



unesco

Intangible Cultural Heritage

REPORT BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMITTEE ON ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

**Deadline: 17 February 2025
for examination in 2025**

File may be downloaded at:
<https://ich.unesco.org/en/forms>

*Please provide only the information requested below.
Annexes or other additional materials cannot be accepted.*

A. Identification of the organization

A.1. Name of the organization submitting this report

A.1.a. Provide the full official name of the organization in its original language, as it appears on the official documents.

WEST AFRICA COALITION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS (WACIPR)

A.1.b. Name of the organization in English and/or French.

WEST AFRICA COALITION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS (WACIPR)

A.1.c. Accreditation number of the organization (as indicated in all previous correspondence: NGO-90XXX)

NGO-90217

A.2. Address of the organization

Provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. The postal address should be the one where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled. In the case of internationally active organizations, please provide the address of the headquarters.

Organization: WEST AFRICA COALITION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS
(WACIPR)

Address: 4, OTOKITI STREET, OFF UWELU ROAD, P.O. BOX 4228, BENIN
CITY, EDO STATE, NIGERIA

Telephone number: +234 805 255 9526

Email address: wacipr@yahoo.com

Website/Social media: *Facebook.com/wacipr*

Other relevant information:

A.3. Contact person for correspondence

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

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.): MR.

Family name: OGIERIAKHI

Given name: JOSEPH

Position: PROGRAMMES DIRECTOR

Postal address: C/O 4, OTOKITI STREET, OFF UWELU ROAD, BENIN CITY, NIGERIA

Telephone number: +234 803 715 5488

Email address: joegieriakhi@yahoo.com.au

Other relevant information:

B. Contribution of the organization to the implementation of the Convention at the national and international levels (Chapter III and Article 19 of the Convention, paragraph 156 of the Operational Directives)¹

Distinguish between completed activities and ongoing activities contributing to the eight thematic areas of the Convention's Overall Results Framework², as well as to the preparation of periodic reports, nominations, proposals and requests under the Convention's international cooperation mechanisms. If you have not contributed, this should be indicated. Also describe any obstacles or difficulties that your organization may have encountered in such participation.

B.1. Describe your organization's contribution to strengthening *institutional and human capacities* for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED AS A PARTICIPANT IN VARIOUS WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND NATIONAL ORIENTATION TO PROMOTE ICH IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW. THESE

1. In case your organization operates in several States, please indicate clearly which State or States are concerned by your answers where appropriate.
2. For further information on the Overall Results Framework, please refer to the Chapter 8 of the Basic Texts of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/basic-texts-00503>

MEETINGS WHICH HAD STAKEHOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE ORGANIZED TO FORM EFFECTIVE COOPERATIONS BETWEEN NGOS AND STATE PARTY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ICH AT THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES. UNESCO FOCAL OFFICER IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND NATIONAL ORIENTATION COMMUNICATES CONSTANTLY WITH WACIPR ON ISSUES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ICH AT THE GRASSROOT COMMUNITIES.

- B.2. Describe your organization's participation in activities related to the **transmission of and education for intangible cultural heritage**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, WACIPR HAS ORGANIZED TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS WORKSHOPS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 CONVENTION ON SAFEGUARDING ICH AT GRASSROOT LEVEL. WACIPR ORGANIZED AND PARTICIPATED IN EVENTS RELATED TO ICH, INCLUDING CAPACITY BUILDING SYMPOSIA, WHERE ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO STREAMLINE ICH TO MATCH WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF ENDING POVERTY, ZERO HUNGER, GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. THE AIM WAS ALSO TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR ICH AND PORTRAY IT AS AN INDISPENSABLE FACTOR OF HUMAN EXISTENCE.

- B.3. Describe your organization's participation in the **inventorying and research** of intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR IS A COMMUNITY-BASED NGO WORKING WITH OVER 300 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES THAT ARE RICH IN ICH IN THE VAST COMMUNITIES, WITH A VIEW TO SAFEGUARDING AND TRANSMISSION TO FUTURE GENERATIONS. PRESENTLY, THE ORGANIZATION IS STILL COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITIES IN THE COMPILATION OF THE TRADITIONAL MEDICINE AND HERBAL PHARMACOPOEIA WITH ASSOCIATED INDIGENOUS TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE. WACIPR ASSIST STATE PARTIES TO SECURE ACCESS, CONSENT, AND APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

- B.4. Describe your organization's participation in developing **policies, as well as legal and administrative measures**, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR HAD SENSITISATION VISIT TO THE EDO STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICE TO DISCUSS POLICIES FOR SAFEGUARDING THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE VARIOUS GEOPOLITICAL ZONES OF THE STATE. ALSO, A WORKING VISIT TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM EDO STATE WAS MADE TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR SAFEGUARDING THE ICH OF EDO PEOPLE, AND HOW THEIR ICH CAN BE RECOGNISED BY UNESCO.

