

**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: 15 February 2023
for examination in 2023**

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*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.*

Asociación Melilla para la UNESCO (anterior Centro UNESCO Melilla)

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

Melilla Association for UNESCO (former UNESCO Melilla Centre)

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

90002

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. This should be the postal address 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: Asociación Melilla para la UNESCO

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Other relevant information: former UNESCO Melilla Centre

A.3. Contact person for correspondence

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

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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

Every year our Association has held a Seminar on Intangible Cultural Heritage aimed at capacity building for young university students and other associations related to the ICH Safeguard. At the same time we collaborate and advise the Local Government in outreach actions of the ICH. We have signed agreements to enhance research and training in safeguard of the ICH with the University of Granada "Master of Cultural Diversity", the Department of Pedagogy of the Faculty of Education of the Melilla Campus, and the Ministry of Culture of the A.C of Melilla.

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>

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

With the youth population sector, we have implemented conferences, seminars and cultural itineraries to learn about the Convention, detect and evaluate the ICH. Every year we hold a Photographic Contest and a Short Films Contest on aspects of the ICH, in collaboration with the Faculty of Education of Melilla. With the University of Granada (Master of Cultural Diversity) we have signed an agreement for the investigation of elements of the ICH of our community, which are transmitted in diverse formative activities (conferences, seminars, cultural itineraries, visits to museums, etc.) to students of the University Campus of Melilla. With the local government we have advised and collaborated in various demonstration and dissemination activities of the communities living together in our town.

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

In terms of inventory, we collaborate with the Ministry of Culture of the Autonomous City of Melilla in the preparation (elements regulation) of the ICH Atlas of Melilla, proposing the inclusion of new assets which we consider they comply with the operational guidelines of the Convention. In terms of research, through the agreement signed with the Master of Cultural Diversity the University of Granada, as well as with the ICH Committee of our Association.

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

With regard to the cooperation on legal and administrative policies and measures, our organization maintains an open and permanent contact with the heads of ICH of the Spanish Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO at the national level, as well as at local level with the General Directorate of Intercultural Relations of the Local Culture Ministry in the A.C of Melilla, without forgetting individuals and communities carrying and claiming their immaterial heritage of which we know or approach our entity requesting for safeguard.

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

We consider essential for the identity and equal recognition of communities the role of the ICH and its safeguarding in society, so we organize and participate in cultural events such as Cultural Diversity Week, Al Adha Easter, the lighting of Chanukah Luminaries, the feast of Diwali, the Gypsy People's Day, the Chinese Traditional New Year, etc.

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

The awareness-raising work is carried out mainly through the ICH Seminars and Conferences in collaboration with Melilla University Campus of the University of Granada, without forgetting the dissemination in the media (press, television, etc.), the Convention itself and relevant elements of the ICH

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

Our entity advises the various communities, groups and individuals of the City of Melilla, as well as other researchers and groups of other Communities of Spain interested in safeguarding and disseminating their own ICH

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

At the interregional and global level, our commitment is developed through the European Federation of UNESCO Associations, Centres and Clubs (FEACU/EFUCA) and through the Global Federation of UNESCO Associations, Centres and Clubs (WFUCA/FMACU) sometimes establishing bilateral cooperation with an interested entity from other countries (Portugal, Morocco, etc.). At Spanish national level, our commitment is established preferably, with the Spanish Federation of Associations and Clubs UNESCO (FECU)

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

We carry out this activity through the report presented to the Spanish National Commission, in addition to the annual reports sent to it, on our activity as an NGO-UNESCO, especially in the implementation of the Convention.

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

We have advised Spanish and other entities that have asked us for opinions or resources on their own candidatures and possibilities for submission to the Committee.

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

Our cooperation with UNESCO is carried out through the participation and follow-up of the sessions of the General Assembly and the Intergovernmental Committees of the Convention for the Safeguarding of ICH, and constant collaboration with the Spanish National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO.

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

We have participated in Sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee :

- 2019 in 14th Session in Bogota (Colombia) from 9 to 14 December 2019.
 - 2020 in 15th Session on line Paris (France) 14-19 December 2020.
 - 2021 in 16th Session on line Paris (France) 13-18 December 2021.
 - 2022 in 17th Session in Rabat (Morocco) from 28 November to 3 December 2022
- Also in 9th General Assembly of the Convention, Paris (France) 5-7 July 2022

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, we have not.

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

We could issue a report on the registration of a candidate to the ICH lists.

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.*

Not to exceed 250 words

We have members of our organization who are fluent in English and French among other languages, for example: Mr. Jose Manuel Alvarez (English language teacher) and Miss. Antonia Navarro (French language teacher)

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

Not to exceed 250 words

Indeed our organization has worked in various fields the ICH: Traditions and oral expressions / arts the spectacle / social uses, rituals and festive acts / knowledge and uses related to nature and the universe / traditional craft techniques. Our Autonomous City (Melilla) is very unique for its multi and interculturality, which favours us to work all these dimensions of the ICH in the different communities as identity variables of each one, as well as that of an inclusive culture common to the city.

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

Not to exceed 250 words

We have suggested to the local government the inclusion of many elements and cultural manifestations in the Atlas of ICH of the City, that go in line with those established by the Convention of Salvage of the ICH. Through our research work, we propose to the local government the identification, recognition, archiving and dissemination of elements, for the enjoyment of the entire community.

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.

Not to exceed 250 words

The assumption has not been made yet.

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

We have worked internationally, preferably with the EAFRD and with the WFUCA, forming part of their governing bodies for some terms. Many local experiences of intercultural activities have been disseminated through these networks.

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

☐ No

G. Signature

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

Name: Mr. Juan Antonio Vera Casares

Title: Dr.

Date: January 2023

Signature:

