESCO ICH-NGO FORUM AND IS REPRESENTED ON ITS EDITORIAL BOARD OF 'HERITAGE ALIVE' AN ONLINE PUBLICATION WHERE IDEAS, VIEW POINTS AND ISSUES OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE ARE DISCUSSED. WACIPR HAS MANY AFFILIATING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND CULTURAL NGOS IN WEST ARFRICA WITH WHICH IT SHARES EXPERIENCE AND EXCHANGES INFORMATION ON ICH.

D. PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SAFEGURADING OF THE INTAGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

D.1

WACIPR HAS PARTICIPATED IN 5.COM, 7.COM, 8.COM, 9.COM, 10.COM, 11.COM, 12.COM.13.COM, 14.COM 15.COM (ONLINE/VIRTUAL)

CONTRIBUTION AT MEETING WERE ON THE PLATFORM OF ICH NGO

D.2 (SEE FORM)

D.3

WACIPR THROUGH THE ICH-NGO FORUM HAS CONTINUOUSLY PROVIDED ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMTTEE BY WAY OF COLLECTIVE INTERVENTIONS AND STATEMENTS AT PLENARIES AND SIDE MEETINGS WITH COMMITTEE. WE ARE PREPARED TO OFFER OUR QUALIFIED EXPERTISE AND SERVICES AS WELL AS EXPERIENCE TO EVALUATE AND MONITOR PROJECTS

E. CAPACITIES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION TO EVALUATE NOMINATIONS PROPOSALS AND REQUESTS.



E.1

MEMBERS OF WACIPR HAVE VERY GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE. TEN STAFF AND MANY VOLUNTEERS HAVE UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH.

E.2

YES. WACIPR HAS BROAD EXPERIENCE IN ORAL TRADITIONS AND EXPRESSIONS, PERFORMING ARTS, SOCIAL PRACTICES AND FESTIVE EVENTS, NATURAL KNOWLEDGE PRACTICES AND TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP; SPREAD ACROSS 300 COMMUNITIES.

E.3

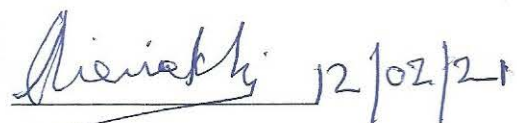
WACIPR CONTINUED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE NATIONAL FOCAL AGENCY-NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL ORIENTATION (NICO), DESK/FOCAL OFFICER FOR ICH AT THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION.

E.4

YES. WACIPR COLLABORATED WITH NATIONAL FOCAL AGENCY TO DRAFT TEXTS IN ENGLISH. TWO MEMBERS OF NGO WERE INVOLVED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS QUADRENNIAL REPORT

E.5

WACIPR HAS ALWAYS SHARED EXPERIENCE AND EXCHANGED IDEAS WITH SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL NGOs IN EXPLORING BEST SAFEGUARDING PRACTICES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 ICH CONVENTION

 12/02/21

JOSEPH OGIERIAKHI

PROGRAMMES DIRECTOR

WEST AFRICA COALITION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS (WACIPR)





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Other relevant information:

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Other relevant information:

B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national level (Chapter III of the Convention)¹

Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.

B.1. *Describe your organization's participation in State efforts to develop and implement measures to strengthen institutional capacities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (ICH) (Article 13 and Operational Directive (OD) 154), e.g. in the drafting of ICH-related policies or legislation, in the establishment of national ICH committees or in other government-led processes.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR was an active participant in the various meetings and workshops organized by the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture to move ICH forward in the period under review. The stakeholder's meetings were held to form effective synergy among NGOs and State Party for the implementation of ICH at the communities. UNESCO focal officer in the Ministry of Information and Culture liaises with WACIPR constantly on issues of implementing ICH at grassroots communities.

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B.2. Describe your organization's cooperation with competent governmental bodies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (Article 13), including existing institutions for training on and the documentation of ICH (OD 154).

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR periodically contributes to the training modules of the Nigeria Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO) in the areas concerned with implementation of the Intangible Cultural Heritage through workshops/seminars and assists the State Party to gain access to some restricted elements.

B.3. Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the State's Periodic Report (OD 152).

Not to exceed 250 words

Provision of data and information on monitoring

B.4 Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR continued to participate in the preparation of nominations to the Representative List. The NGO was involved in identification, documentation, and inventorying of Kwagh-Hir theatrical performance inscribed in 2019 (14.COM) on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (nomination file no 00683). WACIPR also lobbied Committee Member States to support the nomination.

B.5. Describe your organization's participation in the identification, definition (Article 11.b) and inventorying of ICH (Article 12, OD 80 and OD 153). Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR is a community-based NGO working with over 300 indigenous communities (2020) rich in intangible cultural heritage in the vast communities with a view to safeguarding and transmission to future generations. There is an on-going community collaboration in the compilation of the traditional medicine pharmacopoeia with associated ingenious traditional knowledge. WACIPR helps State Parties to secure access and consent of the local communities.