- B.5. Describe your organization's participation in promoting the **role of intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding in society**. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN A WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY THE EDO STATE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC SENSITISATION ON THE ROLE OF ICH AND THE NEED TO SAFEGUARD THE ICH OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES. WACIPR ALSO ORGANISED WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIUM BOTH IN-HOUSE AND IN SOME INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES TO BRING TOGETHER

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS AND TO TRANSMIT TRADITION TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

B.6. Describe your organization's participation in **raising awareness** about intangible cultural heritage. Explain, in particular, how your organization cooperates with communities, groups and, where relevant, individuals.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR ORGANIZES A BIENNIAL CULTURAL WEEK WHICH SHOWCASED EXHIBITIONS OF INDIGENOUS AND TRADITIONAL CRAFTS, ORAL EXPRESSIONS AND TRADITIONS, AND PERFORMING ARTS/DANCE, WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY THE TEEMING YOUTH POPULATION.

B.7. Describe your organization's participation in facilitating the engagement of communities, groups and individuals, as well as other stakeholders, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR HAD AN EXCELLENT COLLABORATION WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR COMFORT OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN NIGERIA, ONE MAJOR AIM OF THE COLLABORATION WAS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF TRADITION TO THE YOUNGER AND UPCOMING GENERATION. WACIPR IS WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES' LEADERSHIP TO BRING MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR TRADITIONS THROUGH MORE PUBLICITY OF FOLKLORES AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT TELL THE STORIES OF THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE.

B.8. Describe your organization's **engagement in cooperation at the bilateral, subregional, regional or international levels** for the implementation of the Convention, including initiatives such as the exchange of information and experience, and other joint initiatives.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR IS NETWORKING WITH ICH BEARERS, GROUP AND NGOS, SHARING IDEAS ON INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 CONVENTION ON SAFEGUARDING FOR ICH. ALSO, WACIPR HAS FOREIGN NETWORKING PARTNERS FOR RESEARCH ON ICH. WACIPR IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF UNESCO ICH-NGO FORUM AND IS REPRESENTED ON ITS EDITORIAL BOARD OF 'HERITAGE ALIVE' – AN ONLINE PUBLICATION WHERE IDEAS, VIEWPOINTS AND ISSUES OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE ARE DISCUSSED. WACIPR HAS MANY AFFILIATING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND CULTURAL NGOS IN WEST AFRICA WITH WHICH IT EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES ON ICH.

B.9. Describe your organization's involvement in or contribution to the drafting of the national Periodic Report on the implementation of the Convention.

Not to exceed 250 words

PROVISION OF DATA AND INFORMATION ON MONITORING

B.10. Describe your organization's participation in the preparation of nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List or Representative List, requests for International Assistance or proposals of Good Safeguarding Practices.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR CONTINUED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION OF NOMINATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE LIST. ENGAGED IN RESEARCH, INVENTORYING AND IDENTIFICATION OF ELEMENTS.



C. Cooperation with UNESCO

Has your organization carried out activities in cooperation with UNESCO? If yes, please tick the relevant boxes and provide information in the box below.

- Direct cooperation with UNESCO (Headquarters and Field Offices)
- Activities for which you have received the authorization to use the emblem of UNESCO/of the 2003 Convention
- Cooperation through the 2003 Convention's Global Network of Facilitators
- Cooperation with Category 2 Centres
- Cooperation with National Commissions for UNESCO
- Cooperation with UNESCO Chairs
- Financial support from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund
- Financial support from the Participation Programme
- Other types of cooperation

Not to exceed 250 words

AWARENESS RAISING FOR 2003 CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE AMONG INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

D. Participation in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

D.1 Has your organization participated in the sessions of the Committee? If so, please indicate which sessions you attended and whether you had any specific role during these meetings.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR HAS PARTICIPATED IN 5.COM, 7.COM, 8.COM, 9.COM, 10.COM, 11.COM, 12.COM, 13.COM, 14.COM, 15.COM (VIRTUAL), 17.COM, 18.COM
THE ORGANIZATION CONTRIBUTIONS AT MEETING WERE ON THE PLATFORM OF ICH-NGO

D.2 Has your organization served as a member of the Evaluation Body (paragraphs 26 to 31 of the Operational Directives), or as a member of the Consultative Body (between 2012 and 2014)? If so, please indicate the period.

