REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2021

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

1. Name of the organization

1.a. Official name

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

Dünya Etnospor Konfederasyonu

1.b. Name in English or French

Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.

World Ethnosport Confederation

2. Contact of the organization

2.a. Address of the organization

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

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2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

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Given name: Muhammed Abdulhalim
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Other relevant information:

3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out its activities.

☐ local
☒ national
☒ international (please specify: )
☐ worldwide
☐ Africa
☐ Arab States
☐ Asia & the Pacific
☐ Europe & North America
☐ Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) in which it is active:
Argentina, Azerbaijan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Turkey and Turkmenistan

4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

November 20, 2017
5. Objectives of the organization

The World Ethnosport Confederation (WEC) is an international institution whose main mission is to safeguard, promote, and spread traditional sports and games. In order to avert their impoverishment and extinction, WEC facilitates preserving of ethnosports through a wide spectrum of activities and initiatives by organizing events, conducting projects, and encouraging academic research.

As a result of the considerable civilizational shifts and societal changes over the last century, traditional sports and games expressed by the word “ethnosport” and the cultures associated with these, have become more unheeded and been left unpracticed in many parts of the world yet exist as a means of cultural coexistence. Ethnosports are one of the most important elements of accumulations and common past which represent intangible cultural heritage of communities outlined in UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. From this perspective in common with UNESCO's Convention, WEC aims to preserve, develop, and transmit this common culture of nations and humanity to future generations.

In order to implement the goals of UNESCO Convention into action, WEC aims to establish cooperation, unity and solidarity between related NGOs in traditional sports and games. Additionally, conducting researches and educational activities on traditional sports branches, organizing all types of sport, social, and cultural activities in the ethnosport field and cooperating with other institutions and organizations which work in this direction are among the main objectives of the confederation.

As it was stated in UNESCO Convention, intangible cultural heritage, which includes traditional sports and games, is important for sustainable development. By aiming to:

- increase practice of ethnosports, WEC contributes to improvement of physical and mental health of population (SDG 3),

- organize traditional sports and games activities at schools, WEC contributes to improvement of education quality and equal accessibility of physical education (SDG 4) to all students irrespective of their social background and gender (SDG 5),

- promote traditional sports values such as equality, inclusion, respect, and fairness, WEC contributes to reducing inequalities (SDG 10),

- establish partnerships to achieve the aforementioned objectives, WEC implements common projects with other stakeholders (SDG 17).
6. The organization’s activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place for establishing that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having ‘proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains’ (Criterion A).

6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick ‘other domains’ and indicate which domains are concerned.

- [ ] oral traditions and expressions
- [ ] performing arts
- [x] social practices, rituals and festive events
- [ ] knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- [ ] traditional craftsmanship
- [x] other domains - please specify:
  - traditional sports and games

6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization’s primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick ‘other safeguarding measures’ and specify which ones are concerned.

- [x] identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- [x] preservation, protection
- [x] promotion, enhancement
- [x] transmission, formal or non-formal education
- [x] revitalization
- [ ] other safeguarding measures – please specify:

6.c. Description of the organization’s activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information

Since its foundation WEC has organized following activities for safeguarding and promoting traditional sports and games (relevant documentation is given in Section 8.c):

- **4th Ethnosport Forum**: Organized online on April 10, 2021 with in person attendance of Youth and Sports Ministers of 6 countries: the Gambia, Mali, Qatar, Serbia, Somalia and Turkey. The Forum provided an international platform for exchanging ideas regarding ethnosports between related individuals and institutions. Accordingly, Sports Ministers from 3 different countries signed a High-Level Ministerial Joint Statement on developing of traditional sports and games. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Under-Secretary-General of UN and Executive Director of UN-Habitat participated via live connection, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Sport and Tourism of Poland and Ms. Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human
Sciences of UNESCO contributed to the Forum with video messages.

