

Identifying the advisory functions of accredited NGOs and reviewing accreditation criteria:

Brief presentation by the ICH NGO Forum

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Two main stipulations, and NGOs in-between them

accreditation of NGOs
with recognized competence in
the field of the ICH to act in an
advisory capacity to the
Committee ([Convention, art. 9](#))

State Party working with
communities, groups and relevant
NGOs in the identification and
definition of various elements of
ICH present in its territory
([Convention, art. 11](#))

➡ *inter alia* frame of reference in ODs ([para. 90, 91.a, 96](#))

➡ way forward: option 3?

Diversity of accredited NGOs, and identified *inter alia* functions

1. NGOs as a laboratory of ideas and inspiring practices
2. NGOs' contribution to safeguarding measures, and to follow up on inscribed elements
3. NGOs well equipped to share safeguarding experiences in lighter ways
4. NGOs' role in awareness raising, and in building and strengthening capacities
5. NGOs' possible role in reporting functions serving the Committee and the Overall Results Framework, regional reporting, status of inscribed elements, and other
([ICH NGO Forum intervention ITH/18/13.COM/13](#))
 - i. advisory to the Committee on specific thematic issues
 - ii. experience-sharing on good safeguarding practices
([Working document for the Consultation meeting, Annex 1](#))

Accreditation by the Committee and the General Assembly

➔ way forward: option 1?

Lack of self-recognition of our capacities

➔ Capacity-building tailored for accredited NGOs

Towards an “umbrella organization”

Establish

an ‘umbrella organization’
responsible **for the
accreditation system**

and the coordination of the
contribution of NGOs to the
work of the Committee
(formulation in the Working
document for the Consultation
meeting)

**Transforming ICH NGO Forum into
an ‘umbrella organization’
responsible for examination of
accreditation requests and quadrennial
reports of accredited NGOs,**

and the coordination of the contribution
of NGOs to the
work of the Committee
(amended formulation)

Transforming ICH NGO Forum into an “umbrella organization”

- no capacity to take over a much broader scope of work
 ➔ establishment of a secretariat?
- strengthening governance that will ensure participatory, collaborative, bottom-up operation of ICH NGO Forum