Not to exceed 100 words

NO



D.3 *In what way(s) has your organization provided advisory services to the Committee (paragraph 96 of the Operational Directives) or in what way(s) do you foresee that it might provide such services in the future?*

Not to exceed 500 words

THROUGH THE ICH-NGO FORUM, WACIPR HAS CONTINUOUSLY PROVIDED ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE BY WAY OF COLLECTIVE INTERVENTIONS AND STATEMENTS AT PLENARIES AND SIDE MEETINGS WITH COMMITTEE.

WACIPR AS AN ORGANIZATION IS PREPARED TO OFFER OUR QUALITY EXPERTISE AND SERVICES AS WELL AS EXPERIENCE TO EVALUATE AND MONITOR PROJECTS, AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACTIONABLE REPORTS. .

E. Capacities of your organization to evaluate nominations, proposals and requests (paragraphs 27 and 96 of the Operational Directives)

E.1. *Nominations, proposals and requests are available for evaluation only in English or French. Do members of your organization or your staff have a very good command of English or French? If so, please indicate which language(s) and the number of those members or staff with the language abilities concerned.*

Not to exceed 250 words

MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF WACIPR HAVE VERY GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE. TEN STAFF AND SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS THAT WORK WITH THE ORGANIZATION HAVE TERTIARY INSTITUTION QUALIFICATIONS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH.

E.2. *Does your organization have experience in working across several intangible cultural heritage domains? Please describe your experiences.*

Not to exceed 250 words

YES.

WACIPR HAS BROAD EXPERIENCE IN ORAL TRADITIONS AND CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS, PERFORMING ARTS, SOCIAL PRACTICES AND FESTIVE EVENTS, NATURAL KNOWLEDGE PRACTICES AND TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP; SPREAD ACROSS OVER 300 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES.

E.3. *Describe the experience of your organization in evaluating and analysing documents such as proposals or applications.*

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR CONTINUED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE NATIONAL FOCAL AGENCY- NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL ORIENTATION (NICO), DESK/FOCAL OFFICER FOR ICH AT THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND NATIONAL ORIENTATION.

E.4. *Does your organization have experience in drafting synthetic texts in English or French? Please describe your experience and indicate in which language(s) and the number of those members or staff with the language abilities concerned.*

Not to exceed 250 words

YES. WACIPR COLLABORATED WITH NATIONAL FOCAL AGENCY TO DRAFT TEXTS IN ENGLISH. TWO MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION WERE ACTIVELY INVOLVED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT.

E.5. Does your organization have experience in working at the international level or the capacity to apply local experience to an international context? Please describe such experience.

Not to exceed 250 words

WACIPR HAS ALWAYS SHARED EXPERIENCES AND EXCHANGED IDEAS WITH SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NGOs IN ADVANCING BEST SAFEGUARDING PRACTICES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 ICH CONVENTION.

F. Membership in the ICH NGO Forum

Indicate below whether your organization wishes to (continue to) be part of the ICH NGO Forum. Please note that membership is contingent upon the decision of the Committee to maintain the accreditation of your organization.

For more information on the ICH NGO Forum and its activities, please see: <https://ich.unesco.org/en/ngo-forums-00422>.

Yes **YES**

No

G. Signature


The report must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of your organization.

Name: JOSEPH OGIERIAKHI

Title: PROGRAMMES DIRECTOR

Date: 15 FEBRUARY, 2025

Signature:



For the purpose of collecting information, accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to answer the following question (optional). The information provided will not be assessed as part of the review of accreditation in the sense of paragraph 94 of the Operational Directives.



Participation in the work of the ICH NGO Forum

Has your organization contributed to the work of the ICH NGO Forum in the past four years? If yes, please tick the relevant box(es) and provide information below.

Member of the **Exécutive Board** of the ICH NGO Forum

If yes, indicate the period and the role played:

Member of a **thematic working group** established under the ICH NGO Forum

Specify the name of the working group, the period and the role played: WACIPR REPRESENTATIVE IS ON THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE ICH NGO FORUM, PUBLISHER OF HERITAGE ALIVE. IT IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GENDER ISSUES WHERE IT CONTRIBUTES GREAT IDEAS TO MOVE THE ICH NGO FORUM FORWARD TO LOFTY HEIGHTS.

Organizer of an **event specifically convened for accredited non-governmental organizations**

Specify the name of the event, its target group and its date:

Other types of cooperation

Specify:

