

## **CACHTICE-KOPANICE, SLOVAKIA DECLARATION**

ICCN 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on

*"ICH Policies to Transmit a Community's Identity between Generations"*

We, the participants of the 7<sup>th</sup> Inter – City Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network (ICCN) Workshop held from 2 through 6, October 2015 in Cachtice-Kopanice, Slovakia Republic, express our agreement on the following key points discussed on the preservation efforts and active participation of local communities and policy makers in transmitting Intangible Cultural Heritage value and significance from generation to generation.

Extending our sincere gratitude to the host city, Cachtice-Kopanice, Slovakia for the excellent organization of the 7th ICCN workshop and for the warm hospitality extended to the delegates;

Being guided by the principles of the UNESCO 2003 Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Gangneung 2004 Declaration on the imperative to strengthen the efforts of all possible partners in safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage;

Focusing on the importance of Intangible Cultural Heritage and its significant role in promoting sustainable local development through well honored, perceived and preserved Cultural Identity;

Giving attention to the threat on Intangible Cultural Heritage brought about by the effects and influence of globalization;

Recognizing the importance of the community initiative policies that has been handed down by the past generations;

Monitoring existing cultural policies and implementation efforts of both national and local levels that specifically address the importance of preserving and safeguarding ICH;

Strengthening implementation of existing ICH policies specifically on integrating Intangible Cultural Heritage in the local educational system;

Encouraging cultural exchange from and within local cities and other member countries by providing opportunities such as cultural events and festivals;

Developing strong partnership with national and international agencies and government and non government organizations to share the role of ICH promoter, protector and supporter;

Adopting ICH policies to transmit community's identity to the coming generations;

**We do hereby declare and adopt the following:**

1. Encourage local communities to identify traditional cultural bearers / masters to willingly take the responsibility of transferring knowledge and skills to the coming generations;
2. Recommend to local governments to allocate budget or source of funds for capacity building activities intended for cultural bearers / masters who will actively conduct activities on ICH transmission and including //to produce an inventoried list of designated Intangible Cultural Heritage that needs to be documented, learned and passed on and to allow conduct of ICH transmission activities;
3. Recommend active information campaign on the process of ICH transmission in order to facilitate research, documentation, preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage;
4. Recommend to explore the use of digital platforms for documenting as a way of managing and preserving information on Intangible Cultural Heritage;
5. Recommend to adopt ICH policies being implemented in other member countries.;
6. Recommend to actively engage and collaborate with educational institutions to integrate ICH in the curriculum.