Aigine Cultural Research Center

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

Vision
Harnessing the potential of ICH for transformative change.

Mission
Aigine CRC aims to support transformative change by incorporating the positive potential of traditional wisdom and cultural heritage in decision-making at all levels of public and political life.

Geographic Coverage of NGO’s expertise: Kyrgyzstan.

Main areas of work related to the Convention

- Ceremonies, rituals and spiritual practices at sacred sites, healing practices and traditional beliefs, legends and tall tales, epic heritage, traditional music.
- Participation in the Evaluation Body and in statutory meetings of the Convention.
- Documenting, studying and safeguarding cultural and natural heritage and diversity in Kyrgyzstan.
- Social transformation.
- Youth engagement.
- Community-based safeguarding.
- Traditional knowledge and wisdom.

Relevant projects or initiatives

- Project on “Safeguarding of Practices and Rare Rituals Related to Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan: Preparation of Inventory and Safeguarding Measures”. An inventory of 36 pilgrimage practices and 1,202 sacred sites has been compiled.
- Implementation of 27 large scale projects on ICH research, documentation, transmission, integration to non-formal education system of safeguarding.

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