

**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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### **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.*

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

Foundation for the Protection of Natural and Cultural Heritage

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

NGO-90151

#### **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.*

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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*

In the framework of the UNESCO project titled "Supporting natural and cultural sustainability through the revitalization and transmission of the traditional practices of worshipping the sacred

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>

sites in Mongolia” the Foundation organized following ICH capacity building seminars and conferences.

- In close cooperation with the main partners the Foundation organized a two-day National Seminar on 23-24 October 2019.

Representatives from all provincial Governor’s offices and representatives of related ICH communities, NGOs, and specialists, a total of 70 people participated in this National Seminar. Participants became trainers of local training workshops organized later in 21 provinces of Mongolia..

With the active involvement of all provincial Governor’s offices, the trainer-organizers who were trained in National Seminar have conducted local Seminars in their respective provinces in 2019-2020.

As a result, around 400 leader-practitioners and cultural workers of local cultural centers received and gained greater knowledge and experience in safeguarding ICH and conducting worshipping practices. They organized all activities related to establishing and updating the inventory-information database at a local level. During the Seminars, information, methodological and recommendation materials including a Guidebook, Seminar presentations, recommendations, and audio-visual materials were presented and distributed to participants. Our Foundation has initiated the translation of a very important UNESCO document for strengthening institutional, administrative, and human capacities for safeguarding ICH the “Guidance Notes for the overall results Framework for the 2003 Convention for the safeguarding of the ICH”, and published a manual book and distributed to all cultural organizations in cities and provinces.

**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

In order to introduce, encourage and popularize activities related to transmission and education for ICH, the Foundation has organized a two-year Nationwide “Nature and Culture Journey (Campaign)” under the motto “Let’s appreciate and respect sacred homeland and our heritage” in the framework of the UNESCO Project.

In close cooperation with the main stakeholders, the Foundation organized the Opening Event to launch a Nationwide Journey and National Seminar on October 23-24, 2019 for training trainers and leader-practitioners in the field of ICH education.

With the assistance and guidance of trainers who participated in the national workshop, the Governor’s offices of Provinces organized the local seminar in all 21 provinces in October and December of 2019. As a result, around 400 local community members, heritage bearers, practitioners, and cultural workers were trained and improved their capacity to safeguard and transmit ICH, implement this ICH project, and conduct the NC-journey.

More than 800 local communities were actively involved in Nationwide Culture-Nature Journey in Mongolia. These communities and their members were very interested to participate in the Campaign because they would like to revive and perform traditional culture including practices and rituals of worshipping their own sacred site (mountain and water source) inherited from their ancestors. This Journey, in many cases, has acted as a catalyst for encouraging and developing ideas and wishes that were already there. Based on the field research materials, the Foundation and National Center for Cultural Heritage established a National inventory-information database of ICH elements related to sacred sites in Mongolia.

**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

In recent four years, Foundation members and experts together with specialists and officers of the National Centre for Cultural Heritage have been engaged in Field surveys for identifying and inventorying ICH elements and bearers, especially ICH related to worshipping practices and

rituals throughout territories of four different provinces of Mongolia. Experts have close cooperation with the community-based NGOs and bearers of ICH, conducted on-site registration and documentation, and received their free and informed consent.

The field expeditions in four regions were commenced in June and completed in November 2020.

Team members visited 118 selected sacred sites for investigating, exploring, and documentation of ICH elements and met with 167 individuals in-person including practitioners and religious representatives of local monasteries and ordinary local herdsman community members.

These individuals were the members of various indigenous communities who originated from different kinship-inherited descendants where they worship their respective sacred sites and practice the inherited rituals. The findings and final results of research activities were integrated into the inventory-information database of the National Cultural Heritage Centre and Foundation. In addition to the above, a nationwide contest among ICH NGOs and bearers was announced and conducted for selecting the best practices and identifying and inventorying the ICH elements. As a result of the above-mentioned activities, overall, over 1000 sacred sites are registered in the National ICH Inventory.

Collected information and data were used as a reference for the creation of region-specific reference books, and for organizing a scientific and practical Symposium which was held in 2022.

