Artistic and Cultural Ensemble TOWARA

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

Geographic Coverage of NGO’s expertise: Benin and Africa.

Main areas of work related to the Convention

**Vision**
The vision of the TOWARA EAC Artistic and Cultural Ensemble is to make intangible cultural heritage a source of awakening, enrichment, and development for communities and peoples.

**Mission**
The mission of the TOWARA EAC Artistic and Cultural Ensemble is to:
- Promote endogenous knowledge as a springboard for cultural development;
- Promote and strengthen the participation of civil society in the enhancement of cultural life;
- Strengthen Benin's contribution to regional and international cultural partnerships;
- Carry out research in the various fields of ICH and promote its transmission and recreation with women and children;
- Work to make the festival of rituals and masked dances a real melting pot of exchanges and sharing of experiences in order to safeguard and promote living cultural heritage.

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**Relevant projects or initiatives:**
- Conference through the CIOFF festivals in France on the theme: traditional knowledge about Abikou ritual practices: the fight against infant mortality in Benin;
- Creation of a 52-minute show entitled “AMADOGIBE” on ICH;
- Organisation of the 14th Festival of Rituals and Masked Dance [FeRiDaMa 2023], on 15, 16 and 17 December 2023.