

# Region III

## Latin America and Caribbean

Colombia



### Embodying Reconciliation

NGO accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

**Geographic Coverage of NGO's expertise:** Colombia, India and Japan.



#### Relevant projects or initiatives

"Museum Bodies for Empathy", is an initiative that is presented in a physical and virtual format that aims to put the body, empathy and heritage on the same axis for personal and collective reflection. Embodying Reconciliation promotes empathy and heritage as social values that allow acknowledgement of human similarities and differences. Our work with diverse communities in vulnerable situations in Colombia and around the world has enabled different alliances. We are currently conducting research and intercultural training programs and workshops in India, Japan and Finland, with a special focus on youth. Created in 2016, the programme "Different women, equal rights. Tradition and attention in sexual and reproductive health for indigenous women" aims at working with different indigenous women and their ICH around Colombia to inform, talk about, and analyze how these women have encountered barriers to their sexual and reproductive rights because of generalized gender violence and social discrimination. As a healing and empowerment tool, we have been developing workshops and creating communication materials, some of them in native languages, to implement a medical approach that is more respectful of the sexual and reproductive rights of indigenous women.

#### NGO's activity networks and more information



#### Vision

To become, by 2030, a leading global organization in innovative methodologies for peacebuilding, research, and the development of sustainable models that are replicable and can effectively contribute to the safeguarding and promotion of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) and the integral wellbeing of society.

#### Mission

Identify, protect and promote practices related to intangible cultural heritage (ICH)– corporealities, interculturality, memory, and wellbeing – through the use of academic and therapeutic strategies, leadership and intercultural programs in local, national, and international arenas. The aim is to foster the wellbeing of different populations on the individual and community levels, and contribute to the promotion of peacebuilding initiatives.

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#### Main areas of work related to the Convention



**Training programs:** courses, workshops, and professional conferences related to ICH topics (intercultural peace education, strategic management, tools for development of projects, models for investigation and safeguarding, museographic practices and cultural management).



**Artist residencies and immersion:** cultural managers, academics, artists, and others interested in engaging with intangible cultural heritage in Colombia have the opportunity to travel and live in different national regions and apply ICH safeguarding strategies.



**Consulting and advice:** guidance and support in the development of tools and methodologies to be applied in various socio-cultural contexts, drawing on these strategies, pedagogies, and community-based work.



**Deploying 3D technology for safeguarding ICH:** Embodying Reconciliation is the first NGO in Latin America to start using virtual reality and digital environments to preserve and safeguard traditional dances.

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