

**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**

**Deadline: 15 February 2023  
for examination in 2023**

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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.*

Conseil International des Monuments et des Sites

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

International Council on Monuments and Sites / Conseil International des Monuments et des Sites - ICOMOS

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

NG0-90412

#### **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: ICOMOS International Council on Monuments and Sites / Conseil International des Monuments et des Sites

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Other relevant information:

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## B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national and international levels (Chapter III and Article 19 of the Convention, paragraph 156 of the Operational Directives)<sup>1</sup>

*Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities contributing to the eight thematic areas of the Convention's Overall Results Framework<sup>2</sup>, as well as to the preparation of periodic reports, nominations, proposals and requests under the Convention's international cooperation mechanisms. 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 contribution to strengthening **institutional and human capacities** for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

ICOMOS is active in the field since 1965 and is an advisory body to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (under the 1972 UNESCO World Heritage Convention) since its inception. Criterion VI, one of the Convention's nomination criteria, deals exclusively with ICH components of World Heritage sites. In 2005, an International Scientific Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICOMOS/ICICH) was constituted by ICOMOS to exclusively address matters related to ICH.

1. In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers where appropriate.
2. For further information on the Overall Results Framework, please refer to the Chapter 8 of the Basic Texts of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/basic-texts-00503>

ICOMOS/ICICH allows members from around the world to form networks of expertise in particular areas of intangible cultural heritage and provide advice to ICOMOS on issues concerning ICH related to cultural heritage world-wide.

One of the key objectives of ICOMOS/ICICH is:

- To promote international cooperation in the identification, study and solution of issues related to the ethical identification, protection, interpretation, and management of the intangible cultural associations attributed to monuments and sites.

ICOMOS/ICICH, and other ICOMOS entities, regularly conduct seminars, lectures and other activities to fulfil the above-mentioned objective – among other:

**Australia ICOMOS - NSC on Intangible Cultural Heritage** | [Intangible Cultural Heritage & Communities: How can ICH Strengthen the Role of Communities in Managing their Heritage?](#)

26 May 2021

**ICOMOS ICICH** | [Intangible Cultural Heritage: Shared Issues at Place](#)

2 October 2020

**2022 Online Lecture and Webinar Series - Bridging the Gap:**

**50 Years of the #WorldHeritageConvention**

[Interlinking the Tangible and Intangible including Memories in #HeritageInterpretation](#)

Dr. Neel Kamal Chapagain (Ahmedabad University, Icomos Nepal & ISCEAH member)

[WATER AND HERITAGE, traditional knowledge for the future, World Water Week 2019](#)

**ICOMOS India's** National Scientific Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage + EPWG E-Symposium "[Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable Management of Historic Towns in South Asia: Theory to Practice](#)". June - July 2021

Our Common Dignity Rights-Based Approaches Working Group!

["COASTAL HERITAGE, COMMUNITIES and CLIMATE"](#). The webinar concentrates on holistic approaches to coastal heritage: tangible and intangible, movable and immovable heritage, landscapes and spaces, land and water. 25 Nov 2021

**International Committee on the Underwater Cultural Heritage - ICUCH**

webinar "[Underwater CHe Internationalism. Entangling Local Pasts with Global Challenges](#)" & "[Intangible CH and Underwater CH on Latin America and the Caribbean](#)" from

**US/ICOMOS** - [Stories of Self-Liberation across the Americas](#)

The history of the universal desire for self-liberation from slavery and the intangible heritage that has flourished since. 26 September 2022

ICOMOS has also launched the Culture-Nature Prize in 2021 – [the laureates showcase the close connection between cultural and natural heritage as well as tangible and intangible aspects of heritage.](#)

ICOMOS/ICICH members, in their personal capacity, provide advice to various government and non-governmental organisations towards preparing nominations for the Representative List under the UNESCO 2003 Convention for safeguarding of ICH.

**B.2.** *Describe your organization's participation in activities related to the **transmission of and education for intangible cultural heritage**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The draft charter on ICH (developed by ICOMOS/ICICH for future adoption by the ICOMOS General Assembly) has provided a platform for global deliberation and discussion on various aspects of ICH among experts on the subject. It is further providing opportunity to examine methodologies and practices of study/ research on ICH among professionals.

ICOMOS/ICICH is also collaborating with other ICOMOS International Scientific Committees, for example with CIAV (ISC on Vernacular Heritage) to develop methodologies and procedures for the documentation of ICH while documenting vernacular heritage.

ICOMOS/ICICH members are associated with various universities or academic institutions and actively involved in developing and delivering courses on ICH Documentation, the creation of inventories and management practices.

Some ICOMOS/ICICH members, in their personal capacities or with other NGOs, are also working with communities towards the documentation and safeguarding of ICH elements.

**B.3.** Describe your organization's participation in the **inventorying and research** of intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

ICOMOS/ICICH members are actively contributing by assisting various governments and NGOs in generating inventories and research on ICH and are working with communities. The initiatives are mostly at individual member level, but ICOMOS/ICICH provides a platform for members to share their experiences and the outcomes of their programmes globally.