**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 Foundation has actively participated in various activities aimed at developing policies, as well as legal and administrative measures for safeguarding intangible heritage in Mongolia. The President of the Foundation has been continuing to work as a member of the Mongolian National Expert Committee on ICH last four years advising about and implementing various governmental policies, programs, and projects. The president and members of the Foundation have initiated and are actively involved in preliminary studies for justifying the elaboration of the new law of the safeguarding of ICH in Mongolia and updating the existing regulations to be more compliant with the 2003 UNESCO Convention.

As a result of this activity, the issue of elaboration and discussion of a new law on ICH was included in the Action Plan of the Ministry of Culture for 2023-2024 years.

The Foundation has continuously participated in updating the process of the National Representative List and the National Urgent Safeguarding List in the last 3 years. As a result of this action, over 50 ICH elements were added to the two Lists in addition to the initial 300 ICH elements.

For the last 4 years, members of the Foundation have prepared and submitted 3 nominations: "Traditional technique of making Airag in khukhuur" (2019), "Nauryz (New year celebration)" 2022, and "Traditional practices of nomadic life" (2023) and submitted them to the Ministry of Culture.

**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*

Bearing in mind the importance of the revitalization and promotion of worshipping practices of sacred natural sites, the Foundation initiated and developed the above-mentioned UNESCO project and submitted a request for International Assistance which was approved by the Bureau of the Committee in 2019. This project was extremely important because in today's

circumstances of nature and ecological degradation worshipping traditions of natural sites and associated ICH have great significance.

Two-year Nationwide "Culture-Nature Journey" was organized under the Motto "Let's appreciate and respect Sacred Homeland and Our Heritage" in 2019-2021. It aimed to promote the visibility and role of ICH and its safeguarding.

It is noteworthy that successful outcomes have been achieved which are introduced in other sections of this report.

The National Contest for Best practices of reviving and promoting ICH worshipping practices was announced among communities from October 2019 until June 2021. The National Contest highly attracts the general public and local communities and authorities. The Contest was finalized in October 2021. More than 100 local communities successfully participated in the contest and 21 of them were selected and awarded certificates of Honor and cash rewards.

The Journey has helped to raise the role and significance of ICH and safeguard and transmit natural, tangible and intangible cultural values of landscapes in integrated manner, and build a sense of community, solidarity and mutual respect.

**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*

In the last 4 years, the Foundation has been carrying out.

a) Since 2007, the Foundation has initiated the "UNESCO World Heritage Education in Mongolia" Programme, and in its framework, in 2020 the Foundation organized the translation and dissemination of UNESCO "Guidance notes for the overall results framework for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the ICH" (2020), created and distributed the handbook titled "Sacred landscapes of Mongolia: their outstanding universal value" (2020), 5 ICH documentary films (2019-2022) which have received an appreciation from school society and the general public.

b) Foundation created 4 reference books titled: "Sacred sites and related ICH elements", each of which is dedicated to a related relevant region of Mongolia: western, central, Khangai (mountainous) and Gobi (desert) region. These books were disseminated among all ICH practitioners and community-based organizations and NGOs and played a significant role in raising awareness about ICH among communities.

c) The Foundation organized some educational and training programs:

- The Training program on "Safeguarding ICH elements associated with sacred natural sites" (2020).
- The Foundation co-organized with Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO the ICH mobile training course for staff and workers of World Heritage sites, local community leaders and ICH bearers who live within 5 World heritage sites (2021).

The Foundation has signed the MOU with the MNB TV for the nationwide distribution and dissemination of 10 documentary films of Mongolian ICH elements created by the Foundation.

**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*

- Main representatives of various ethnic and local communities bound together by sharing one sacred land and water tradition were invited and directly involved in National and local ICH Seminars/workshops.

- The Foundation has launched the Nationwide Nature-Culture Journey (Campaign) which has a prime purpose to bring the project goal and ideas to those communities for safeguarding ICH values related to sacred sites.
- One of the key activities of the project and Nationwide Journey is to establish and develop a Nationwide inventory-information database of sacred sites in Mongolia. Description and explanation of tangible and intangible values of the sacred site for inclusion in a database were made by leaders-practitioners of communities with the assistance of specialists and practitioners who participated in local Seminars.
- In our case, the most effective and influential mechanism for involving the communities is an organization of a National Contest launched among local communities for their best practices of reviving and promoting the worshipping traditions and rituals. Communities are to freely participate in the National Contest submitting their experiences and best practices of the worshipping sacred homeland. As mentioned above, more than 100 local communities successfully participated in the Contest.
- In general, all activities of the project and Nationwide Nature-Culture Journey are aimed to widely involve local communities because a sacred site itself is worshipped by a community or group of communities and their members and practitioners.

