

FORM ICH-09
1. Name of the organization Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language as well as in French and/or English.
CENTRE FOR PEACEBUILDING AND POVERTY REDUCTION AMONG AFRICAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
2. Address of the organization Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone or fax numbers, e-mail address, website, etc.. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see item 8).
CENTRE FOR PEACEBUILDING AND POVERTY REDUCTION AMONG AFRICAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, P.O.BOX 2050 ENUGU, ENUGU STATE, NIGERIA Email: cepperngo@yahoo.com; Phone: 234-70-30-63-44-82
3. Country or countries in which the organization is active Please identify the country(ies) in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> international (please specify:) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> worldwide<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Africa<input type="checkbox"/> Arab States<input type="checkbox"/> Asia & the Pacific<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe & North America<input type="checkbox"/> Latin America & the Caribbean Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active: Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Geneva
4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence Please state when the organization came into existence.
7th July, 1998 by the traditional title holders on wawa igbo indigenous peoples

5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be “in conformity with the spirit of the Convention” (Criterion C). If the organization’s primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

... Main objectives of the Organization:

1. Rediscovery and promotion of the intellectual and traditional knowledge of the Igbos relating to its traditional medical knowledge and practices.
2. Protection of the masquerade and oracular prophetic practices of the Igbos, Wawa people as they extend in Nigeria, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Senegal;
3. Defense and sustenance of the natural and customary practices of the indigenous African people under the context of foreign religion and globalization which exterminate the population's social and economic existence;
4. Sensitization of the intellectual class in Africa on the issues that border on African intellectual property and folklore;
5. Research and publications on African intellectual and folklore history and issues by collating end reports of conferences and workshops.
6. Poverty reduction programs to ensure environmental and economic sustainability for the Wawas in 19boland spread through the four West African states;
7. Designing relevant programs that will impact positively and contextualize the millennium development goals in the lives and customs of the Wawas in 19boland, especially those in tension soaked Niger delta of Nigeria.

6. The organization’s activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Items 6.a. to 6.c. are the primary place to establish that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having “proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains” (Criterion A).

6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please check one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please check “other domains” and indicate which domains are concerned.

- oral traditions and expressions
- performing arts
- social practices, rituals and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- other domains - please specify:
revival and rehabilitation of wawa igbo intangible resources,TK,Tces and Folklore;
poverty reduction between among the indigenious peoples;
re-establishment and modern application of indigenious conflict resolution systems

6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please check one or more boxes to indicate the organization’s primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please check “other safeguarding measures” and specify which ones are concerned

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures - please specify:
@ Legal advocacy;
@Legislative draftmanship

6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and their relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage. Please provide information on the personnel and membership of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such activities and competences may be submitted, if necessary, under item 8.c. below.

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PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES OF CEPPEP

INTANGIBLE RESOURCE/TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ACTIVITIES

The centre for peace building and poverty reduction has a corporate mandate and the experience of its manpower, spanning more than ten years, of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage of the wawa indigenous peoples of west Africa in Nigeria, Cameroon, upper Volta, Ghana and Ijawland. We have the acquired administrative competence and the organizational expertise born from a lengthy period of field work in advocacy, preservation, promotion, revitalization, protecting and transmission works. The following are the profiling of our programs and projects in these areas. Some of them had been remotely or recently organised; others are on-going projects for which we are looking for partnership funding. An example are the areas of seeking for funding from WIPO to published our documentary on IP, TR/TCES IN WAWA STRUGGLE—OUR EXPERIENCE, OUR STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE OUR PEOPLE'S HERITAGE. We have however published one—THE WAWA HISTORY AND STRUGGLE(See attachment).

All the members of the board of trustees are bonafide wawa indigenes and come from communities in Ghana, Enugu, Younde, Benin and Ghana with bitter experiences that bore personal and communal exposure to cultural exposure and extinction from other modern sources. In one form or the other, they have served in as cultural administrators with experience acquired from both government cultural institutions and NGOS serving the interests of cultural preservation, protection and promotion.