- **3rd Traditional Sports Awards**: Held on April 10, 2021, presented Awards to recipients in the following 6 categories: Supporting Academician from Tunisia, Junior Traditional Sport Player from Turkmenistan, Senior Traditional Sport Player from Mongolia, Traditional Sport Organization from Mexico, International Sponsor from Turkey, Leadership from Qatar.

- **Ethnosport Experience Center** was opened in Istanbul in 2020 to practice traditional sports and games such as archery, mounted archery simulator, virtual reality archery, mangala, karelok, mas wrestling, aba wrestling.

- **3rd Ethnosport Forum**: Organized in Antalya, Turkey in 2020 with over 200 participants from 49 countries. Accordingly, Sports Ministers from 8 different countries signed a Joint Statement expressing an intention of commitment for reviving traditional sports.

- **2nd Traditional Sports Awards**: Held in Antalya, Turkey in 2020 and presented Awards in 6 categories.

- **Regional Ethnosport Committees**: WEC has initiated creation of 13 Committees with the aim of establishing or developing relations among institutions and entities in the same regions.

- **WEC PhD Scholarships**: Announced in 2020, the program is open to PhD students from all over the world who are currently writing their doctorate thesis in the field of traditional sports and games.

- **WEC Traditional Sports and Games Research Executives** composed of 14 academicians from 9 countries started its work with the purpose of researching, analysing and compiling ethnosports throughout the world in an academic framework. As a result of research, a digital platform called Ethnosport Encyclopedia is planned to be created.

- **2nd Ethnosport Forum**: Held in Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2019 with 200 participants from 30 countries.

- **1st Traditional Sports Awards**: Held in Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2019, presented Awards in 5 categories.

- **World Nomad Games (WNG)**: WEC was the co-organizer and main sponsor of WNG held in Kyrgyzstan in 2018. WNG is the biggest global event in ethnosports organized by inter-governmental partnership.

- **UNESCO 4th Collective Consultation Meeting on Traditional Sports and Games**: Hosted by WEC in Istanbul in 2018 with 72 participants from 39 countries.

- **1st Ethnosport Forum**: Organized in Antalya, Turkey in 2018 with 180 participants from 56 countries.

- **School activities “Tradition Meets the Future”** have been organized by WEC since 2017. Thousands of students from different age groups have the chance to try themselves in mas wrestling, traditional archery and mangala, as part of school activities.
• **1st Ethnosport Workshop**: Held in 2017 with 33 participants from 14 countries.

• **Ethnosport Culture Festival**: WEC has been organizing the Ethnosport Culture Festival annually since 2017 in Istanbul. Every year, around a million people visit the Festival, in which various ethnosports competitions take place with the participation of athletes from abroad.

### 6.d. Description of the organization’s competence and expertise

**Please provide information on the personnel and members of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those that demonstrate the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.**

Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information

One of the members of WEC’s Board of Directors is Prof. Dr. M. Öcal Oğuz, President of Executive Board of Turkish National Commission for UNESCO. In addition to his lectures on intangible cultural heritage at undergraduate and graduate levels, he has participated in the Intergovernmental Committee Expert Meeting that conducted the drafting of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage as a representative expert of Turkey and has written reports on many nomination files for the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Representative List Subsidiary Organ between 2008 and 2010 as the expert from Turkey.

WEC members consist of 19 national and international associations or federations from Argentina, Azerbaijan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Turkey and Turkmenistan that comply with WEC’s objectives.

In addition, WEC has a pool of sports players, university professors, researchers and volunteers in traditional sports and games worldwide that gives a strong capacity in the domain of safeguarding and promoting ethnosports. WEC has employed educated, experienced, multicultural and multilingual professionals with strong commitment to safeguarding and reviving traditional sports and games.