For instance; currently ICOMOS/ICICH is advising a programme to develop a comprehensive ICH inventory format in India, based on several case studies undertaken so far.

**B.4.** Describe your organization's participation in developing **policies, as well as legal and administrative measures**, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

The majority of ICOMOS/ICICH expert members hold important positions or are affiliated with various NGOs, universities, institutions and government bodies. Often, they are instrumental or actively involved in developing and implementing policies, as well as legal and administrative measures, for their respective countries/ communities.

So far, ICICH as an organisation has not involved itself directly with any community or individual. Expert members either individually or through their parent organisation involve themselves in the activities with communities. Details of same were not yet documented by ICOMOS/ICICH.

[The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Cultural Tourism also placed a strong emphasis on intangible heritage aspects in its revision of the ICOMOS Cultural Tourism Charter adopted by ICOMOS in 2022.](#)

**B.5.** Describe your organization's participation in promoting the **role of intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding in society**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

ICOMOS/ICICH members contribute on a regular basis to research at the national and international level.. ICOMOS/ICICH has contributed to national and international publications such as:

- [Sustaining Support for Intangible Cultural Heritage. Cambridge Scholars Publishing](#)

ICOMOS/ICICH members also contribute to national and international conferences and panels.

**B.6.** Describe your organization's participation in **raising awareness** about intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

ICOMOS/ICICH associates and contributes as knowledge partner to various awareness programmes organised by governments and institutions. ICOMOS/ICICH members organise and manage teams that support the governance arrangements and improve representation of World Heritage properties closely connected with Traditional Owners.

**B.7.** Describe your organization's participation in **facilitating the engagement of communities, groups and individuals, as well as other stakeholders, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage**.

Not to exceed 250 words

So far ICOMOS/ICICH has not engaged directly with communities, but its expert members, in their various capacities, are involved in community engagement and facilitation of safeguarding agencies. The

ICOMOS/ICICH draft Charter provides a framework for the ethical involvement of its members in such endeavours.

Individual members share their experiences through the ICOMOS/ICICH network with other members

**B.8.** Describe your organization's **engagement in cooperation 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.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

ICOMOS/ICICH conducts regional and national level meetings and interactions with its members, where members share their experiences, issues and success stories. This enables and provides opportunity for ICOMOS/ICICH members to collaborate and exchange information and conduct joint activities.

**B.9.** Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the Convention.

*Not to exceed 250 words*

ICOMOS/ICICH as a body is not involved in drafting national periodic reports. However, its members, in their individual capacities, contribute at various levels to such activities. No comprehensive data regarding the same is available from its membership

**B.10.** 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*

ICOMOS/ICICH as a body is not involved in the preparation of nominations. However, its members, in their individual capacities, have contributed to such activities. For example, an ICICH member was involved in the preparation of the nomination to the Representative List of the "Bhojpuri Folk Songs of Mauritius – Geet Gawai" inscribed in 2016.

## C. Cooperation with UNESCO

Has your organization carried out activities in cooperation with UNESCO? If yes, please tick the relevant boxes and provide information in the box below.

**Direct cooperation with UNESCO (Headquarters and Field Offices)**

Activities for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention

Cooperation through the 2003 Convention's Global Network of Facilitators

Cooperation with Category 2 Centres

Cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO

Cooperation with UNESCO Chairs

Financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund

Financial support from the Participation Programme

Other types of cooperation

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The task of ICOMOS/ICICH is to advise ICOMOS on any role it may have in the implementation of, or other activities associated with, the UNESCO Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage. It also advises ICOMOS on the role of intangible attributes in the context of its contribution to other UNESCO Conventions and international treaties, such as the World Heritage Convention and The Hague Convention.

Activities in which ICOMOS/ICICH members have been involved (either through ICOMOS or in their personal capacity) have included for example:

- Developing content in 2019 for the UNESCO clearinghouse on living heritage and education, that was

officially launched in 2022: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/clearinghouse-education>. It provides free access to projects and resources on integrating ICH into formal and non-formal education environments.

- Contribution to the evaluation of UNESCO World Heritage nominations, or related proposals and requests, as well as analyzing documents and synthesizing texts at the request of the ICOMOS International Secretariat.
- Participation in various UNESCO delegations on tourism and heritage
- ICOMOS/ICICH members are advisors to their National Commission on Intangible Cultural Heritage
- ICOMOS/ICICH members have served UNESCO for various tasks such as Secretary-General of the Philippine National Commission for UNESCO; another ICICH member is Chief of the Cultural Heritage Department at the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia.
- The ICOMOS International Secretariat also regularly shares announcements or opportunities shared by the UNESCO Secretariat for the 2003 Convention – for example information on the [UNESCO 2003 new Convention Research Bibliography](#), [Webinar on European Youth and Heritage 2021](#), [Online sessions "Apply to the Fund of the 2003 Convention for the safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage" 2022](#), [3 surveys on thematic initiatives on intangible heritage in relation to economic dimensions, climate change and urban contexts](#)

ICOMOS contributed to the the [Evaluation of UNESCO's Action in the framework of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage](#) published in 2022.

