

Call for Expressions of Interest

for the publication 'Celebrating the living heritage of indigenous peoples' (provisional title)

The Living Heritage Entity of the UNESCO Culture Sector is looking for a **team of researchers and writers** to carry out activities for a publication entitled 'Celebrating the living heritage of indigenous peoples';

The deadline for submitting expressions of interest is **5 June 2023** (the expected starting date for the work is mid-June 2023, with all the tasks to be completed by October 2023).

1. Context

The year 2023 marks the 20th anniversary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (hereinafter 'the 2003 Convention'), and a series of activities and events are being launched throughout the year as part of the celebrations. Celebrating the twentieth anniversary will provide an important opportunity for the stakeholders of the 2003 Convention to take stock of the achievements made so far and to reflect on the directions that the Convention should follow for the upcoming decades. It will also be an opportunity to further raise awareness of the significance of living heritage on a broad scale.

In this context, the UNESCO Living Heritage Entity, Secretariat of the 2003 Convention, will **launch a publication entitled 'Celebrating the living heritage of indigenous peoples'**, showcasing the diversity of living heritage of indigenous peoples around the world.

Indigenous peoples hold a rich diversity of living heritage, including expressions, knowledge and skills, whose practice and transmission contribute to the vitality, strength and wellbeing of bearer communities. This new publication will portray **a selection of safeguarding projects and elements inscribed on the Lists of the 2003 Convention in order to bring indigenous peoples' voices to the forefront and highlight experiences in safeguarding their own living heritage**. This will be a renewed opportunity to gather lessons about the relationship of the 2003 Convention and indigenous communities and raise awareness amongst the global audience about their crucial role. The publication is also part of UNESCO's actions in the context of the [International Decade on Indigenous Languages \(2023-2033\)](#).

This initiative is made possible thanks to generous contribution by the government of Brazil.

2. Work Assignment

In close consultation with the UNESCO Living Heritage Entity, the contractor shall:

- 1.1. Undertake desk review of the following documents (to be provided by the Living Heritage Entity):
 - 1.1.1. Nomination dossiers of elements related to indigenous peoples inscribed on the Lists of the 2003 Convention (List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding; Representative List of the

Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity; and Register of Good Safeguarding Practices);

- 1.1.2. Reports of International Assistance projects funded by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund related to indigenous peoples;
- 1.2. Identify, in consultation with UNESCO, relevant International Assistance projects and inscribed elements in order to establish a list of indigenous peoples' experiences in safeguarding living heritage (target at least six, in different countries) to be portrayed in the publication 'Celebrating the living heritage of indigenous peoples';
- 1.3. Establish, in consultation with UNESCO, a list of actors working with the selected indigenous peoples' safeguarding experiences, including: contact person of the selected projects and inscribed elements, NGOs, UNESCO chairs, research centers, facilitators, category two centres, etc.;
- 1.4. Contact and conduct online recorded interviews with selected stakeholders (at least two people per selected safeguarding experience);
- 1.5. Undertake with the selected interviewees photo search in order to secure high-quality images of selected indigenous peoples' safeguarding experiences and proper rights for non-commercial use;
- 1.6. On the basis of the interviews and desk review, the contractor shall identify thematic commonalities (opportunities, challenges, threats, etc.) of the selected indigenous peoples' safeguarding experiences and propose, in consultation with UNESCO, a table of contents for the publication 'Celebrating the living heritage of indigenous peoples'. This task will include at least two rounds of revisions;
- 1.7. While establishing the table of contents of the publication, the contractor shall write, structure and proofread texts (approx. 30 pages, A4 format) in either English, French or Spanish for the publication 'Celebrating the living heritage of indigenous peoples'. These texts, to be drafted in either English, French or Spanish, shall provide a detailed appraisal of the selected indigenous peoples' safeguarding experiences, including testimonies and citations. This task will include at least three rounds of revisions;
- 1.8. Based on the approved final texts, write in either English, French or Spanish a three-page policy brief on "Living Heritage and Indigenous Peoples". This task will include at least two rounds of revisions.

3. Timetable

Deliverables	Expected dates (2023)
1) List of selected indigenous peoples' experiences in safeguarding living heritage	26 June
2) List of interlocutors	3 July
3) Completion of interviews	31 July
4) Final validation of table of content	14 August
5) Final validation of texts	11 September
6) Final validation of policy brief	2 October

4. Qualifications required

The applicants shall have the following qualifications:

- Excellent knowledge about the [2003 Convention](#) and its international cooperation mechanisms (Lists, international assistance);
- Knowledge of the [UNESCO policy on engaging with indigenous peoples](#);
- Knowledge of the [Ethical Principles for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage](#);
- Excellent writing and communication skills in either English, French or Spanish;
- Excellent organizational skills and proven ability to deliver consultancy products and services within deadlines;
- Strong research experience, including knowledge of research methodologies, report writing and data visualization (basic tables, graphs and charts).

How to apply?

Interested candidates should send their expression of interest to carry out the work assignment including the following information:

- A brief letter of intention referred to the above-mentioned work, with a description of the team environment relevant for undertaking the work;
- An indication of expectations regarding the fees to carry out the work;
- All documents must be sent on the letterhead of the applicant's institution;
- Please send your proposals to Leandro Peredo (l.peredo@unesco.org), UNESCO Living Heritage Entity.

Expressions of interest should reach UNESCO by 5 June 2023.