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

Brief presentation by the ICH NGO Forum

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Consultation meeting on the role of accredited NGOs under the 2003 Convention
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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