## 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 sessions of the Committee? If so, please indicate which sessions you attended and whether you had any specific role during these meetings.*

*Not to exceed 250 words*

ICOMOS/ICICH members contributed to the establishment of UNESCO's ICH Convention since before 2003 and took part in several expert meetings during its drafting. After its adoption, members have spoken at conferences aimed at stimulating its ratification and participated in the elaboration of national tentative lists.

Members have been part of the Steering Committee of the ICH NGO Forum. And attended meetings of the working groups of the forum – for example on Ethics.

Travel costs make in person participation at the statutory meetings of the Convention difficult. When available and announced on time– ICOMOS/ICICH members follow the meetings virtually. For the sixteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee (16.COM, 13 to 18 December 2021) – members followed online as observers and sent comments.

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

*Not to exceed 100 words*

No ICOMOS/ICICH has not yet served as a member of the Evaluation Body.

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

*Not to exceed 500 words*

ICOMOS has not been called upon to provide advisory services. ICOMOS/ICICH is a Committee of international experts from over 80 countries and through its parent body ICOMOS its reach extends to over 130 countries. Since ICOMOS is a well-established professional body, with responsibilities already under several other UNESCO Conventions – in particular 1972 World Heritage, 2001 Underwater Cultural Heritage, and 1954 Hague Convention - it can play an important role in the advocacy for research, documentation and safeguarding of ICH.

## **E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (paragraphs 27 and 96 of the Operational Directives):**

**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*

ICOMOS' working languages are English and French. Fluency in both is a pre-requisite for staff hiring at the ICOMOS International Secretariat (currently 15 staff). ICOMOS/ICICH has expert members from over 80 countries – therefore covering different cultures and languages. Over 50 of these members are fluent in English and same number of members are fluent in French.

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

*Not to exceed 250 words*

Members of ICICH are experts in several field such as:

- Anthropology - building systems from a social perspective and traditional architecture
- Public policies and cultural heritage
- Local Deity Cult, Folk Rituals, folk Narrative Songs, and women's role in the transmission and recreation of intangible cultural heritage
- Narratives, legends and anecdotes connected with the built heritage
- Field archaeologists
- Sustainable Development
- Legacy and revival of some endangered crafts.
- Development of spaces for stories related to the history of its past inhabitants
- Human Rights
- Traditional architecture
- Traditional practices and rituals
- Traditional Astrology
- GIS mapping and recording of significant cultural heritage places and cultural landscapes,
- Documentation of traditional cultural places and traditions, oral histories, archaeology, and connections to the land and Creation Mythology
- Food historian
- Traditional crafts

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

Not to exceed 250 words

ICOMOS is one of the three advisory bodies named in the 1972 World Heritage Convention. In this capacity, it provides scientific and professional assistance to the World Heritage Committee on cultural heritage issues. Specifically, it assesses the cultural and mixed (possessing both cultural and natural features) properties put forward for inscription on the World Heritage List and provides reports on the state of conservation of inscribed sites. We are also called upon to provide advice to UNESCO on technical assistance request and other matters – which require analysis and evaluation of proposals and applications. <https://www.icomos.org/en/home-wh>

We also for example act as evaluator to the World Monuments Fund for its World Monuments Watch list – providing reviews for sites/places nominated to the list.

ICOMOS also runs a number of internal programmes eg. scholarships, travel grants, prizes – which require evaluation/analysis work.

**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

As part of its work at the service of the World Heritage Convention – ICOMOS produces evaluations/monitoring reports in English and French. They are available on the UNESCO World Heritage website. We also have extensive experience in collaboratively producing technical and scientific documents – such as the ICOMOS international charters – as well as resolutions of the General Assembly of ICOMOS, among other.

**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

ICOMOS is an international NGO – with 11 000 members in over 130 countries. It works internationally by definition – and its primary objective is to act as a conduit and forum between local, national and international levels. Its National Committees work at the national level and then share and exchange through the various ICOMOS bodies. Besides its work with UNESCO, ICOMOS is also involved with other international bodies – such as the UN, the World Bank, the European Union, the G20 etc.

ICOMOS/ICICH has by extension an international reach and conducts activities which are attended by experts internationally. Its members are affiliated with UNESCO, World Monument Fund and various other international organisations.

ICICH, while drafting its ICH charter has collated local experiences of various experts. During its regular regional level meetings, local experiences are shared by experts and their relevance/ applications were deliberated in the international context.

## F. 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

No



## G. Signature

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

Name: Marie-Laure Lavenir

Title: Director General of ICOMOS

Date: 09/02/2023

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'M' followed by a long horizontal stroke.