

Mid-Year All Officials Meeting  
Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs  
30, Kiseleff Blvd.  
Bucharest, Romania  
November 12-14, 2008

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**Tuesday, November 11, 2008**

**19:30** *Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs*

Location: Hotel Ramada Majestic

**Wednesday, November 12, 2008**

**09:30 – 09:45** *Introduction of Mr. Virgil Stefan Nitulescu, Secretary General, Romanian Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs and co-chair of the Mid-Year Officials Meeting*

*Welcome and opening remarks by Mr. Virgil Stefan Nitulescu*

**09:45 – 10:15** *INCP Activities*  
(Official, Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs of Romania and Director, INCP Liaison Bureau)

- Overview of the Mid-Year Officials Meeting
- Update on logistical preparations for the 11<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting

**10:15 – 11:00** *Discussions on the 11<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting's theme: Culture and the Knowledge Economy*  
(Official, Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs of Romania)

- Overview of research questionnaire on culture and the knowledge economy and expected outcomes
- Roundtable discussion

**11:00 – 11:30** *Break*

**11:30 – 13:00** *Discussions on the 11<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting's theme: Culture and the Knowledge Economy (continued)*

**13:00 – 14:30** *Lunch hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs of Romania*

Location: Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs

14:30 – 15:45

***Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Globalization***

(Chair of the Working Group)

14:30 – 14:45

- Recap of Working Group meeting in Belgium (May 2008)
- Review of the 2008-2009 Working Group Workplan
- Exchange of information on the status of ratification and the implementation process of the UNESCO *Convention on the Promotion and Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions*

14:45 – 15:45

**Dialogue with Civil Society**

15:45 – 16:15

***Break***

16:15 – 17:30

**Dialogue with International Organizations**

17:30

***Conclusion of Day One***

(Official, Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs of Romania)

17:45 – 18:15

***Cultural Activity***

*Visit of the National Museum of Village “Dimitrie Gusti”* ([www.muzeul-satului.ro](http://www.muzeul-satului.ro))

19:30-21:30

***Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs***

Location: Villa Rodizio,  
Str. I. L. Caragiale nr.32

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**Thursday, November 13, 2008**

**09:00 – 11:00**                      *Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Globalization (continued)*

This session will focus on the issues which will be examined by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (IGC) at its Second Ordinary Session in December 2008:

**Promotion of international cooperation**

- Discussion on the preparation of operational guidelines for Promotion of international cooperation [article 12 of the Convention]

**Cooperation for development**

- Discussion on the preparation of operational guidelines for Cooperation for development [article 14 of the Convention]

**11:00 – 11:30**                      *Break*

**11:30 – 13:00**                      *Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Globalization (continued)*

**Integration of culture in sustainable development**

- Discussion on implementing article 13 regarding the integration of culture in sustainable development policies.

**Preferential treatment for developing countries**

- Discussion on Preferential treatment for developing countries [article 16] and the related report prepared by selected experts

**13:00 – 14:30**                      *Lunch hosted by the Romanian Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs*

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***Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Globalization (continued)***

**The International Fund for Cultural Diversity**

- Brief discussion on specific issues of the operational guidelines for the use of the resources of the Fund which need to be revisited by the IGC in December.
- Exchange of views on identifying potential sources of financing for the Fund

**15:30 – 16:00**

***Break***

**16:00 – 17:00**

***Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Globalization (continued)***

**Upcoming Sessions of the IGC**

- Discussion on the possibility of holding a Second Extraordinary Session of the IGC (Spring 2008) and the issues which would need to be examined by the Committee.

**17:00 – 17:15**

***Working Group on Cultural Diversity and Globalization – Next Steps***

- Discuss the date and location of the next WGCD&G meeting
- Other issues

**17:15 – 17:30**

***Recap of the Mid-Year Officials Meeting, Next Steps and Closing Remarks***  
(Official, Romanian Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs)

**19:00 – 21:00**

***Cultural Activity***  
**Concert at the Bucharest Philharmonic “George Enescu”**

**21:30**

**Dinner hosted by the Romanian Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs at the Hotel Ramada Majestic**

**International Network on Cultural Policy**

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**Friday, November 14, 2008**

**10:00 – 11:00**

***Cultural Activity***

*Visit of the The National Museum of Art of Romania  
(www.mnar.arts.ro)*

**13:00**

***Lunch hosted by the Romanian Ministry of Culture  
and Religious Affairs***

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***Departure***