

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES IN ANDONG AND CHEONJU (REPUBLIC OF KOREA) ORGANIZED BY MoWCAP, KSI AND ICDH FROM OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 1, 2023

From October 26 to November 1, 2023, in Andong and Cheongju (Republic of Korea), the Memory of the World Regional Committee for Asia Pacific (MoWCAP) and the International Center for Documentary Heritage (ICDH) each took part in concerned, organized two flagship events on international cooperation in documentary heritage and the inauguration of the icdh's headquarters building.

1 MoWCAP

MoWCAP, in collaboration with the Korean Studies Institute (KSI) organized a meeting of the three Presidents of MoWCAP (Kwibae Kim), MoWLAC (Peter Scholing) and ARCMoW, Papa Momar Diop. During this meeting, they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and participated in an interregional Conference on “*Fostering a culture of collaboration in matters of Documentary Heritage*”. The meeting was held in Andong at the KSI Headquarters, from October 26 to 29.

1.1 Signature of the MoU between MoWCAP, MoWLAC and ARCMoW

The MoU aims to establish a framework for cooperation between the parties to promote the protection, awareness, universal access and use of documentary heritage worldwide, by supporting and strengthening the MoW agenda in the world.

The MoU defines in its articles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 the areas of agreement for the three signatory parties relating to:

- The nature of the MoU,
- Areas of cooperation,
- The possibilities of amendment,
- The effect, duration and term,
- Dispute Resolution
- A copy of the MoU is attached to this report.



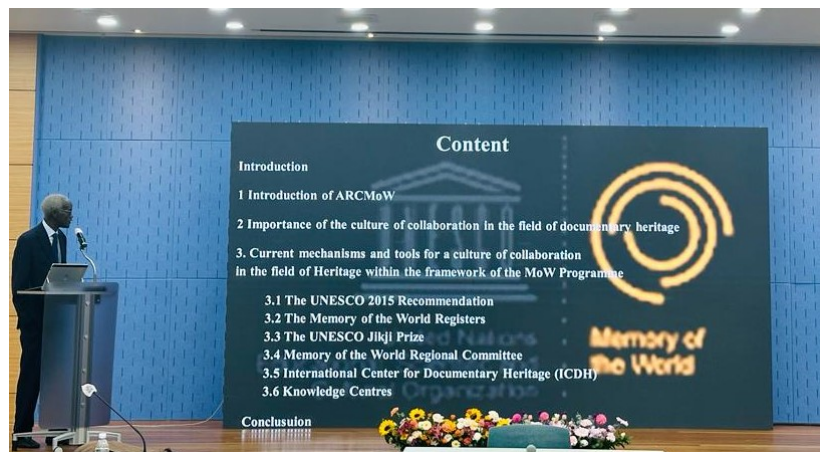
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1.2 The Interregional Conference on “Fostering a culture of collaboration in matters of Documentary Heritage”.

The three Presidents of the Regional Committees took turns giving the point of view of their organization.

- For ARCMoW, our communication emphasized the Importance of the culture of collaboration in the field of documentary heritage and identified current mechanisms and tools for a culture of collaboration in the field of heritage in the framework of the MoW program, through:

- i) The 2015 UNESCO Recommendation
- ii) Memory of the World registers
- iii) The UNESCO Jikji 3 Prize
- iv) The Regional Memory of the World Committee
- v) The International Center for Documentary Heritage (ICDH)
- vi) Knowledge Centers (MoW).



On November 30, an unofficial meeting was organized in Cheongju at the ICDH in the form of a round table between the Center and the Presidents of the Regional Committees. The round table consisted of a reflection on how to support the Memory of the World Program.



2 ICDH

In fulfilling its role in supporting research, education, training and policy development in the field of documentary heritage, the ICDH put on the agenda of the official opening of its headquarters in Cheongju, the organization of its 1st International MoW Conference. The Conference aims to promote cooperation between experts from around the world related to documentary heritage and to raise awareness in the importance of documentary heritage to a wider audience. Facing new changes, the conference presented various use cases of cultural values of documentary heritage and technological integration, including artificial intelligence.

2.1 The International Conference

The conference was opened by Dr. Tawfik Jelassi, Deputy Director General in charge of the Communication and Information Sector.

The International Conference was centered around the following theme:

- i) Current issues of the Memory of the World program and role of the International ICDH: Future vision,
- ii) The use of documentary heritage: international cooperation for the cultivation of its appropriation by the public
- iii) Artificial Intelligence and documentary heritage: creative development of the culture of knowledge.

2.2 Official opening ceremony of the ICDH.

The official ceremony took place on November 1, in the presence of many officials, among whom we noted His Excellency Mr. Ko Ki Dong, Vice Minister of the Interior and Security, Mr. Seon-Yong Jeong, Vice Governor of Cheongju, the Mayor of the city of Cheongju, Mr. Ha Byoung-Pil, President of the National Archives, Mr. Yoonmyoung Cho, Secretary General of the ICDH,

The Presidents of the regional committees were invited to participate in the ceremony to unveil the ICDH facade sign