Professor Nebo---Before he became a vice chancellor, he was the commissioner for culture and tourism in the old east central state of Nigeria and started the Mwanwu cultural festival as a significant annual event, which was later borrowed by the Government of Nigeria. Since then he has been acting on advisory capacity to several communities and government organs on cultural matters before joining the board of CEPPEP;

Professor Monsignor Ike has been the founder director of CIDJAP, faith based Organisation with a huge mandate to initiate inter-religious and cultural projects to promote understanding of cultures, preservation of wawa heritage and promotion of africanization of catholic liturgy. He is known as the ""the apostle of faith and cultural dialogue in africa"

Dr Ani Casimir, has been the cultural Ambassador of the red cross for the rehabilitation of the children apprentices of wawa herbal practitioners who had been blackmailed and, sometimes ,beaten and labelled 'witches' by those in the Pentecostal movements since 1998.He has been an exponent and scholar for the revival of the igbo cultural language and cultural expressions since ten years and have served on the boards of the east

central, Enugu, Ebonyi States as Advisor/Consultant on IP,TRCES/FOLKLORE/Tourism, giving them valuable advice on preservation, protection and it documentation. He has conducted workshops at the state, national, regional and global levels for WIPO, Art Heritage, Wawa National Council, Ijaw National Council etc. As recent as juy,2009,he was in Geneva as a panellist, facilitator and rapporteur for during the IGC Meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization (see attached picture, extreme right with the cultural dress) .He also chaired several sessions on digenous peoples and cultural knowledge matters, including protection, preservation and their promotion. He teaches the philosophy of African indigenous peoples and cultural heritage issues at several universities. He is the CEO/Director of CEPPEP with the requisite experience and competency framework to drive the cultural heritage unit of the NGO.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES—

We have over ten years experience and exposure in the following areas of advocating, preserving, promoting cultural heritage and intangible resources:

- (1) Annual igbo culture and catholic lectures—“A dialogue of faith and wawa culture”(started in 2001)
- (2) Annual masquerade festival(started in 1998)
- (3) Advocacy and legal protection of TK/TCES/FOLKLORE Rights of African wawa indigenous peoples
- (4) Representation of the Wawa Indigenous peoples, Heritage and cultural knowledge at national regional and global fora for indigenous peoples viz:WIPO, Minority/indigenous population etc
- (5) Documentation center for wawa indigenous cultural and tradition heritage
- (6) Protection of the child apprentices of traditional medicine from being abused or sacrificed by extremist Christian churches who label them “witches”(see kanu nwankwo as UNESCO ambassador over the same issue);
- (7) Sponsorship of the research and book on wawa struggle in Nigeria which started the awareness project towards the preservation, promotion and protection of wawa African indigenous cultural heritage(see attachment);
- (8) Construction of the ofu obi African cultural heritage center at Enugu (CIDJAP/CEPPER Project) which recreates a wawa cultural festival village with complete array of sculptures, masks, waterfalls, African food, and cultural esembles/performance every fortnight;
- (9) Partnership with the University of Nigeria to establish the” igbo wawa heritage scholars series” to conduct research and present it in different areas of endangered African intangible resources and heritage;
- (10) Profiling of Nigerian traditional medicine practice and practitioners(an ongoing project in conjunction with the Nigerian Traditional Medicine Agency;
- (11) Introduction of the course African Traditional Religion-- a new way , an old path of God in 4 schools;
- (12) Employment of 10 Ogbuojas (Traditional flutists in wawa);
- (13) Advocacy for the use of wawa igbo language as language of instruction in schools run by both governments and the missions;

- (14) Video documentation of wawa atilogwu dance of warriors with a folklore exemplified by their unique dance steps;
- (15) Sponsorship of home videos/documentary films in wawa heritage projects;
- (16) Media sponsorship of the wawa heritage in the Great cities project at the sun newspaper(2009),(see attachment);
- (17) partnership with catholic church and the two states of Enugu and Ebonyi to set up the “the wawa heritage project”;
- (18) Creation of the wawa African museum centre at the institute of African studies;
- (19) Establishment of indigenous wawa fashion and tourism project started 2005(see attachment);
- (20) Publication of the wawa igbo heritage journal(About going to press);
- (21) Establishment of a heritage/IP/TCES project interns unit for field work experience of students of African philosophy, cultural heritage studies and tourism at CEPPEP;
- (22) We have standing domiciled Wawa Cultural Troupe/Singers sponsored by CEPPEP;
- (23) On-going budget controlled rehabilitation of dilapidated masquerade houses in Enugu ,Ogun and Duala, Cameroon with the assistance of wawa indigenes in Nigeria and Cameroon(Full report to be shown later-see attachment 1&2);
- (24) Sponsorship of legislation on enthronement of policy to recognise, protect, promote and preserve the intangible values, resources, IP and knowledge and the tangible artefacts of indigenous peoples of Nigeria both at the national and state assemblies(ongoing but budget limited as a result of its heavy financial implications. Presently seeking funding assistance from interested parties).

