

# Region Va Africa

Togo



## Culture-Development Association (Cul-Dev)

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

Geographic Coverage of NGO's expertise: Togo, West Africa.



### Relevant projects or initiatives

The Culture-Development Association coordinates jointly with the Togolese Ministry of Culture awareness raising initiatives and projects, and regularly partakes in capacity-building activities. Likewise, the Association of Culture-Development conducts research on intangible cultural practices and traditional wisdom and craftsmanship. The main thrust of its work are in the areas of ethno-musicology and in the traditional construction of granaries in and across Togo, hence empowering and improving granary construction techniques.

### Recently completed projects

**January 2022 - March 2023:** Organization of three regional workshops bringing together 53 rural girls/women from the new municipalities of Togo to strengthen their capacity on their land rights for equitable access to land and full enjoyment. Funding from the Francophonie Consortium-French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs-Government of Quebec-Principality of Andorra.

**March 2021:** Mapping of the cultural and creative industries in Togo, in order to develop policies in the sector; A 43 page guide for cultural professionals. Funding: CUL.DEV

### Ongoing projects

**June 2023 - July 2025:** Identification, capacity building, safeguarding, and valorization of traditional dances in Togo as a means of sustainable cultural development. Project TGO 02072.

**May 2023 - April 2024:** Organization of five regional workshops bringing together 117 artists from the new municipalities of Togo to strengthen their capacity on Law No. 2016-012 concerning the status of artists for responsible appropriation, in order to better guide policies for the full enjoyment of their rights and have a greater national impact. Funding: UNESCO-ASCHBERG Program.

**June 2022:** Inventory and valorization of food storage practices, food security, and preservation: the case of traditional granaries in Togo. Funding: CUL.DEV.



### Vision

Make the cultural sector, in particular cultural heritage, the lever for dynamic, buoyant and sustained endogenous development.

### Mission

Culture-Development Association (established 2012) is a voluntary civic association grouping together ICH stakeholders, to support and network a community of people interested in the safeguarding of ICH, coming from various academic and non-academic institutions, museums, non-formal education institutions etc. to undertake research, promotion and education. The purpose of the association is to conduct research, promote and educate in the field of ICH.

### Main areas of work related to the Convention



Traditional craftsmanship know-how.



Oral traditions and expressions.



Social practices, rituals, and festive events.

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