With the mutual efforts of WEC and its members, the game of Mangala and Traditional Turkish Archery were included into the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

### 7. The organization’s experiences in cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

**The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation ‘cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, practise and transmit intangible cultural heritage’ (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.**

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

WEC aims to create a platform where communities can express their sportive and cultural heritage and become visible worldwide through traditional sports and games. In line with this, WEC performs its activities related to a large number and variety of ethnosports branches. WEC gives importance to cooperating with a wide range of different segments, including public institutions, foundations, associations, NGOs, families, and individuals.
WEC provides opportunities for interaction among all ethnosport communities and members for broader social dialogue. All the activities of WEC are held in mutual respect, cooperation with and involvement of all the related stakeholders. WEC aims to develop and consolidate national and international friendships within the framework of the intangible cultural heritage and to promote and represent each country in the best and the most equitable manner on the world stage.

Various forums, festivals, competitions, projects, researches and exhibitions are implemented in order to introduce ethnosports worldwide. WEC efforts to represent traditional sports, games and culture of every country during these events. For instance, during the Ethnosport Culture Festival in 2018, in addition to other traditional sports and games, “Yabusame”, Japanese traditional equestrian archery and in 2019 “Pato”, Argentinian traditional equestrian sport, were performed and presented to the visitors to increase the awareness of ethnosports of other countries.

In addition, WEC provides information about members and their traditional sports and games gives on its web-site, priority for transparency and, publishes regularly annual bulletins of activities on web-site.

WEC has signed MoUs with International Traditional Sports and Games Association, International Mas-Wrestling Federation, European Association of Traditional Sports and Games, International Centre for Sport Security, and Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale for cooperation in safeguarding ethnosports.

WEC has initiated EU projects “Empowering Youth Through Traditional Sports and Games” and “Development of Digital Platforms and Applications for the Revival of Traditional Sports and Games”, with Magyar-Turan Foundation (Hungary), Iqra International Academic Charity (Germany), International Belt Wrestling Koresh Federation (Russia), Traditional Sports Branches Federation of Turkey, TTB Youth Organization (Norway), Bosnian Representative Association for Valuable Opportunities, Club Deportivo Cháñí (Spain), Asociacija Aktyvistai (Lithuania).

8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated, whenever possible, into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

8.a. Members and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, a list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of the members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled ‘Section 8.a’.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled ‘Section 8.b’.
8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already clearly indicated in the documentation provided under section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs, DVDs or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled 'Section 8.c'.

9. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to join the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the accreditation of your organization by the General Assembly of States Parties to the 2003 Convention.


- Yes
- No

10. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Muhammed Abdulhalim Aksu
Title: Mr.
Date: 29.04.2021
Signature: [Signature]
World Ethnosport Confederation’s (WEC) Board of Directors

- Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, WEC President
- Dr. Hakan Kazancı, Deputy President – President of Traditional Sports Branches of Turkey
- M. Fatih Kalender, Deputy President – President of the Archer’s Foundation Sports Club
- Taha Ayhan, Deputy President – Marmara Region Traditional Sports Federation Board Member
- Cengiz Toksoz, Treasurer – President of Turkish Traditional Archery Federation
- Abdulhadi Turus, Member of the Board of Directors – Vice-President of Traditional Sports Branches of Turkey
- Fatma Toru, Member of the Board of Directors – Social Dialogue Expert
- Haydar Ali Yıldız, Member of the Board of Directors – President of the Archer’s Foundation
- İbrahim Yumakli, Member of the Board of Directors – Turkish Traditional Archery Federation Board Member
- Kemal Haydar Öztürk, Member of the Board of Directors – TSG expert
- Prof. Dr. M. Öcal Oğuz, Member of the Board of Directors – President of Executive Board of Turkish National Commission for UNESCO
- Osman Başer, Member of the Board of Directors – Private sector
- Samed Ağırbaş, Member of the Board of Directors – Global Youth Expert at UN-Habitat
- Zeliha Sağlam, Member of the Board of Directors – TSG expert
- Dr. Zeynep Safiye Baki Nalcıoğlu, Member of the Board of Directors – Head of Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University Traditional Sports and Games Research and Application Center
Members of the Central Asian Ethnosport Committee

