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**REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE  
ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE**

**1. Name of the organization**

Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language as well as in French and/or English.

Nederlands Centrum voor Volkscultuur / Dutch Centre for folklore and intangible heritage

**2. Address of the organization**

Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone or fax numbers, e-mail address, website, etc.. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see item 8).

F.C. Dondersstraat 1; 3572 JA Utrecht, the Netherlands

**3. Country or countries in which the organization is active**

Please identify the country(ies) in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out activities

national

international (please specify: )

worldwide

Africa

Arab States

Asia & the Pacific

Europe & North America

Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:

Netherlands

**4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence**

Please state when the organization came into existence.

1992

### 5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be “in conformity with the spirit of the Convention” (Criterion C). If the organization’s primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

*Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information*

The main objective of the organization is strengthen popular culture and intangible heritage in het Netherlands.

### 6. The organization’s activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Items 6.a. to 6.c. are the primary place to establish that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having “proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains” (Criterion A).

#### 6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please check one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please check “other domains” and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:

#### 6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please check one or more boxes to indicate the organization’s primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please check “other safeguarding measures” and specify which ones are concerned

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures - please specify:

### **6.c. Description of the organization's activities**

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and their relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Please provide information on the personnel and membership of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such activities and competences may be submitted, if necessary, under item 8.c. below.

*Not to exceed 750 words; do not attach additional information*

The Nederlands Centrum voor Volkscultuur is a small professional organization. Most of the staff are professionally trained ethnologists/historians. The bureau is led by Ineke Strouken, a professional historian. We are a foundation which is subsidized by the Dutch government. The foundation is governed by a board.

The Nederlands Centrum voor Volkscultuur has an advisory function to the Dutch government on all (policy) issues related to intangible heritage and folklore. As such we are subsidized by the Dutch government.

Our three main tasks are: promotion, raising awareness and strengthen local organizations and communities as bearers of local traditions and intangible heritage.

We organize theme years like 'the year of tradition', 'the year of the circus' and 'the year of the intangible heritage', as a way of raising awareness on special issues relating to intangible heritage.

In these theme years we cooperate with radio and television broadcasters. We organize with the help of our local organizations a broad array of activities, including manifestations, book publications, exhibitions etc. as a way of raising awareness.

We issue three magazines (Traditie is our popular magazine; Volkscultuur Magazine distributes news about our sector; Levend Erfgoed is the more scholarly review, with information and discussion about intangible heritage). Among the contributors/authors to our magazines are international renowned scholars like the Americans Simon Bronner and Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, the Englishman David Hill and Dutch ethnologists like John Helsloot, Peter Jan Margry and Hester Dibbits.

We also have three websites in the air: [www.nederlandscentrumvoorvolkscultuur.nl](http://www.nederlandscentrumvoorvolkscultuur.nl), [www.volkscultuurplein.nl](http://www.volkscultuurplein.nl) and [www.jaarvanhetimmaterieelerfgoed.nl](http://www.jaarvanhetimmaterieelerfgoed.nl), this last website with information on our theme year of the intangible heritage. We document knowledge and information on Dutch culture and intangible heritage on our website [www.volkscultuurplein.nl](http://www.volkscultuurplein.nl).

In cooperation with professional publishers we issue books about themes like 'traditions in the Netherlands', 'carnival', 'circus' etc. We also make travelling exhibitions on several subjects in the field of living heritage, which our local organizations can use in their local museums. For us it is a way to document these traditions.

As the Dutch government has indicated that the Netherlands will ratify the UNESCO convention on the intangible heritage, the Nederlands Centrum voor Volkscultuur has made a start with inventorying intangible heritage in the Netherlands. Also we have started with a training program for local organizations and local communities on how to document and safeguard their intangible heritage.

## **7. Its experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners**

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation “cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage” (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

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We always cooperate with local communities and groups, for instance in our special theme years. In 2011 we have organized several expertmeetings for these local communities and groups with the intention of strengthening their capacities to manage and safeguard their intangible heritage.

Intangible heritage is interpreted as living heritage: living heritage of diverse groups and communities living in the Netherlands. This includes living heritage of local minority cultures as for instance the Frisians in the province of Friesland. But also the living heritage of ethnic minorities from for instance Turkey and Morocco who are living in the Netherlands.

The bureau is supported by a number of specialized experts from outside the organization. These experts are organized in so called knowledgegroups, who help and advise us on specialized subjects as ‘intangible heritage’, ‘local history’, ‘folklore’, ‘circus’ etc. These experts are asked by us to cooperate with us in these knowledgegroups because of their theoretical expertise on history or ethnology or because of their practical knowledge in the field, as bearers of tradition.

