INFORMATION SESSION


UNESCO Headquarters, Room II
10 December 2012, 3 - 5 p.m. CET

The session presents the preliminary results of the project “Expert Facility to Strengthen the System of Governance for Culture in Developing Countries” funded by the European Union and implemented by UNESCO.

PROGRAMME

3 P.M. – OPENING CEREMONY

- Mr Francesco Bandarin, Assistant-Director General for Culture, UNESCO

Presentation of the UNESCO/EU Project:

- Ms Danielle Cliche, Chief, Section on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, UNESCO
- Mr Kristian Schmidt, Director, DG Development and Cooperation - EuropeAid, European Commission
3.15 P.M. - IMPLEMENTING THE 2005 CONVENTION ON THE GROUND IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The UNESCO/EU technical assistance project is one of the first operational activities to implement the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions at the country level on a global scale. By providing 13 developing countries Parties to the Convention with non-financial technical assistance in the form of expertise, the project accompanied the beneficiaries in their efforts to establish legal/institutional frameworks for the development of policies in order to enhance the role of culture in social and economic development, particularly through cultural industries.

While the 13 technical assistance missions have achieved a wide range of positive results, they have also identified a number of challenges. At the information session, several of the participating experts will discuss their experience of the project, as well as the impact that the technical assistance missions had on local and national policy frameworks for cultural policies and industries in developing countries. They will also reflect on ways to transform current challenges into future opportunities. It is hoped that the session will serve to open dialogue between the participating experts and the Parties.

Moderator:
- Mr Francesco Bandarin, Assistant-Director General for Culture, UNESCO

Experts:
- Mr Bernard Boucher (Canada),
- Mr Francisco d’Almeida, (Togo)
- Ms Milena Dragicevic-Sesic (Serbia)
- Ms Avril Joffe, (South Africa)

4.15 P.M. - EXCHANGE WITH THE ROOM

In particular with representatives of countries beneficiary of technical assistance mission and of civil society

4.45 P.M. - CONCLUSION

- Mr Francesco Bandarin, Assistant-Director General for Culture, UNESCO