7. Its experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation “cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, maintain and transmit intangible cultural heritage” (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

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We have been working together with HMK Germany(an International NGO);Catholic Institute for Development, Justice and Peace (an international FBO affiliated to the Nigerian Catholic Diocese) and the Ijaw National Council(An Indigenous Community in the Niger Delta) to resuscitate and revitalize the celebration of their Igodo Festival and to document their oracular masquerade culture. We have been thanked for this, especially bringing our competence to bear upon the sourcing for funds and government support (see attached letter from Ijaw National council thanking us for our collaboration as evidence of criterion -D-)

8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives (paragraph 94) require that an organization requesting accreditation shall submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated into French or English whenever possible if the originals are in another language. Please identify supporting documents clearly with the item (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

8.a. Membership and personnel

Proof of the participation of the membership of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing document, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents.

8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already clearly indicated from the documentation provided for item 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in item 6.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs or DVDs, or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents.

9. Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request. If an e-mail address cannot be provided, the information should include a fax number.

DR ANI CASIMIR KINGSTON CHUKWUNONYELUM ANI
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TRADITIONAL HOLDER
CENTRE FOR PEACEBUILDING AND POVERTY REDUCTION, UNIVERSITY OF
NIGERIA, PO BOX 050 E GU, ENUGU STATE Email: cepperngo@yahoo.com

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10. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

<Signed> DR ANI CASIMIR

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THE
CONSTITUTION OF

CENTER FOR PEACE BUILDING & POVERTY REDUCTION

PREAMBLE:

We the members of CENTER FOR PEACE BUILDING & POVERTY REDUCTION having come together to form an association for the Welfare of our members do hereby give ourselves the following constitution. This constitution is supreme and every part shall be binding on all officers and members of the Association.

If in the discharge of duties or conduct of a member there is inconsistency with any provisions of the constitution, the provisions of the constitution shall stand and such acts as far as its inconsistency with the aforesaid provision shall be null and void.

The constitution is supreme and its provisions binding on all members, if in the conduct of the affairs of any member there is a conflict with the provision of this constitution, the constitutional provision takes precedence.

ARTICLE 1; NAME

The name of the Organization shall be **CENTER FOR PEACE BUILDING & POVERTY REDUCTION**, It shall be a non-profit, non-governmental and non-religious organization.

Certified True Copy
Sign...
23 MAR 2007
Incorporated Trustees of our
Republic of Nigeria

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

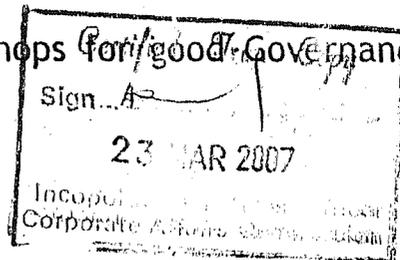
It shall be open to all well-meaning global citizens, Nigerians and Africans with genuine desire to share in the vision of improving the lot of poor people and youths in the organization's area of operation who desperately need the support and assistance of the organization to improve their lot in support of education, microfinance, poverty alleviation and mal-nutrition. Members shall be so recognized after fulfilling all constitutional registration and every other requirements, which condition shall be determined from time to time.

ARTICLE 3: RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

The general meeting shall embrace all the members of the organization. It shall be the duty of all members to attend regularly and punctually the general meeting of the organization.

ARTICLE 4: INCORPORATE MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. To carry out poverty program as it relates to conflict resolution, indigenous issues and good governance in a democracy;
2. To generate peace building projects that will reduce and prevent local, National, Continental and Global conflicts/marginalization of indigenous peoples.
3. To carry out capacity training workshops for good Governance and civil society empowerment.
4. To carry benchmarking and monitoring of poverty reduction program and democracy reforms in the context of indigenous issues.



ARTICLE 5: MAIN ACTIVITIES

The main thrust of the organization's activities shall be ~~training, project formulation and implementation, enlightenment and capacity support.~~ training, project formulation and implementation, enlightenment and capacity support.

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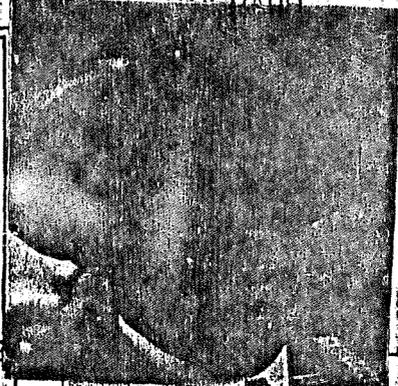
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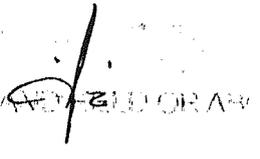
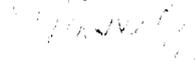
A STATEMENT AND SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND HELD OR ABOUT TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE BODY

We the trustees of THE ORGANIZATION hereby undertake to acquire landed Property within two years of incorporation and furnish the with necessary evidence of acquisition.

It is also agreed that the Commission reserves the right to cancel Certificate of Incorporation if the above provision is not met within the stipulated time.

INCLOSURE 'D'
THE FULL NAME, PERMANENT ADDRESSES AND OCCUPATION OF THE TRUSTEES

S/N	NAME AND ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	SIGNATURE	PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPH
1	PROFESSOR CHINEDU NEBO 2, Sec. Qtrs. Enugu.	RESEARCH DEVELOPER ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATOR	<i>Handwritten signature</i>	
2	MANSIGNOR OBIORA IKE CATHOLIC SECRETARY STAFF WELFARE ENUGU.	Religious NGO Admin	<i>Handwritten signature</i>	
3	DR ANI CASIMER No 10 Offmt ST OFF NZA ENUGU.	Research Development	<i>Handwritten signature</i>	
4	DR OKEY NWAHALOR 3 Chime Ave. Enugu.	POVERTY RED	<i>Handwritten signature</i>	

5	<p>REV. FR. JOHNY NWACHUKWU No 5 COLLEGE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ENUGU. STAFF</p>	<p>Religious / School Administration</p>		
6	<p>HENRIETTA CHEAWUBE NNENE ANI (MRS) 10 CHIMA ST. Off Nze Ind., Enugu.</p>	<p>Community Developpt.</p>		
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8		<p>Certified True Copy Sign. [Signature] 23 MAR 2007 Incorporated Trustees Officer Corporate Affairs Commission</p>		
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CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Certificate of Incorporation

of the Incorporated Trustees of
CENTRE FOR PEACE-BUILDING & POVERTY REDUCTION

I hereby certify that

PROFESSOR CHINEDU NEBO, MONSIGNOR OBIORA IKE, DR. ANI CASIMER, DR. OKEY
NWAKALOR, REV. FR. JOHNY NWACHUKWU, HENRIETTA CHEKWUBE NNENE ANI (MRS.),

*the duly appointed Trustees of CENTRE FOR PEACE-BUILDING & POVERTY
REDUCTION have this day been registered as a corporate body, subject to the below
mentioned conditions and directions.*

*Given under my hand and the Common Seal of the Corporate Affairs Commission at
Abuja this Twentieth day of March, 2001*

CONDITIONS AND DIRECTIONS

This certificate is liable to cancellation should the objects or the rules of the body be changed without the previous consent in writing of the Registrar General or should the body at any time permit or condone any divergence from or breach of such objects and rules.

Note:

This certificate does not bestow upon the Organization the right to establish any institution, engage in any business and the like without permission from the appropriate authority.

A. ALMUSTAPHA
Registrar - General

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