We have subdivided our field in a number of specialized areas, in total we support about 6000 (mostly) local organizations who work with intangible heritage.

We have a thorough knowledge on the diverse local groups and organizations in the Netherlands who you could describe as ‘custodians’ of traditions. These are mostly local organizations who organize popular feasts like for instance carnival or local processions or events which you could label as intangible heritage, for instance a religious procession or a local festivity. Also we are active in transmitting knowledge about intangible heritage to future generations. For this we have developed research manuals and educational projects, for instance on subjects as ‘traditions in daily life’ and on ‘children play and culture in the Netherlands’.

## **8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization**

The Operational Directives (paragraph 94) require that an organization requesting accreditation shall submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated into French or English whenever possible if the originals are in another language. Please identify supporting documents clearly with the item (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

### **8.a. Membership and personnel**

Proof of the participation of the membership of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents.*

### **8.b. Recognized legal personality**

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing document, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

*Please attach supporting documents.*

### **8.c. Duration of existence and activities**

If it is not already clearly indicated from the documentation provided for item 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in item 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs or DVDs, or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

*Please attach supporting documents.*

## **9. Contact person for correspondence**

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request. If an e-mail address cannot be provided, the information should include a fax number.

Ineke Strouken, director; [directie@volkscultuur.nl](mailto:directie@volkscultuur.nl)

## 10. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Ineke Strouken

Title: drs

Date: 14-12-2010 Revised: 23-03-2011

Signature:

Dossiernummer: 41181027 Blad 00001

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Rechtspersoon:

Rechtsvorm : Stichting  
Statutaire naam : Stichting Nederlands Centrum voor Volkscultuur  
Verkorte naam : St. Ned. Centrum Volkscultuur  
Statutaire zetel : Utrecht  
Adres : F.C. Dondersstraat 1, 3572JA Utrecht  
Correspondentieadres : Postbus 13113, 3507LC Utrecht  
Telefoonnummer(s) : 0302760244  
Faxnummer : 0302736111  
Domeinnaam : www.volkscultuur.nl  
E-mailadres : ncv@volkscultuur.nl  
Oprichting : 10-04-1984  
Akte laatste statuten-  
wijziging : 31-12-1991  
Activiteit : Overkoepelende organen, samenwerkings- en  
adviesorganen en fondsen op het gebied van  
welzijnszorg

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Bestuurder(s):

Naam : Bijster, Christian Ole  
Geboortedatum en -plaats : 27-05-1945, Haarlem  
Infunctietreding : 01-01-1992  
Titel : Voorzitter  
Bevoegdheid : Gezamenlijk bevoegd (met andere bestuurder(s),  
zie statuten)

Naam : Smallegange, Gerard Willem  
Geboortedatum en -plaats : 28-09-1940, Wolphaartsdijk  
Infunctietreding : 01-01-2000  
Titel : Secretaris  
Bevoegdheid : Gezamenlijk bevoegd (met andere bestuurder(s),  
zie statuten)

Naam : van Mullekom, Johannes Martinus Gerardus  
Geboortedatum en -plaats : 09-05-1943, Sassenheim  
Infunctietreding : 01-01-1992  
Titel : penningmeester  
Bevoegdheid : Gezamenlijk bevoegd (met andere bestuurder(s),

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zie statuten)

Naam : Leijten, Cornelis Johannes Maria  
Geboortedatum en -plaats : 19-02-1932, Etten en Leur  
Infunctietreding : 01-01-2000  
Titel : bestuurslid  
Bevoegdheid : Gezamenlijk bevoegd (met andere bestuurder(s),  
zie statuten)

Naam : Hendriks, Jozef Anton  
Geboortedatum en -plaats : 23-04-1933, Taroetoeng, Nederlands Indië  
Infunctietreding : 01-01-2000  
Titel : bestuurslid  
Bevoegdheid : Gezamenlijk bevoegd (met andere bestuurder(s),  
zie statuten)

Naam :Smaling, Robert Dirk  
Geboortedatum en -plaats :19-06-1947, Utrecht  
Infunctietreding :01-05-1987  
Bevoegdheid :Gezamenlijk bevoegd (met andere bestuurder(s),  
zie statuten)

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Gevolmachtigde(n) :

Naam :Strouken, Hendrina Taetske Lamberta Catharina  
Geboortedatum en -plaats :10-11-1951, Tegelen  
Functie en infunctietreding :Procuratiehouder, 15-05-2002  
Titel :Directeur  
Bevoegdheid :Volledige volmacht

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