

Recommendation

The participants in the 2006 International Workshop of Local Government Administrators on “Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage and Participation of Young People” express their sincere gratitude to Gangneung City Government and Korean National Commission for UNESCO for excellent organization of this forum. Accordingly they address the following recommendations:

To Mayors of cities and other leaders of local governments

1. Local Governments and Participation of Young People in the Safeguarding of Local Intangible Cultural Heritage

- (i) To establish close collaboration with UNESCO as well as with other international governmental and non-governmental organizations for the purposes of reinforced safeguarding the intangible heritage and active participation of young people in the safeguarding of their local traditional cultures;
- (ii) To use all means of mobilizing young people for better appreciation and safeguarding of traditional culture through family, schools, custodians, cultural actors and direct participation of youth in cultural life;
- (iii) To actively involve local communities, including its young population, in the safeguarding of their intangible cultural heritages;
- (iv) To ensure that heritage education is integrated in all-inclusive efforts aimed at maintenance of cultural diversity;
- (v) To promote a dialogue between traditional and modern cultures as the way of greater involvement of young people in the safeguarding heritage policies and activities;
- (vi) To utilize the potential of festivals in its multiple aspects of education, transmission and revitalization in order to raise awareness and pride of young people in their local intangible cultural heritages.

2. Cultural Mapping and Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

- (i) To use cultural mapping at the local level and with due account of every city's particularities as the effective tool for making inventories of their intangible cultural heritages;
- (ii) To involve local communities and other important stakeholders in the cultural mapping process;
- (iii) To develop action plans that include benchmarks and investments in skills thus strengthening competitive advantages of cities/territorial units;

3. Further development of the Inter-City Cooperation Network for Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage

- (i) To promote effective cooperation between various cities in order to expand ICCN and reinforce the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage as a key factor of sustainable development;
- (ii) To entrust Gangneung City to act as ICCN's Secretariat and Principal Coordinator and to request it in this capacity to create an appropriate organizational infrastructure and website;
- (iii) To use ICCN as the means for establishing interregional and world inventories of intangible cultural heritages for educational and research purposes;
- (iv) To use ICCN in the regular holding of joint festivals and cultural events among its member-cities;
- (v) To convene future round tables of mayors and thematic workshops in rotation among ICCN's members (Qalyubiya/Egypt – 2007 International Workshop of Local Government Administrators; Phnom Penh/Cambodia – 2008 International Round Table of Mayors).