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CONNEXIONS

Cultural life, diversity of cultural expressions, human development - perspectives and actions

International seminar at the International Cultural Centre of Hammamet/Tunisia
6 through 8 September 2012

Call for Contribution and Participation For candidates from Tunisia and other Maghreb and Mashrek countries Before 15th July 2012

This seminar, organised by the German Commission for UNESCO, aims to strengthen cultural participation with the help of international comparisons. Also, it offers a platform for civil society in the field of arts and culture to enhance its self-organisation and the connection with regional and international networks. Cooperative examples of implementing the 2005-UNESCO Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions will be discussed.

OBJECTIVES OF THE «CONNEXIONS» SEMINAR

- Enhancing self-organisation of civil society in the field of arts and culture
- Democratising the cultural sector, towards a cultural transition
- Differentiation of cultural needs, identifying (existing) (local) resources
- Transfer of competencies, knowledge and know-how
- Connection with regional and international networks
- Developing practical and doable options for cooperative cultural policies in a perspective of sustainable development

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

People who are involved in a tangible way in cultural activities for human development, be it as (professional) responsables and/or as civic activists and initiators, as for instance artists and cultural professionals, directors, artistic and cultural producers, facilitators, educators, NGOs/Associations/cultural networks, cultural operators/specialists/managers, bloggers, directors of Cultural centres, of libraries, of theatres, museums, festivals etc.

The German Commission for UNESCO is inviting up to **60** participants from **Tunisia** and **20** participants from other **Maghreb** and **Mashrek** countries with

- A minimum of 3 years of professional experience and/or NGO/civil society activity in 2011/2012
- A good command of French or English
- Commitment to active (periodic) participation from end of July until end of September 2012 (reading, research, writing, online communication, debriefing of the results)
- A minimum age of 25 years

20 resource persons and **international** experts (UNESCO, Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, regional and international networks) are being identified by the German Commission for UNESCO in cooperation with the different knowledge partners in order to guarantee the pertinence of the international exchange.

METHODOLOGY, PROGRAMME ELEMENTS

For successful candidates, the **German Commission for UNESCO** covers the travel costs (arrival 5 Sept, departure 9 Sept, 2012) and the complete board and lodging during the stay in Hammamet (including visa fees, where applicable). Logistical and organisational support is assured by the International Cultural Centre of Hammamet.

Contribution of the participants:

- **Active (periodic) participation from end of July until end of September 2012** (reading, research, writing, online communication, debriefing of the results)
- Reading /from end of July until mid August: a collection of inspiring practice (ca. 25 pages) will be made available in French, Arabic and English by the organisers
- **Preparation of a short case study/reflection and/or a proposal related to the cultural needs and to the objectives of this seminar (2-3 pages) until the 15th of August at latest**
- Active participation in Hammamet from 5 (arrival) to 9 (departure) September 2012
- 6 au 8 Sept: 5 plenary sessions, 4 intensive working sessions in small groups of 10 participants, networking sessions
- 8 Sept: formulation of follow-up proposals, activities and pledges, recommendations, actions to be taken ; participation in the public Round Table , Hammamet, Saturday 8th September 2012, 16 to 18 hours
- **Until the end of September:** debriefing of the seminar results for the networks and/or organisations of the participants (colleagues/networks/organisations)

WORKING LANGUAGES: FRENCH, ENGLISH, ARABIC

CANDIDACY FILE BEFORE 15TH JULY 2012

People who would like to participate are invited to send a candidature file in English or French, consisting of a **short communication (max. 800 words)** about their practical experiences/actions/partnerships/projects de short- and medium-term, about their motivation to participate in the Hammamet seminar and how they plan to share/debrief the results with their colleagues/networks/organisations) and of a short **Curriculum Vitae (2 pages max.)**
Thanks for being as concise as possible.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Geographic distribution (Maghreb/Mashrek)
- Equitable participation of regions/governorates (Tunisia)
- Gender balance (men/women)
- A minimum of 50 % of the participants should be younger than 40 years (U40)
- Diversity and complementarities of experiences ensured
- **NB:** files need to be sent by individuals; however, in order to stimulate team work and follow-up, application of *2 to 3 persons from the same town or districts* (for example, from different sectors or activities) and/or from the same organisation (for example, coming from different regions in a country) are encouraged. **Please let us know if your candidacy file is connected to other candidacies**

Candidacy file in English or French to be sent before 15th July 2012 to Ms. Anna Steinkamp, [steinkamp\(a\)unesco.de](mailto:steinkamp(a)unesco.de), reference "Hammamet 2012".

The selected participants will be informed by 23rd July 2012.

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