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Origins:

★ 2005: Librarian of Congress
★ 2006: Experts meeting UNESCO
★ 2007: MOU Lib Congress / UNESCO
★ 2007: Prototype demo UNESCO
★ 2009: Public launch UNESCO
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Objectives:

★ Make unique / rare documentary heritage widely accessible
★ Contribute to scholarly research
★ Increase multilingual content on the Internet
★ Improve knowledge and capacity
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Membership

★ Open to all countries and institutions
★ Adhesion to Charter
★ Provide content to the WDL
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Charter

★ Executive Council
★ 3 Standing Committees
★ Annual meeting of Partners/Contributors
★ Institutional Project Manager
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Current Goals

★ 6000 items by 2012
★ 100,000 items by 2015
★ Additional content from MoW
★ Universal participation
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Content Selection Criteria

★ Established by CS working group
★ All document types (sound, film, etc)
★ Rare and unique ‘treasures’
★ Representative of culture and history of all countries
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Issues

★ Capacity-building in developing countries
★ Digitization equipment and software
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Usage

★ 58.4% Spanish
★ 17.1% English
★ 14.4% Portuguese