**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*

- The Foundation implemented the UNESCO project in 2019-2022 with the support of UNESCO's Living Heritage Entity.
  - The President of the Foundation participated in the 2021 Sub-regional online Conference for ICH Safeguarding in East Asia focused on the theme "Exploring and safeguarding the shared ICH in East Asia" held in October of 2021 and gave his presentation titled "Perspective of multinational ICH nominations in Mongolia".
  - Members of the Foundation have been actively involved in the preparation and organization of the "International ICH festival of nomads" which was held from 10 to 15 August 2022 in Mongolia and the President of the Foundation made a key presentation titled "Intangible cultural heritage of the Mongolian nomads and its contribution to the diversity of the World culture" at the International Symposium.
- b) For the recent 10 years, in cooperation with UNESCO's Category 2 Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific (ICHCAP) in the Republic of Korea has implemented several ICH projects and activities. This cooperation has resulted in the creation of a series of 10 Mongolian ICH documentary films in Mongolian and English which are continuously being broadcasted now through TV and disseminated in a form of DVD.

**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*

Foundation has actively been involved in drafting the State's Periodic Report gathering and submitting information on the last 4 years' activities of its own and other relevant NGOs who work and collaborate closely in the field of ICH and its safeguarding.

The Foundation has also been involved in drafting and translating of C part of the Report, the Status of elements inscribed on Representative List including 'Naadam - Mongolian Traditional Festival', 'Mongolian Traditional Art of Khoomei', Mongolian traditional dance – Bii Bielgee", more specifically, the Foundation was in responsibility for adding to and enriching the inventory of the ICH element titled "Mongolian traditional practices of worshipping the sacred sites" and its periodic reporting to the ICH secretariat.

**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

Since its establishment, the Foundation has been involved in the preparation of several nominations. For example: 1) "Mongolian Traditional Art of Khuumei" (2010); 2) "Mongolian Traditional Festival - Naadam" (2010); 3) "Traditional technique of making Airag in khukhuur" (2019) inscribed on Representative List; 4) "Mongol Tuuli -Mongolian Epic" (2009) and 5) "Mongolian Traditional Folk Dance - Bii Biyelgee" (2009); 6) "Mongolian Traditional Practices of Worshipping the Sacred Sites" (2017) inscribed on the List of ICH in Need of Urgent Safeguarding. The Foundation has initiated the preparation of requests for international assistance for the implementation of the Project entitled "Improving the Capacities of ICH Related NGOs in Mongolia" (2013). The Bureau of the Committee has approved the request. The Foundation successfully implemented the Project in 2015. The Foundation has also prepared a request for International Assistance for the Project on "Supporting the natural and cultural sustainability through the revitalization and transmission of the traditional practices of worshipping the sacred sites in Mongolia" and submitted the request to the Secretariat in 2017. Consequently, the Bureau has approved the request. Although the Covid-19 has occurred worldwide and the implementation of any activity has encountered with unforeseen obstacles and difficulties, the Foundation successfully implemented this Project in 2019-2022 under the agreed Action Plan. The Foundation has also prepared the nomination file for "Nauryz" celebration and submitted it to the Ministry of Culture of Mongolia in 2022.

## 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

Foundation, as before during last 4 years (2019-2022), has actively been involved in cooperation with UNESCO organizations.

The Foundation successfully implemented the UNESCO Project on "Supporting Natural and Cultural Sustainability through the Revitalization and transmission of the Traditional Practices of Worshipping the Sacred Sites in Mongolia" with the support of UNESCO's Living Heritage Entity of ICH Convention during 2019-2022.

The Foundation also initiated the translation of the "Guidance notes for the overall results framework for 2003 convention for the safeguarding of the ICH" into Mongolian thanks to the cooperation with UNESCO Category 2 Centre-ICHCAP in the Republic of Korea and published it in 2020, distributed among all cultural organizations and ICH related NGOs.

