Region IV Asia-Pacific

Republic of Korea





World Martial Arts Union (WoMAU)

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





Geographic Coverage of NGO's expertise: Worldwide.

Vision

To contribute to world peace by promoting friendship between peoples through martial arts and by spreading worldwide its underlying values of peace and justice.

Mission

Established in 2002, WoMAU aims to contribute positively to peaceful co-existence through the exchange of personnel and information concerning martial arts from various countries and formulating core values through systematically collecting, exchanging and disseminating materials relating to traditional martial arts.

Main areas of work related to the Convention

- Collect, exchange and disseminate the information and materials relating to traditional martial arts;
- Conduct study and research on the traditional martial arts, and organize seminars and academic conferences;
- Organize or sponsor national and international martial arts demonstrations and/or competitions;
- Cooperate in projects with international or national organizations such as UNESCO and the International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement;
- Facilitate members' participation in the Chungju World Martial Arts Festival and other similar events.





Peace building.

Martial arts.



Exchange of

personnel.



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Relevant projects or initiatives

WoMAU was involved in the inscription of Taekkyeon, a traditional martial art. The NGO analyzed the draft proposals submitted by Korea Taekkyeon Association to the relevant government and also provided them with the related information and expertise in the process of drafting it. At the very beginning, WoMAU encouraged the Korea Taekkyeon Association to submit a proposal to the relevant Ministry of Korea for inscription on the Unesco Representative List of ICH.









Promoting friendship.



Study and research.

International cooperation.

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