B.6. Describe your organization's participation in other safeguarding measures, including those referred to in Article 13 and OD 153, aimed at:

- a. promoting the function of ICH in society;
- b. fostering scientific, technical and artistic studies with a view to effective safeguarding;
- c. facilitating, to the extent possible, access to information relating to ICH while respecting customary practices governing access to specific aspects of it.

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR engages in research activities regarding ICH, regular consultations with ICH bearers, group, and communities. It raises awareness for ICH and the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. WACIPR facilitates access to all relevant information relating to ICH in the communities in executes its mandate due to earned trust and confidence of the populace. The NGO responds to enquiries and questionnaires from competent focal national authorities and research institutes on issues of ICH.

B.7. Describe your organization's involvement in measures to ensure greater recognition of, respect for and enhancement of ICH, in particular those referred to in Article 14, ODs 105 to 109 and OD 155:

- a. educational, awareness-raising and information programmes aimed at the general public, in particular young people;
- b. educational and training programmes within the communities and groups concerned;
- c. capacity-building activities for the safeguarding of ICH;
- d. non-formal means of transmitting knowledge;
- e. education for the protection of natural spaces and places of memory whose existence is necessary for expressing ICH.

Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals when participating in such measures.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR hosted, organized, and participated in events including capacity-building symposia, workshops and seminars related to ICH. In some of the events, attempts were made to streamline ICH into sustainable development goals of ending poverty, zero hunger, gender equality and women's empowerment in indigenous communities. These were also geared towards raising awareness for intangible cultural heritage and portray it as an indispensable factor of human existence. The biennial cultural week organized by WAPCIR was revived in 2019, it featured exhibitions of traditional craft, performing arts, oral traditions and expressions with zealous and active participation of teeming youth. The events were applauded as educative, informative and successful by the public.

C. Bilateral, sub-regional, regional and international cooperation

Report on any activities carried out by your organization at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives, as referred to in Article 19 and OD 156. You may, for example, consider the following issues:

- a. sharing information and documentation concerning shared ICH (OD 87);
- b. participating in regional cooperation activities including, for example, those of category 2 centres for ICH established under the auspices of UNESCO (OD 88);
- c. developing networks of NGOs, communities, experts, centres of expertise and research institutes at subregional and regional levels to develop joint and interdisciplinary approaches concerning shared ICH (OD 86).

Not to exceed 250 words

WAPCIR is networking with ICH bearers, group, and NGOs, sharing ideas of international best practices in the implementation of the 2003 Convention on safeguarding for ICH. WACIPR also has overseas networking partners for research on ICH. WACIPR is an active member of UNESCO ICH-NGO Forum and is represented on its editorial board of 'Heritage Alive' an online publication where ideas, view points and issues of intangible cultural heritage are discussed. WACIPR has many affiliating indigenous communities and cultural NGOs in West Africa with which it shares experience and exchanges information on ICH.

D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

D.1 *Has your organization participated in the Committee meetings or those of the General Assembly? If so, please indicate which meetings you attended and describe the nature of your contribution to the Committee's work.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR has participated in 5.COM, 7.COM, 8.COM, 9.COM, 10.COM, 11.COM, 12.COM, 13.COM, 14.COM, 15.COM (online/virtual).

Contribution at meeting were on the platform of ICH NGO.

D.2 *Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (OD 26 to 31), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.*

Not to exceed 100 words

No

D.3 *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (OD 96) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

Not to exceed 500 words

WACIPR through the ICH-NGO Forum has continuously provided advisory services to the Committee by way of collective interventions and statements at plenaries and side meetings with Committee. We are prepared to offer our qualified expertise and services as well as experience to evaluate and monitor projects.

E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (as described in OD 27 and OD 96):

E.1. *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Members of WACIPR have very good command of English language. Ten staff and many volunteers have university qualifications taught in English.

E.2. *Does your organization have experience in working across several ICH domains? Please describe your experiences.*

Not to exceed 250 words

Yes. WACIPR has broad experience in oral traditions and expressions, performing arts, social practices and festive events, natural knowledge practices and traditional craftsmanship; spread across 300 communities.

E.3. *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR continued to work closely with the national focal agency – National Institute for Cultural Orientation (NICO), desk/focal officer for ICH at the Federal Ministry of Culture and Information.

E.4. Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff.

Not to exceed 250 words

Yes. WACIPR collaborated with National Focal Agency to draft texts in English. Two members of NGO were involved during the period covered by this quadrennial report.

E.5. Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR has always shared experience and exchanged ideas with several international NGOs in exploring best safeguarding practices in the implementation of the 2003 ICH Convention.

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Not to exceed 250 words

Capacity-building workshop in Nigeria.

G. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

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For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

Yes

No

H. Signature

The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.

Name: Joseph Ogieriakhi

Title: Programmes Director

Date: 12 February 2021

Signature: <signed>