The foundation has a very close cooperation with UNESCO category 2 Centre in Mongolia – International Institute for the study of nomadic Civilizations (IISNC) in the field of ICH study, especially in research of ICH elements of nomadic culture in the last years the Foundation has carried out 2 preliminary studies on traditional practices of nomadic culture and life.

In the framework of the UNESCO Project, the President of the Foundation, as a member of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for ICH (ICICH) has initiated and developed the two-year Nationwide Nature-Culture Journey (2020-2022) which is jointly coordinated by ICOMOS and IUCN (UNESCO Advisory bodies) at the global level.

Foundation and its members have been involved in various activities for the preparation of the nomination files for submission to the ICH Lists under the 1972 World heritage Convention and 2003 ICH Convention.

## **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*

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Delegations of the Foundation have actively participated in above mentioned ICH Committee meetings and General Assemblies with the generous assistance of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund. Our delegations have been regularly attended in the ICH NGO Forums which were held on the day preceding the Committee's sessions sharing ideas, information and safeguarding experiences.

Representatives of our Foundation participated in ICH NGO Forum Symposium: "Living heritage climate change and the environment" held during the 17th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on November 27, 2022, and gave the presentation titled "Sacred landscapes as a source of resilience and development in Mongolia" sharing our experiences for safeguarding ICH.

Moreover, our delegation has actively involved in drafting and elaboration of the ICH NGO Forum proposals or statements and attended daily ICH NGO meetings, sharing opinions and ideas concerning the Agenda of the Committee meetings.

Also, our delegation, being active in the advisory functions to the delegation of State Party of Mongolia, regularly advises to them in the IGC debates.

**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*

Foundation did not serve as a member of the Consultative Body or Subsidiary 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*

Since its accreditation to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee, the Foundation has provided its advisory services, on one hand, on a collective basis by the regular NGO Forum and, on the other hand, individually, at multilateral level or at national, regional and international level through various activities and measures except an involvement and working in the Consultative Body or Subsidiary Body.

Our delegation has actively been involved in drafting and elaborating the ICH NGO Forum proposals and advisory statement to the session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the ICH Convention. Representatives of our Foundation have been regularly attending the ICH NGO Forum or Symposium which were held on the day preceding the Committee's Sessions sharing and introducing our ideas and proposals concerning the issues in the Agenda of the Committee's meetings. For example, representatives of our Foundation participated in ICH NGO Forum Symposium: "Living heritage climate change and the environment" held during the 17th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on November 27, 2022, and gave the presentation titled "Sacred landscapes as a source of resilience and development in Mongolia" sharing our experiences for safeguarding ICH.

At national level, the Foundation will reinforce its contribution to the implementation of the Convention inter-alia through all means and various activities described in the Convention, its Operational Directives and Guidance Notes for the overall results framework for the 2003 Convention. By strengthening its human and technical capacities, Foundation can spearhead the civil society in the field of ICH and help other ICH related NGOs with expertise, coordination and methodologies. Moreover, the Foundation will try to build a strong operational network among ICH related NGOs, ICH Bearers, researchers, community-based organizations, institutions and general public. At regional and international level, the Foundation will continue good experiences and effective and fruitful activities of international cooperation in the field of intangible cultural heritage. Further, the Foundation is eager to act in advisory services to the Committee participating in the Consultative and Subsidiary body for the evaluation of a nominations, proposals and requests.

## **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*

The Foundation is in Capacity to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests only in English. Six members of the Foundation and two staffs can demonstrate a good command in English and one of them 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*

Most of the Foundation's members are academic researchers and experienced specialists from different universities and research institutions. They conduct scientific activities in all domains of ICH and are involved in translation of UNESCO basic documents related to ICH, in creation of

ICH related books and ICH video films and in organization of various public events, studies, symposiums and seminars. Members and specialists of the Foundation created the ICH reference book entitled “Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Mongols” (2009), “World and Mongolian Heritage” (2010), “ICH and NGO” (2018) embracing all the domains of ICH. Titles of some of the books and films created and disseminated by the Foundation are as follows: 1) Rituals and Festivals of Nomadic People (2005), 2) Traditional Knowledge and Skills of the Mongols (2004), 3) Sacred Sites in Mongolia (2009), Mongolian National Long Song (2012), ICH and NGO (2015), Living Heritage: Five Landscapes of Central Asia (2018) and etc. The Foundation has been involved in preparation of the nomination of ICH elements of all domains to the ICH Lists of 2003 Convention. Moreover, the Foundation has a close cooperation with National Committee for World Heritage and ICOMOS and was responsible for the nomination of Sacred Sites of Mongolia as cultural landscape embracing most of the domains of ICH. The Foundation prepared the nomination of “Traditional Practices of Worshipping the Sacred Sites” which consequently was registered in the Urgent Safeguarding List in 2017.

