

**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.*

Centro de Trabalho Indigenista

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

Centre of Indigenist Work

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

90174

#### **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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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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## 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*

The Centro de Trabalho Indigenista (CTI), has always acted to contribute with the process of implementing measures to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Brazilian State to safeguard the Intangible Cultural Heritage. However, between 2019 and 2022, the Brazilian state eliminated the Ministry of Culture and acted quite contrary to the appreciation of human, territorial rights and indigenous cultural heritage. Thus, CTI's efforts during this period focused

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>

on supporting indigenous communities so that their constitutional rights were respected, aiming to enforce their rights in national and international courts and seeking to avoid further damages. This animosity between the Brazilian government and indigenous people took place until 2022 at the federal level, but at the municipal and state levels, the CTI could establish different partnerships with governments to act in safeguarding and valuing the cultural heritage of indigenous peoples.

Independently of the Brazilian government, CTI sought partnerships with different actors and was able to carrying out a different projects for the implementation of the National Environmental and Territorial Management Policy for Indigenous Lands - PNGATI, "which aims to guarantee and promote the protection, recovery, conservation and sustainable use of the natural resources of indigenous people lands and territories, ensuring the integrity of indigenous heritage, improving the quality of life and full conditions of physical and cultural reproduction of current and future generations of indigenous peoples, respecting their socio-cultural autonomy", CTI has supported the communities in many Indigenous Lands with the elaboration and participatory implementation of management plans.

**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 CTI works directly with indigenous communities, seeking to support them so that their self-determination is respected. Through projects designed jointly with the beneficiary communities, the CTI supports community initiatives to value their traditions, fostering spaces for exchange, appreciation and transmission of knowledge between different generations and groups. Support was given to artisanal knowledge workshops, meetings of elders, collective activities related to knowledge about fishing, hunting, agricultural management and traditional forms of monitoring and territorial protection, in addition to efforts made to rescue and maintain species of flora in traditional use, contributing with the preservation of biodiversity guarded by indigenous peoples. In addition to continued work with indigenous teachers, supporting them so that they have legal, material and pedagogical conditions so that they can guarantee their communities a true differentiated education that respects the indigenous cultural heritage and its specificities.

Through the understanding that environmental management and indigenous territorial control permeates all spheres of indigenous material and immaterial heritage, the CTI carried out different courses for the training of Indigenous Environmental Agents AAs, during these courses the CTI sought to value traditional knowledge related to the ways of being and managing the environment, adding knowledge about indigenous rights and technologies that can optimize their attention and care for their territory.

**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*

By supporting research by indigenous teachers/researchers and through training and research activities with indigenous environmental agents, the CTI enables the creation of videos, books and textual and photographic records aimed at the indigenous communities themselves, guaranteeing the recording and contributing to other ways to share your knowledge.

**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*

In addition to the actions succinctly described in item B.1, B.2 and B.3, the CTI has developed projects and promoted, along with indigenous communities, actions to increase traditional agriculture, the recovery of degraded areas with native species that compose its cultural heritage, promoted traditional seed and plant exchanges as well as craft workshops and supported the performance of traditional rituals and

ceremonies, in line with the implementation of the National Environmental and Territorial Management Policy for Indigenous Lands – PNGATI.

The CTI has acted through legal assistance in supporting indigenous communities that have not had their human and territorial rights respected.

At the same time, together with state and municipal government bodies, the CTI carried out political influences so that government bodies understand the importance of acting in support of indigenous peoples in their localities, guaranteeing resources so that they can carry out their traditional forms of environmental management and control territorial.

**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*

Together with society in general, the CTI has acted through communication and print advisory services so that strategic themes of cultural appreciation and indigenous peoples themselves are known by Brazilian society. We can mention, for example, the exhibition held in the subway of the city of São Paulo, which carried information about the cultural, environmental and biodiversity wealth guarded by indigenous peoples on the outskirts of what is the largest city in South America.

**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*

CTI works directly with indigenous communities, promoting their cultural initiatives and community policies and supporting them so that their rights are recognized and respected in their diversity, including their right to their territory. In this way, the CTI works directly to raise awareness, mobilize and engage the communities themselves in initiatives that value and respect their cultural heritage. Examples are: collective agricultural activities, intergenerational and intercommunity meetings, collective territorial monitoring expeditions, handicraft workshops, traditional cooking workshops, support for performing rituals, etc.

**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*

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**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*

In recent years, and closely related to the federal executive management of Brazil between the period from 2019 to 2022, at the international and federal levels, the CTI has supported different indigenous peoples in Brazil to bring their cases of denial of territorial and human rights, which consequently has serious and direct impacts on the safeguarding of its intangible heritage, for international organizations and national courts, such as the Inter-American Committee on Human Rights, and the HRC of the United Nations and the Brazilian Supreme Court. At state and municipal levels, partnerships between indigenous communities were articulated and encouraged to enhance their intangible heritage, their territories and biodiversity, including the implementation of projects with these focuses and partners.

**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

During the period, the CTI did not contribute to the elaboration of the National Periodic Report

**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

During the period, the CTI did not contribute to the elaboration of the of nominations to the Urgente Safeguardind List or Representative List.

## 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

## 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

During the period, the CTI did not participate of the sessions of the Committee.

**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

During the period, the CTI did not participate 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*

During the period, the CTI did not provided advisory services to the Committee.

## **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*

3 persons with a very good command of English and 1 person with a very good command of 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*

The CTI works with different ethnic groups in Brazil, such groups are extremely different from each other, inhabit different biomes, speak languages from different linguistic trunks and have completely different cultures between them. Among these peoples, the CTI works broadly according to the cultural, environmental and political needs and specificities of each of its communities.

Furthermore, we point out that the CTI has already supported UNESCO in the evaluation of nominations for the urgent safeguard list and best practices.

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

*Not to exceed 250 words*

The CTI has worked with the preparation of different technical reports to support indigenous peoples in Brazil, always seeking to subsidize different actors, mainly governmental, through the systematization of information that can contribute to safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage of indigenous peoples, their territories and human rights.

The CTI has also acted as a partner in implementing agencies for small projects submitted by indigenous organizations, for financing their own safeguard actions, and has also supported the analysis of candidacies for small development projects in different public notices.

**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*

We have 03 people in our staff who have good capacity for synthesis and textual elaboration and good command of the English language and 01 person with the same profile in French. We have already worked on the analysis of dossiers for UNESCO and with different implementing agencies in Brazil.

**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

Yes, we already support the UNESCO secretariat and we have already participated in different exchanges to take the experience carried out in Brazil to other contexts, such as Canada, England, USA, and the CTI has participated whenever possible in the COPs.

## 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.

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Title: Ms

Date: 13/03/2023

Signature:

