

# Region III

## Latin America and Caribbean

Colombia



### Erigaie Foundation

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

Geographic Coverage of NGO's expertise: Colombia.



#### Relevant projects or initiatives

We were commissioned for the development of policies for Traditional Foods and Popular Arts. We also supported the Ministry of Culture by designing guidelines for a policy related to elements of popular religiosity and we developed and implemented the first Urgency Safeguarding Plan in the country. In 2013, we evaluated the inventories that had been elaborated until then and we developed methodologies that enhance community participation in the identification and inventorying of ICH as well as its visibility (in 23 of 32 departments of Colombia). We developed the presentation of "The Nature of Culture" for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, Washington DC, in 2011, with the participation of 100 stakeholders from 9 different cultural ecosystems. Since then, this presentation has been replicated in major Colombian cities and has later developed into the realization of Intercultural Encounters in Bogota. We have also carried on capacity building workshops for the recognition and enhancement of ICH in remote regions of Colombia.

#### NGO's activity networks and more information



#### Vision

To become one of the reference research centers on cultural heritage at the national and international levels for promoting the interaction between communities, academia and public institutions, through processes of research and social transfer of knowledge from a long duration perspective and an interdisciplinary orientation.

#### Mission

The Erigaie Foundation seeks to research the relations between communities, individuals, public institutions and their environment, by analyzing policies, sociocultural changes, environmental adaptations and strategies for introducing a balance. For us, research is a tool for development, for dialogue and transfer of knowledge and as a means to mediate in the integration of the public, academic and community spheres.

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#### Main areas of work related to the Convention



**Education, training, capacity building and awareness-raising of ICH.** Based on our participative methodologies, we have developed different activities aimed at ensuring recognition and raising awareness of ICH.



**Research and documentation of ICH.** All our projects include research. In many cases we include maps, digital tools and creative materials that are useful to share this research with the communities.



**Identification, definition and inventorying of ICH.** Since 2004, we have contributed to the implementation of inventories of ICH elements in Colombia and to enhance awareness of the importance of safeguarding measures.



**Preparation of nominations to the national and international lists of ICH.** We have been directly involved in the preparation of nomination files for the National and UNESCO Lists and we assess the implementation of safeguarding plans.



**Strengthening of institutional capacities for the safeguarding of ICH.** We support the national and local governments to develop policies, guidelines and methodologies for safeguarding ICH.



**International cooperation.** We have supported international organizations such as CRESPIAL, the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, or UNESCO and we have organized workshops and seminars in many countries around the world.

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