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

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The Foundation has been involved in evaluating and analysing such documents as:

- Nomination proposals of Mongolian ICH element “Traditional technique of making Airag in khokhuur and associated customs” (2018)
- Nomination proposal of the natural and cultural mixed property “Highlands of Mongolian Altai Mountain” (2020)
- request applications for the International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund for elaboration of the cultural property “Deer Stone Monuments and Related Sites, the Heart of Bronze Age Culture” (2015);
- request application for the international assistance from the ICH Fund for the implementation of the UNESCO project titled “Improving the capacities of ICH related NGOs in Mongolia (2014)
- request applications for the International Assistance for implementing the Project on “Supporting Natural and Cultural Sustainability through the Revitalization and transmission of the Traditional Practices of Worshipping the Sacred Sites in Mongolia” (2017);
- nomination proposals of Mongolian ICH element “Traditional Craftsmanship of the Mongol Ger and its Associated Customs” (2011);
- nomination proposal of the cultural property “Petroglyphic complexes of the Mongolian Altai” to World Heritage List of the UNESCO World Natural and Cultural Heritage (2010);
- request applications for international assistance for safeguarding of the ICH element “Mongol Tuuli: Mongolian Epic” (2010).

**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*

Since its establishment, the Foundation’s two members and the President himself have prepared 4 nomination proposals to the List of the 1972 UNESCO Convention, 7 nomination proposals to the Lists of the 2003 UNESCO ICH Convention and more than 10 presentations and created a

Handbook “Living Heritage: Five Landscapes of Central Asia” in English. Three of the members have translated the reference book titled “Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Mongols” and 10 ICH documentary films in to English. Four members of the Foundation have been involved in elaboration of most ICH related nominations of Mongolia in English or in translation in to English. Since its establishment, Foundation has elaborated about 20 Project proposals and nominations in English and submitted to international and regional organizations most of which were approved and successfully implemented. Foundation and its members were actively involved in the preparation of nomination of “Orkhon Valley Cultural Landscape” (2000-2003) to the World Heritage List of the 1972 WH Convention. President was appointed as a team leader for the preparation of the nomination documents (dossier) of the cultural property “Great Burkhan Khaldun Mountain and its Surrounding Sacred Landscape” which was inscribed on the WHL. Moreover, the President of the Foundation, as a Head of the working group, has elaborated the New National Tentative List to the World Heritage List in close cooperation of World Heritage Committee and its advisory bodies including ICOMOS and IUCN and submitted the final draft to the World Heritage Centre (2014).

**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*

Since its establishment, the Foundation has been involved in more than 10 regional and international projects and, in several cases, it has participated as a coordinator and implementer of the projects. The Foundation successfully implemented UNESCO Projects “Improving the Capacities of ICH related NGOs in Mongolia” in 2014-2015 and, “Supporting Natural and Cultural Sustainability through the Revitalization and transmission of the Traditional Practices of Worshipping the Sacred Sites in Mongolia” in 2019-2022. Three members of the Foundation studied at regional and international ICH related institutions and the President, as a member of the Advisory Committee of ICOMOS International, member of its International Scientific Committee of Intangible Cultural Heritage, regularly participates in the ICOMOS meetings and General Assemblies expressing ideas and policies of ICH Convention, its Intergovernmental Committee and has been involved in drafting and elaborating various documents concerning ICH issues.

In addition to these international activities, the Foundation successfully participated in the implementation of international project titled “Ulaanbaatar (city) Ger area cultural heritage, Tourism, and Community enhancement” which was endorsed by the Asia Development Bank (ADB) in 2016-2017.

## **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: Urtnasan Norov

Title: President

Date: February 13, 2023

Signature:

