



U40-Capacity Building Programme „Cultural Diversity 2030“ September 2008 – June 2010

Call for Contribution and Participation

The interdisciplinary capacity building programme “Cultural Diversity 2030” was initiated by the German Commission for UNESCO in 2007 as part of the German EU Council presidency (see www.unesco.de/1377.html?&L=1). The U40-process offers young European Under 40ies – postgraduates, PhD students, young professionals, and similarly qualified young experts – the opportunity to participate in the international debate on Cultural Diversity and the implementation of the UNESCO Convention on the protection and the promotion of the diversity of cultural expression (2005). The next stage of this U40-process aims at including future decision makers into the debate.

We are therefore seeking up to **20 young specialists from Europe** with proven competence and interest in the area of the relevant aspects of the Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. They are invited to apply by submitting a short paper (max. 800 words) and a CV by **June 30 2008**.

Subject areas: Papers should take up objectives of the UNESCO Convention on the Diversity on Cultural Expressions. Relevant areas would be

- 1) Diversity of Cultural Expressions and Sustainable Development
- 2) Implementation of the Convention through and within the European Community
- 3) Public awareness raising: Communication strategies for the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

Dates and venues

- September 19th – 20th 2008: constitutive workshop in Barcelona, Spain
- October 2008 – June 2009: preparation of the U40-World Forum
- June 2009: U40-World Forum on the occasion of the Second Conference of the Parties, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France *pending*
- July 2009 – March 2010: evaluating the World Forum
- March 2010: final workshop, Istanbul, Turkey *pending*

Participants are expected to take part actively in the three events and the discussion process (mailing list, webblog, i.a.), to disseminate the ideas and aims of the programme, and the Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions throughout their networks.¹

Working language: English

Travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed.

Submission by June 30 2008 to Anna Steinkamp, steinkamp@unesco.de, reference “U 40”.

¹ The programme is structured taking into account the time restrictions of working as well as studying participants.