- Bekbolat Tileuhan – President of Kazakhstan Ethnosport Association, Member of the National Parliament (Chairman of the Central Asian Ethnosport Committee)

- Elchin Quliyev – President of the Equestrian Federation of Azerbaijan, Colonel-General

- Prof. Alexander Kim-kimen - President of “Sakhaada-sport” – National Sports and Games Association of the Republic of Sakha, President of Constitutional Court of the Republic of Sakha

- Otobek Imamov – President of the Archery Federation of Uzbekistan

- Ravil Nogumanov – Vice President of International Belt Wrestling Koresh Federation, Tatarstan

- Batsaihan Tsoght – President of the Mongolian Horse Racing and Training Federation
World Ethnosport Confederation’s Traditional Sports and Games
Research Executives

- Prof. Dr. Farid Yaici, University of Bejaia, Algeria
- Prof. Dr. Laghla Bouzid, Mohammed V University, Morocco
- Prof. Dr. Yelemes Alimkhanov, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan
- Prof. Dr. Mehmet Türkmen, Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan
- Dr. Stefan Krist, Inner Mongolia University in Hohhot, China
- Assoc. Prof. Feruza Djumaniyazova, Abu Rayhan al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Dr. Kazimierz Waluch, Pawel Wlodkowic University College, Poland
- Prof. Dr. Ms. Zinaida Kuznetsova, Kazan Federal University, Russia
- Assoc. Prof. Ms. Inga Mendot, Tuvan State University, Russia
- Prof. Dr. M. Öcal Oğuz – Ankara Haci Bayram Veli University, Turkey
- Dr. Ms Zeynep Nalcioglu – Ankara Haci Bayram Veli University, Turkey
- Prof. Dr. Alpaslan Ceylan – President of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Kyrgyzstan
- Prof. Dr. Muhsin Hazar - Gazi University, Turkey
- Prof. Dr. Mehmet Barca - Social Sciences University of Ankara, Turkey
## List of World Ethnosport Confederation’s Corporate Members

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CERTIFICATE OF ACTIVITY
WORLD ETHNOSPORT CONFEDERATION

Organization’s Information

Head Office: Istanbul
Abbreviation: WEC
Date of Establishment: 20.11.2017
Register No: 34-240-096
Tax No: 3220735750
Status: Active
Type: Sports and associations related to sports
Sub-type: Traditional sports, Hunting and Shooting, Sport (Sport clubs and higher institutions)
Rights and authorization: N/A
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ACTIVITIES OF WEC

4th Ethnosport Forum: Organized online on April 10, 2021 with in person attendance of Youth and Sports Ministers of 6 countries: the Gambia, Mali, Qatar, Serbia, Somalia and Turkey. The Forum provided an international platform for exchanging ideas regarding ethnosports between related individuals and institutions.

Opening speech of WEC President Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan

H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey, sent his video message to the participants of the Forum
Youth and Sports Ministers of Turkey, Mali, Somalia, the Gambia, Serbia and Qatar with WEC President

Ms. Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, sent her video message to the participants of the Forum
Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Under-Secretary-General of UN and Executive Director of UN-Habitat, attended the Forum Panel via live connection.

H.E. Anna Krupka, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Poland, sent her video message to the participants of the Forum.
H.E. Vanja Udovičić, Minister of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia, signed the High-Level Ministerial Joint Statement on developing of traditional sports and games.
The Online Sessions were attended by more than 200 participants – representatives of government authorities, international institutions, NGOs, associations and federations representatives, including WEC members, and academicians – from 61 countries.
3rd Traditional Sports Awards: Held on April 10, 2021, presented Awards to recipients in the following 6 categories: Supporting Academician from Tunisia, Junior Traditional Sport Player from Turkmenistan, Senior Traditional Sport Player from Mongolia, Traditional Sport Organization from Mexico, International Sponsor from Turkey, Leadership from Qatar.

