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Centre for Peace building and Poverty
Reduction among Indigenous People (CEPPER)

NGO accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental
Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Geographic Coverage of NGO’s expertise: Nigeria, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Senegal.



Relevant projects or initiatives

CEPPER is building a pool of resources to contribute to peace building and poverty alleviation. We also actively engaged in the following projects.

1. We have embarked upon documentation and inventorying the intellectual properties and folklore of the Wawa people of West Africa with the intention to seek legislative and copyright protection of these previously undocumented activities;
2. Publication of well researched articles and books on Wawa and Igbos indigenous people that will itemize the various cultural properties and rights of the people that are under threat to sensitize the world and national governments ;
3. Organizing workshops and attending global fora of world indigenous peoples to present the perceived areas of injustice and marginalization which have threatened them with extinction and permanent dislocation.
4. Making representation to governments in the four West African countries to recognize and adopt best practices and conventions on world indigenous intellectual rights and properties.
5. CEPPER also plans to organize a seminar at the next Intergovernmental Committee meeting in Botswana aimed at maximizing gender in ICH with the collaboration of the Working Group on Gender of the ICH NGO Forum.



Vision

Represent and voice the African indigenous people’s determination to safeguard, inventory and promote their living heritage under the purview of the 2003 UNESCO Convention.

Mission

To restore the dignity and the wealth of the intangible cultural heritage of the Igbos, the Wawas and other African indigenous peoples, bring them to the world stage and build a sustainable partnership with the living heritage of all peoples.

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Main areas of work related to the Convention

The Centre for Peace Building and Poverty Reduction among Indigenous People (established 1998) works related to all of the domains of the Convention, focusing more specifically upon the following areas.



1. Rediscovery and promotion of the intellectual and traditional knowledge of the Igbos relating to its traditional medical knowledge and practices;



2. Protection of the masquerade and oracular prophetic practices of the Igbos and Wawa people in Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d’Ivoire and Senegal;



3. Defense and sustenance of the natural and customary practices of the indigenous African people under the context of foreign religion and globalization which exterminate the population’s social and economic existence;



4. Awareness raising of the intellectual class in Africa on the issues that border on African intellectual property and folklore;



5. Research and publications on African intellectual and folklore history and issues by collating end reports of conferences and workshops.



6. Poverty reduction programs to ensure environmental and economic sustainability for the Wawas in Igboland spread through the four West African states (Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d’Ivoire and Senegal);



7. Designing relevant programs that will impact positively and contextualize the UN millennium development goals in the lives and customs of the Wawas in Igboland, especially those in the Niger delta of Nigeria.

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