Recent developments in the life of the Convention and objectives of the meeting

Third annual coordination meeting of category 2 centres active in the field of intangible cultural heritage

Guiyang — CHINA
6 to 8 July 2015
• Capacity of UNESCO to engage more closely with UNESCO category 2 centres needs to be boosted

• UNESCO will need to act increasingly as the moderator and instigator of a multifaceted, energized global network
MLA 2: Creativity

‘Supporting and promoting the diversity of cultural expressions, the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage and the development of cultural and creative industries’
Partnerships

‘Partnerships with other UN, international and regional organizations as well as with civil society networks will be established for the implementation of both Conventions at the country level and synergies will be pursued’
37C/5, ER 6

‘National capacities strengthened and utilised to safeguard the intangible cultural heritage, including indigenous and endangered languages, through the effective implementation of the 2003 Convention’
Integrated Comprehensive Strategy:

- Renew emphasis on contributions of category 2 centres to:
  - strategic programme objectives and global priorities (C/4)
  - sectoral or intersectoral programme priorities and themes (C/5)
Integrated Comprehensive Strategy:

The activities of category 2 institutes and centres must be global, regional, subregional or interregional in scope. They could be sponsored and supported by one Member State or by a broad coalition of Member States. Entities with a national scope only do not qualify for designation as category 2 institutes and centres.
37 GC/Resolution 93

- Clarification of renewal procedures and timetable with a pre-renewal evaluation (next item on the agenda)
- Full costs to be borne by category 2 centres and/or host countries
38 C/5 (2016-2017)

- Adoption at the 38th session of the General Conference (3 to 18 November 2015)
- No major changes if compared with 37 C/5
- Same priorities
Recent developments

- 9.COM 24 to 28 November 2014 at UNESCO Headquarters
- Relevant decisions:
  - Inclusion of civil society and NGOs in periodic reporting
  - Specific focus for reporting cycles: inventories (9.COM) and education (10.COM)
Recent developments

• Major debates on specific topics:
  ✓ Limited use of BSP
  ✓ Animal rights
  ✓ Sustainable development
  ✓ Over-commercialization
  ✓ Tourism
New Evaluation Body

- Responsible for the evaluation of all files
- Six experts and six accredited NGOs
- Established for the first time by the 9.COM by election
- Evaluation of 50 files in 2015
Referral Option

• Scope enlarged as of 2015 (RL) – substantial information also

• Amendments to the ODs to be examined at 10.COM:
  ➢ extension to the USL
  ➢ deletion of four years waiting time (paragraph 37)
Amendments to ODs

Draft amendments to be adopted by 6.GA in June 2016:

• periodic reporting (to include policy, legislation and gender, as well as NGOs possible contribution)

• safeguarding intangible cultural heritage and sustainable development at the national level
New CB materials

• Unit on Gender in ICH
• Unit on ICH Policy development
• Unit on ICH and sustainable development
Important meetings

• Safeguarding ICH and sustainable development (Sept. 2014, Turkey)

• Model codes of ethics for ICH (March 2015, Spain)

• 10.COM (30/11- 4/12 2015, Namibia)

• TOTs for facilitators in Asia Pacific (January, China) and Africa (September, Algeria)
C2C annual meetings

• 1st in Sozopol, Bulgaria, July 2013
• 2nd in Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, June 2014
• 3rd in Guiyang, China, July 2015
• Global meeting of all Culture C2C and Chairs on 14 December, UNESCO Headquarters
New approach

• 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} meetings: communication of fundamental information from UNESCO to the centres

• 3\textsuperscript{rd} meeting: peer-to-peer exchanges and sessions coordinated by the centres
Objectives (1)

- Share experiences and approaches
- Desired medium and long-term objectives on 6 different topics:
  1. Information and networking (ICHCAP)
  2. Collaboration with UNESCO in the global capacity-building programme (CRIHAP)
Objectives (2)

3. Approaches to programme planning and budgeting (Sofia Centre)

4. Approaches to governance and getting the most from your governing body(ies) (CRESPIAL)
Objectives (3)

3. Cooperation with Member States in planning and implementing programmes (Teheran Centre)

4. Evaluation and renewal (IRCI)