Supporting Academician – Prof. Ezzedine Bouzid, Tunisia

Junior Traditional Sport Player – Dinara Hallyyeva, belt wrestling, Turkmenistan
Traditional Sports Organization – Mexican Traditional and Autochthonous Games and Sports Federation

Leadership – H.E. Salah Bin Ghanem Al Ali, Minister of Culture and Sports of the State of Qatar
**Ethnosport Experience Center:** Opened in Istanbul in 2020 to practice traditional sports and games such as archery, mounted archery simulator, virtual reality archery, mangala, karelok, mas wrestling, aba wrestling.
3rd Ethnosport Forum: Organized in Antalya, Turkey in 2020 with over 200 participants from 49 countries, this Forum saw the importance of government’s support for ethnosports. Accordingly, a Joint Statement expressing an intention of commitment for reviving traditional sports has been signed by Youth and Sports Ministers from eight different countries.
2nd day Panel participated by representatives of Senegal, Mexico, Russia, Kyrgyzstan and Qatar

Round-table discussions of the 3rd Ethnosport Forum
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Youth and Sports Ministers of Palestine, Pakistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Mali, Somalia, Uzbekistan with WEC President
The 1st Meeting of WEC Members was held during the Forum
2nd Traditional Sports Awards: Held in Antalya, Turkey in 2020 and presented Awards in the following six categories: Supporting Academician, Junior Traditional Sport Player, Senior Traditional Sport Player, Traditional Sport Organization, International Sponsor, Leadership.
Leadership Award – Minister of Sport of the Republic of Sakha of Russia
2nd Ethnosport Forum: Held in Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2019 with 200 participants from 30 countries, this forum saw the sharing ideas as a continuation of the issues that had been discussed the previous year.
Round-table discussions of the 2nd Ethnosport Forum
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1st Traditional Sports Award Ceremony: Held in Almaty, Kazakhstan in 2019, this ceremony presented awards in five categories (Supporting Academician, Junior Traditional Sports Player, Senior Traditional Sports Player, International Sponsor, Leadership.).
International Sponsor Award presented to the Chairman of Turkish Airlines
**The World Nomad Games (WNG):** WEC was the co-organizer and main sponsor of WNG held in Kyrgyzstan in 2018. WNG is the biggest global event in ethnosports organized by inter-governmental partnership.
UNESCO 4th Collective Consultation Meeting on Traditional Sports and Games: This meeting, hosted by WEC in Istanbul, Turkey in 2018 with 72 participants from 39 countries, saw discussions on areas for collective work with UNESCO and the activities that will be able to be performed.
1st Ethnosport Forum: Organized in Antalya, Turkey in 2018 with 180 participants from 56 countries, the Forum provided an international platform for exchanging ideas regarding traditional sports and games between related individuals and institutions.
School activities “Tradition Meets the Future” have been organized by WEC since 2017. Thousands of students from different age groups have the chance to try themselves in mas wrestling, traditional archery and mangala, as part of school activities.
1st International Ethnosport Workshop: Held in 2017 with 33 participants from 14 countries, this workshop assessed the ways of development of traditional sports and games.
Ethnosport Culture Festivals, Istanbul, 2017-2019

Opening speech of WEC President at the 3rd Ethnosport Cultural Festival

General view of the Festival area
During the Ethnosport Culture Festival in 2019, in addition to other traditional sports and games, “Pato”, Argentinian traditional equestrian sport was performed and presented to the visitors.

During the Ethnosport Culture Festival in 2018, in addition to other traditional sports and games, “Yabusame”, Japanese traditional equestrian archery was performed and presented to the visitors.
Kok-boru team from Kyrgyzstan at the Festival
Oil-wrestling at the Festival

Horseback archery at the Festival