

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STRENGTHEN THE GOVERNANCE OF CULTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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**The Expert Facility Project is extended until December 2014 thanks to new funding from the European Union. This extension will ensure the sustainability of the technical assistance missions undertaken in 13 developing countries, experience sharing and the capitalization of lessons learned. Follow-up in country missions will take place in Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Niger and Viet Nam. Remote follow-up is expected to be provided for the other 9 countries.**

- ❖ The publication "Strengthening the governance of culture to unlock development opportunities" of the Expert Facility Project UNESCO-EU is now available. This publication highlights the results achieved and the challenges faced during the 13 technical assistance missions in 2012. The electronic version can be downloaded with the following link: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002246/224630E.pdf>
- ❖ The [report of the experts' workshop](#) held in Paris on 23 and 24 May 2013, "Have we succeeded in creating opportunities for a better governance of culture for development?" can be accessed online. This workshop provided opportunities for experts to share their experiences, and to identify challenges and opportunities for the future of the project.
- ❖ Finally, the [external evaluation report](#) of the UNESCO/EU Expert Facility Project is also available. It was communicated as an information document to the 7th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

Together with the European Union's financial support and UNESCO's expertise, this Expert Facility project has dedicated 1.5 million euros since 2010 towards creating a pool of experts and conducting 13 technical assistance missions and their follow-up in developing countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. This example of the implementation of the UNESCO 2005 Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions at national and local levels demonstrates the importance given by both the European Union and UNESCO to promoting culture as a key factor of sustainable development.



Find out more about the technical assistance missions, the follow-up activities and the expert workshop on the project's website:  
[www.unesco.org/culture/en/culturegov](http://www.unesco.org/culture/en/culturegov)