

Region Vb Arab States

Mauritania



Mauritanian Association for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

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

Geographic Coverage of NGO's expertise: Mauritania and Arab States.



Relevant projects and initiatives

The Association works in several areas: oral traditions and expressions (Mahdra, Theydine), social practices (weddings and traditional games), rituals and festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, traditional craftsmanship. AMS PCI conducts research on the traditional fishing of the Imraguens, it inventories traditional games practiced by young people and women, as well as know-how about traditional craftsmanship in partnership with the CNAM (National Chamber of Crafts and Trades), the institution that brings together all the craftsmen's federations in Mauritania.



Vision

Safeguarding ICH to strengthen social cohesion, promote cultural identity and social responsibility.

Mission

AMS PCI jointly mobilizes public structures and NGOs, while strengthening awareness-raising initiatives to better introduce communities to the 2003 Convention and its flourishing mission and the sustainable transmission of ICH to future generations through formal and non-formal education. It aims at safeguarding ICH, mobilizing all partners for mutual appreciation of ICH, developing international cooperation and assistance in order to take charge of the cross-border aspects of living cultural heritage.

Main areas of work related to the Convention

- Advocate for the establishment of ICH inventories with the participation of communities throughout the entire country ;
- Disseminate of information about the 2003 Convention at the national level;
- Assist communities and bearers of ICH knowledge and skills;
- Raise awareness for all stakeholders: the State, civil society, partners and communities for the consideration of ICH in their development activities;
- Find solutions to improve the standard of living of communities experiencing poverty;
- The AMS PCI promoted the introduction of ICH in the new 2019 heritage legislation through its participation in the working group responsible for drafting law n° 2019-024. This law integrates ICH as a component of heritage and defines its management mechanisms;
- Development of participatory and collaborative ICH inventories with photos and videos in five regions of the country.



Safeguarding



Sustainable development



Dissemination



Inventories

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