Expert Committee on Cultural Diversity and Development

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UN Experts:

Leo Harari, on behalf of UNESCO

Leo Harari has served as Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay and Advisor to the Regional Office of the International Organization for Migration, Buenos Aires. He held an external assignment from the Inter-American Development Bank for a Project entitled: “Finance for the development of Cultural Industries and Cultural Diversity in Latin America” at UNESCO Headquarters. Also for the Inter-American Development Bank, he served as Advisor to the President, Special Representative in Europe a.i., Alternate Representative in Europe, and Senior Specialist. He currently lectures at the Institut des Sciences Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po).

Additional participants from UNESCO HQ:

Paola Leoncini-Bartoli, Chief of the Executive Office of the Culture Sector, UNESCO Paris

Upon joining UNESCO in 1992, Ms Leoncini Bartoli was entrusted with the task of formulating UNESCO’s contribution to the *First World Decade for Indigenous People* (1995-2004), with a particular focus on issues related to cultural rights. From 1995 to 2000, she worked on the preparation of the annual edition of UNESCO’s *World Culture Report* in her capacity as programme specialist. In 2000, Ms Leoncini Bartoli was appointed to her current position as Chief of the Executive Office of the Culture Sector, where she is responsible for the coordination and strategic planning as regards the formulation of the Sector’s overall strategy and programme, in particular its *Medium-Term Strategy* and biennial *Programme and Budget*. Her previous work experience includes a four year’s position as a consultant to the UNHCR on policies regarding migration, in particular on the African continent and in Eastern Europe. Ms Leoncini Bartoli completed her university studies at the Sorbonne in Paris in the field of contemporary history, with a specialization in migration studies.
Guiomar Alonso Cano, Programme Specialist, UNESCO's Division of Cultural Expressions and Creative Industries.

A development anthropologist, who completed her graduate studies at the State University of New York, Complutense de Madrid and Lovain, she has been working for UNESCO since 1994. She is currently focusing on testing new partnership models for the promotion of domestic creative industry and enterprise development. She was appointed as a member of the Secretariat to the UN World Commission on Culture and Development, launched UNESCO’s Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity in 2002 and more recently, served in the secretariat to the negotiations of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Her main research and work interests include the creative industries, culture and development theory and practice, cultural trade statistics and diversity indicators, development projects and policies in the creative sector. She has authored many institutional publications.

Independent Experts:

Juan Díez-Nicolás, Profesor of Sociology in the Faculty for Political Sciences and Sociology, Complutense University, Madrid.

Juan Díez-Nicolás is President of the Análisis Sociológicos, Económicos y Políticos (ASEP) and has served as a member of the EU High Level Advisory Group on Dialogue between Peoples and Cultures in the Mediterranean. He is a member of several international research groups, committees and institutions including the European Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has established the ASEP/JDS Data Bank. He has published mainly on population, environment, migrations, public opinion, cultural values and defense culture.

Ronald Inglehart, Professor of Political Science and Program Director, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Ronald Inglehart’s ongoing research focuses on cultural change, cultural diversity, and its consequences. Since the early-1980s he has coordinated the World Values Survey, a world-wide survey of mass values and attitudes. The results demonstrate that cultural changes are transforming people's motivation to work, sexual and religious norms, and a number of other central societal and political orientations. He analyzes data from more than 80 countries containing over 85% of the world's population. He has published widely on the subject.

Mike Bratton, Professor in the Department of Political Science and African Studies Center and Founder and Director of the Afrobarometer, Michigan State University

Mike Bratton joined the Michigan State University faculty in 1977. He has held a post-doctoral fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation, served as a Program Officer with the Ford Foundation, and been a visiting scholar at the University of Natal (South Africa), the University of Zimbabwe, Uppsala University (Sweden) and Oxford University. His main research and teaching interests are in democratization, social movements, public opinion, development policy,
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**Marta Lagos Cruz Coke**, Latinobarómetro, Chile, Santiago

Marta Lagos has served as Director of the Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Contemporánea (CERC) and author of Barómetro CERC. She founded a public opinion research company in partnership with MORI multinational (UK). She is a member of the World Values Survey team and the organizing committee of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES). She has acted as a consultant on survey issues and electoral processes in transition in 23 countries for UNDP, WB and IADB among others and founded Latinobarometro in 1995. She serves as a member of the Board of the World Woman’s Bank in Chile.

**Sir Ivor Crewe**, Vice Chancellor Essex University.

Sir Ivor Crewe has served as President, Universities UK, Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, Director of the ESRC Data Archive (1974-82), Director of the British Election Study (University of Essex 1973-82) and Professor in the Department of Government at the University of Essex since 1982. He has also taught at Lancaster University and Oxford University. His publications include 10 books on elections, parties and public opinion in Britain as well as numerous journals, articles and chapters.

**Roger Jowell**, Research Professor, City University London and Founder Director, Centre for Comparative Social Surveys

Roger Jowell has served as Director of the National Centre for Social Research, which he founded in 1969 and helped build into Britain’s largest social research institute. He is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute, an Academician of the Academy for Social Sciences and was awarded a CBE in 2001 for services to social science. He is also a recent Vice-President of the UK’s Royal Statistical Society. He founded and directed the British Social Attitudes survey and co-directed the British Election Studies from 1983 to 2000. He was the founding chair of the International Social Survey Programme from 1984 to 1989. He has been the Coordinator of the European Social Survey since its inception in 2001. His publications include a textbook on survey research, 18 edited books on British social attitudes and four co-authored books on British electoral behaviour.

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Yilmaz Esmer is Professor of Political Science at Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey. His areas of interest include comparative study of values, cross-cultural research, cultural diversity, convergence/divergence of values, human development, social change and modernization and democratization. He is Founding Director of the UNDP/BU Human Development Center, Executive Committee member of The World Values Surveys, a Scientific Advisory Board