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Intangible  
Cultural  
Heritage

# NGO Review of Accreditation

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.

Lamar Kanuri Hutuye

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

Kanuri Development Association

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

NGO-90171

#### 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: Kanuri Development Association

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### 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 level (Chapter III of the Convention)<sup>1</sup>

*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*

In the past three years KDA has organised one train-the- trainers workshop and two brainstorming Sessions in Maiduguri and Abuja both in Nigeria, on identifying the challenges faced and the way forward in the domestication and implementation of the UNESCO-ICH 2003 convention in Nigeria.

<sup>1</sup>. 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.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*

Kanuri Development Association has in the past jointly organised and coordinated activities relevant to the convention including the Nigerian government programmes on the domestication of the 2003 convention through the National Institute for Cultural Orientation as well as the UNESCO office in Nigeria. The event was organised on June, 2011 in the city of Enugu in Enugu state, Nigeria.

KDA participated in Series of meetings with the Nigerian Minister of culture and tourism, the Nigeria's UNESCO Ambassador in Paris France as well as the permanent Secretary Ministry of Culture federal republic of Nigeria in Abuja-Nigeria.

**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*

We have not yet participated in this aspect.

**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*

Kanuri Development Association participated in the preparation of nominated elements at the national level. We played significant role when the 'Argungu international fishing and cultural festival' was Inscribed in 2016 (11.COM) on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. KDA played some vital roles in the diplomatic lobbying of UNESCO-ICH member state for consideration of our (Nigeria) nominated element presented at the ICH – Session (UNESCO-ICH 11 that was held in Ethiopia.).

KDA keeps offering its expertise and technical supports to the national programmes in Nigeria on the 2003 convention. For instance, during the Enugu Workshop on the Domestication of the 2003 Convention in June, 2011 in Nigeria, the Nigerian Government in partnership with the Nigeria UNESCO office jointly organized the workshop on the convention, but requested the technical assistance/expertise of the UNESCO accredited NGO'S /Experts in Nigeria to assist with our technical expertise relevant to intangible cultural heritage in the workshop, which we did.

**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*

KDA organises workshops after every ICH Session and related training it participated in, at each time. This workshops are aimed at mainstreaming of ideas generated from every program it participated and or share ideas from the programs. For instance, after the UNESCO Capacity building workshop on the 2003 convention that was held on 30th September-2nd October 2011 in Libreville the republic of Gabon, we organised similar train-the-trainers workshop in the local language for our community on January, 17 2012.

Same applies to the all other programs KDA is represented.

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**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*

KDA is presently working towards translating the 2003 convention into the Kanuri language. we have been developing awareness raising campaigns/activities at the grass root level from time to time especially during annual cultural events in the local dialects (Kanuri and sometimes even in the Hausa local language for a greater understanding of the convention.

**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*

The concept of protecting the intangible cultural heritage itself looks unique and with mixed understanding within our community, thus this give rise to continuous public education and enlightenment at each relevant workshops, cultural gatherings and other related social events such as fora and class room discussions during selected school visits.

In addition, presently we are working towards mainstreaming ICH in to our primary school education system.

## 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

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> ICH meeting in Nairobi -Kenya, in the year 2010 KDA keeps assisting technically and played key roles in the works leading to the successful establishment of the ICH NGO Forum at UNESCO, and through this medium we were able to keep sharing of information and ideas on safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage relating to communities, organizations, institutions and individuals at both the regional/International levels..

## 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

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Our roles and contributions at the meetings has been to organize, participate and share from our views ,observations and experiences working on the ICH issues through the ICH NGO forums meetings during the .COM Sessions .

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*

We have not yet participated in this role , however we support the idea to offer advisory services if invited or when the need arises with time ,because we believe that we are capable of working in this regard.

**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*

Yes, our staff have good command of English. At present 7 Staff obtained tertiary certificates from institutions that teaches in English.

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

*Not to exceed 250 words*

We are presently working on preserving the Kanuri language through documentation as the Kanuri languages is presently under the threat of decaying as a result of colonisation on their lands by the colonial societies who imposes other non-Kanuri languages on them as a commercial language in their territories. In view of this the Kanuri language nouns/words are presently incessantly been replaced by the nouns of other stronger invading languages including English and the Hausa languages in the North-Eastern parts of Nigeria where we are mostly based.

KDA is also working on identifying/inventorying and documenting stories, histories and many other intangible elements of the Kanuri culture and language.

Furthermore, we are also currently working towards recording and documenting some Social practices (Cultural expressions like the Kanuri tribal marks and sporting games such as "JOKOR") and other associated festive events, Knowledge and practices of the Kanuri people.

With time we are also hoping to develop other aspects such as Traditional craftsmanship.

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

*Not to exceed 250 words*

As a result of our long time experience and cooperation as well as consultation with a wide range of National, regional and international Bodies such as United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, African Union (NEPAD), United Nations Human Rights Office, UNESCO, United Nations World Intellectual Property Organisation, the British Department of International Corporation, the Stockholm Convention and many others including the Nigerian government we are quite familiar with evaluating and analysing documents.

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

KDA has experience in drafting in synthetic English texts as most of our key staff members (6) have excellent communication skills as well as good evaluation and reporting skills in English and the Kanuri local language.

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 ,in the past we have worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Office, United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the World intellectual property Organisation as well as the United Nations Stockholm Convention on issues relating to cultural diversities, traditional knowledge , environment and many other aspects especially as it relates to many United Nations instruments such as the Nagoya protocol, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples , UNESCO 2003 convention and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification among others.

Some of our members had the opportunity to be train by the United Nations at the international levels including attending relevant trainings at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research ( [www.unitar.org](http://www.unitar.org)) based in Geneva Switzerland among others.

## F. Cooperation with UNESCO

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

UNESCO Regional capacity-building workshop on the role of NGOs in implementing the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Libreville Gabon,2011.

The Enugu Workshop on Domesticating of the 2003 Convention organised by the Nigerian government through the National institute of cultural orientation and the Nigeria UNESCO country office .

## 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

No

## H. Signature

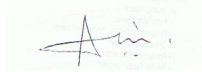
*The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization.*

Name: Babagana Abubakar

Title: Vice president

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Babagana', is written over a light green rectangular background.