



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

UNESCO MEMORY OF THE WORLD (MoW) PROGRAMME INTER-REGIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN

“MoW REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (MOWCAP);”
“MoW REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (MoWLAC);”
“AFRICA REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE MoW PROGRAMME (ARCMoW);”

The UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP), the UNESCO Memory of the World Regional Committee for the Latin America and the Caribbean (MoWLAC), and the UNESCO Africa Regional Committee of the Memory of the World Programme (ARCMoW) (hereinafter referred to individually as the ‘Party’ and collectively as the ‘Parties’ unless specified otherwise),

In acknowledging the global importance of documentary heritage in the world and the need for ensuring their preservation and accessibility, through the implementation of the UNESCO Memory of World Programme and the 2015 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and the Access to, Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form,

The Parties have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE 1
PURPOSE

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aims to lay down a framework of cooperation for the Parties to promote protection, preservation, awareness, and universal access to and use of the documentary heritage in the world by supporting and strengthening the MoW Programme in the world.

ARTICLE 2
AREAS OF COOPERATION

2. The Parties shall cooperate in the following areas according to their respective mandate:

- Support and facilitate the implementation of the 2015 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, the Access to, Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form.
- Develop and organise joint or complementary programmes and projects including exhibitions, publications, grants, seminars, talks and other educational and outreach activities to raise public awareness of the existence and significance of documentary heritage (including in digital form) and the MoW Programme;
- Arrange, conduct and/or support expert exchange and training activities to foster professional capacities in the identification, management, preservation and promotion and accessibility of documentary heritage in the world;

- Help promote and strengthen the Memory of the World Programme at national and regional levels, particularly for the creation and development of national committees and to encourage nominations in the three regions;
- Support archivists, librarians, curators, conservators, experts and scholars to participate in the programmes and activities that Parties organise independently or jointly; and
- Share information, knowledge and experience regarding the preservation, management, access to and use of documentary heritage in the world.

ARTICLE 3 AMENDMENT

5. This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE 4 EFFECT, DURATION, EXTENSION AND TERMINATION

- 6.1. This MOU shall come into effect on the date of its signature by the authorised representatives of the Parties and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years.
- 6.2. A joint review will be conducted by the Parties in the third year of MOU. Based on the recommendation of the review, the MOU may be extended by mutual written consent between the Parties.
- 6.3. This MOU may be terminated at any time by either Party by giving the other Party ninety (90) days written notice in advance. In the event of termination, the Parties shall take the necessary steps to ensure that

the ongoing projects and activities and the administrative and financial obligations performed under the MOU will be allowed to continue until completion or brought to an orderly conclusion as appropriate.

ARTICLE 5 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

7.1. This MOU and the related agreements made pursuant to its provisions comprises the complete understanding of the Parties in respect of the subject matter in this MOU and supersede any prior agreement.


7.2. Any disagreements and disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by the Parties through negotiations or any such means as the Parties mutually agree.

Signed in duplicate in Andong, Gyeongsanbuk-do Province on the twenty seventh (27) day of October 2023 in the English language. Texts in any other languages are translations used for the convenience of informal reference only. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text prevails.



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