

THIRD INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF NGOs, OFFICIAL PARTNERS OF UNESCO

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THE ROLE OF YOUTH FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Sofia and Sozopol (Bulgaria), 28–30 September 2014

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

"UNESCO will engage youth in leading dynamic heritage preservation projects and in volunteering in awareness-raising in this field as a vector of dialogue and inclusion".

UNESCO Operational Strategy on Youth 2014-2021

As a follow up to the 2012 International Conference of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, in cooperation with the UNESCO Secretariat, have chosen to dedicate one of the Forums of the biennium 2013-2014 - the third of its kind - to the role of youth for the safeguarding of tangible cultural heritage and of intangible cultural heritage.

Concerning the tangible cultural heritage, we know how important and popular are the restoration projects, the engagement of young people around World Heritage sites (cultural and natural) and their contribution to valorising built heritage, notably in the processes of informal education and non-formal education.

Concerning the intangible cultural heritage (ICH - 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage), the holders of ICH elements are at the heart of, and are the main actors in the processes of safeguarding (inventories, communication, education, safeguarding, promotion, etc.) whether those are implemented by public bodies, by NGOs or informal civil society organisations (festivals, meetings, research, entertainment, etc.). It is by focusing the safeguarding policies notably towards young holders of elements of ICH, that the objectives of these policies will be essentially achieved.

For one form of heritage or for the other - which incidentally are often intertwined - young people generally engage through NGOs. Many NGOs, official partners of UNESCO, in the areas of culture evidently, but in education and communication too, are active in programs or projects dealing with safeguarding heritage.

During two days of discussions and workshops in Sozopol, the Forum will review the different types of youth participation in heritage safeguarding, sharing experiences in particular on the difficulties faced by NGOs in this area, and seek ways to encourage support in working on safeguarding with youth.

The four topics to be considered during the Forum will be the following:

1. How to build capacity (in formal and informal education) for young people in safeguarding cultural heritage?
2. Which initiatives, public and private, are needed to include young people in the safeguarding of cultural heritage and awareness-raising?
3. How to promote cultural diversity and to improve intercultural dialogue through the safeguarding of cultural heritage?
4. How to create jobs/livelihoods through cultural heritage safeguarding and contribute to sustainable development?

A wide participation of young people in the Forum is sought. The conclusions of the Forum will be transmitted to all NGOs in official partnership and to the Director-General of UNESCO, so as to contribute a special focus and some possible enrichment in the safeguarding of cultural heritage. The Forum is also expected to feed the current debate on the definition of the post 2015 Development Agenda.

Day one - Saturday 27 September - ARRIVAL

Morning	Arrival of participants at Sofia Airport, train station or bus station Pick-up and check-in at the Central Park Sofia Hotel
1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch at the Central Park Sofia Hotel</i>
Afternoon	Arrival of remaining participants Pick-up and check-in at the Central Park Sofia Hotel
8:00 p.m.	<i>Dinner at the Central Park Sofia Hotel</i>

Day two - Sunday 28 September - SOFIA AND TRAVEL TO SOZOPOL

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<i>Breakfast at the Central Park Sofia Hotel</i>
9:30 a.m.– 10:30 a.m.	Official opening ceremony of the Forum (National Palace of Culture, Hall 7) Performance by the Chamber Ensemble “John Koukouzeles – the Angel Voiced” Welcoming remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President of the Republic of Bulgaria (<i>to be confirmed</i>) • Minister of Culture of Bulgaria (<i>to be confirmed</i>) • Video-message of Mrs Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO • Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs • Other officials
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Visit to the exhibition “Bulgaria's Cultural Heritage - Past, Present and Future” (National Palace of Culture, Hall 3.3)
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Performance by “The Bistritsa Babi” (grandmothers of Bistritsa), <i>Element on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage</i>

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<i>Cocktail</i>
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Departure for Plovdiv by bus
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch in the Old Town of Plovdiv</i>
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Visit of the Old Town of Plovdiv: Ethnographic museum and amphitheatre
4:15 p.m.	Departure for Sozopol by bus
9:00 p.m.	Arrival at Sozopol - Dyuni holiday village. Check-in at Hotel Marina Beach and Hotel Marina Royal Palace <i>Dinner in the hotel restaurants</i>

Day three - Monday 29 September – DYUNI

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	<i>Breakfast in the hotel restaurants</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Opening Session of the Forum Welcoming remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor of Bourgas District • Mayor of Sozopol • Representative of the Sozopol Foundation, member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	1st Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Forum by the Forum Coordinators - Presentation on youth involvement in the safeguarding of tangible and intangible cultural heritage (UNESCO Secretariat) - Keynote speaker presentation: Ms Kristin Kuutma (Estonia), Professor of cultural research at the University of Tartu, Estonia, Chair of the Estonian National Commission for UNESCO
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee break (side event presentations)</i>
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	2nd Plenary Session Presentation of NGO best practices of youth safeguarding tangible and intangible cultural heritage
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch in the hotel restaurants</i>
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	1st Workshop session: first discussion on the Forum topics
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break (side event presentations)</i>
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	2nd Workshop session: World café on the Forum topics
7:30 p.m.	<i>Dinner at restaurant Chiflika at the invitation of the Mayor of Sozopol</i> <i>Presentation of traditional cultural heritage</i>

Day four - Tuesday 30 September - DYUNI, SOZOPOL

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. *Breakfast in the hotel restaurants*
- 8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **3rd Plenary Session**
- Keynote speaker presentation: Prof. (Mr) Nikolay Tuleshkov (Bulgaria), Professor at the Institute of Art Studies to the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and at the University of Structural Engineering & Architecture “Lyuben Karavelov”
 - Keynote speaker presentation: Dr (Mr) Ahmad Sarmast (Afghanistan), Research Fellow of the School of Music-Conservatorium Monash University in Melbourne, and founder of the Afghanistan National Institute of Music in Kabul
 - Reports on the World Café
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Coffee break (side event presentations)*
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 **3rd Workshop session: Preparation of a final resolution**
- 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. Departure for Sozopol by bus
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. *Lunch in Restaurant Windmill*
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Visit of the Old Town of Sozopol: Southern Fortress Wall and Tower, Architectural and Historic Complex with museum exhibition created by the Sozopol Foundation. Return to Dyuni
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Closing Plenary Session**
- Approval of final resolution
 - Concluding remarks
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Guided visit to the *Let be light* exhibition of children's drawings
Cocktail
- 8:00 p.m. *Gala dinner (special program)*

Day five - Wednesday 1st October - RETURN TO SOFIA AND DEPARTURE

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. *Breakfast in the restaurant of the hotel*
- 9:00 a.m.
from 1:00 p.m. on Departure to Sofia by bus
Departure of the participants from Sofia airport, train station or bus station