

ACTIVATING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS OF UNESCO 2005 CONVENTION

Message from the Task Force

The "2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions" focuses on the dual nature of cultural goods and services, both as carriers of meaning and as economic assets. In essence, the Convention 2005 recognizes the intertwined relationship between culture and economy. It underscores the results of MONDIACULT 2022, which recognized culture as a global public good and a standalone sustainable development goal.

Our Role

Civil society organizations (CSOs) play a pivotal role in promoting grassroots-level culture. CSOs act as bridges between grassroots culture and broader societal structures. By promoting and preserving local culture, they ensure that cultural diversity is celebrated and that local voices are heard and respected within the larger narrative. The Convention recognizes the fundamental role of CSOs in achieving its objectives and encourages their participation in the Conference of Parties (COP) statutory meetings and through the organization of the Civil Society Forum every two years ensuring stronger advocacy and inclusiveness.

20 YEARS OF THE CONVENTION

Activate the CSO Platform

The task force group, propose to all CSOs to reinforce the networking and create local, national and international collaborations and activities that contribute to the key principles of the Convention and mobilize the civil societies around the Convention.

Call to action

We propose that the Forum undertakes worldwide visibility actions in the form of a campaign celebrating the anniversary of the Convention in 2025, on the same date as the 2025 Forum, but in different countries coordinated by all accredited CSOs. The synchronized series of activities in all countries on the same day will be an opportunity to unite with one common voice for the promotion and inclusion of the diversity of cultural expressions. An open call for accredited CSOs will be launched to invite them to prepare their own activities or events for this day. The wide range of activities is assured by the diversity of the CSOs and countries where those will be held.

Join us in this initiative to make this a successful global celebration in unison of our cultural diversity!

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