

## Contributions of the Joint Programme to the implementation of UNESCO's Conventions on culture



### [2003 UNESCO Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage](#)

#### Joint Programme actions:

**Social cohesion** has been fostered by:

- Revitalizing culinary traditions and indigenous ceremonies, customs, food and medicinal plants;
- Incorporating traditional health practices into the formal health system (e.g. culturally-appropriate childbirth services developed, new MA in intercultural health).

#### Joint Programme products:

- **Creative innovation** has been fostered through the production of an Anthology of poems and short stories by Indigenous Ecuadorian women;
- **Social cohesion** has been supported through the elaboration of a Methodological guide for culturally appropriate childbirth;
- **Social cohesion, public health and natural resources management** have been targeted through the publication of an Encyclopaedia on the indigenous and Afro-Descendent communities in the province of Sucumbíos with a view to informing cultural policies and revitalizing culinary traditions, traditional health practices and environmental knowledge.



### [2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions](#)

#### Joint Programme actions:

- Support has been provided for the **integration of culture in sustainable development policies and programmes**: post-graduate courses in intercultural policies created to ensure the incorporation of aspects related to the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions into national policies;
- **Creativity and protection of cultural expressions** have been nurtured by supporting 27 cultural ventures which produce handicrafts and agricultural products (namely traditional food) and aim to safeguard cultural practices from extinction.

**Joint Programme products:**

- **Culture has been integrated into sustainable development policies and programmes:**
  - National policy on gender and interculturalism developed;
  - Master's course in intercultural public policies designed.
- **Increased literacy and appreciation of the diversity of cultural expressions** has been fostered among youth through the publication teaching material in the various languages of the peoples and nationalities of Ecuador (e.g. 8 illustrated dictionaries; illustrated children's alphabets for the Chachi, Epera, Siona and Cofán nationalities).