**Vision**
Become an Ibero-American reference specialized in heritage safeguarding through practical filmmaking and innovative technologies as tools for knowledge transmission and social empowerment. Promote La Villa de Los Santos as a regional laboratory for new researchers committed to heritage preservation and cultural diversity.

**Mission**
Links intangible cultural heritage (ICH) preservation along scientific research projects and the teaching-learning process of documentary filmmaking in the central region of Panama. The organization provides technical and creative opportunities to hundreds of students, communities at risk and professionals to interest them in safeguarding the natural and cultural heritage of Panama, Ibero-America and the world.

**Relevant projects or initiatives**
Pioneering ACAMPADOC International Documentary Film Festival & School since 2011. Its educational programs are recognized by its community-based methodology with an annual topic related to ICH safeguarding.

**Geographic Coverage of NGO’s expertise:** Panama.

**Main areas of work related to the Convention**
- Oral traditions and expressions
- Social practices, rituals and festive events
- Training Programs: More than a decade of training and giving scholarships for a 16 days Residency for Iberoamerican film projects in development, and a Camp for young documentarists.
- Identifying and Safeguarding ICH: A physical and digital collection catalogued with +160 documentaries created by its students and +420 documentaries that have participated in the ACAMPADOC festival.
- Exhibition: The #CINEALRESCATE program showcases films in communities lacking movie theatres. This provides an alternative distribution route and builds new audiences for the non-fiction genre.
- Research and Innovation: Internationally laureate documentaries by ACAMPADOC women alumni: ‘El Silencio del Topo’ by Anaïs Taracena (Guatemala), ‘Objetos Rebeldes’ by Carolina Arias (Costa Rica) and ‘El ritual del Alcaucil’ by Ximena Gonzalez (Argentina).

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**Regional Activity Networks**

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**NGO’s activity networks and more information**

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