Press Communiqué

UNESCO – 5th call for Funding Requests to the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)

1. The IFCD was established by the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

2. The Fund invests in Projects in developing countries that lead to structural change through the introduction and/or elaboration of policies and strategies that have a direct effect on the creation, production, distribution of and access to a diversity of cultural expressions, including cultural goods, services and activities, as well as, through the reinforcement of the structures deemed necessary to support viable local and regional cultural industries and markets.

3. Projects supported by the IFCD cover a wide range of activities – from capacity-building and cultural mapping to policy analysis and development, as well as, entrepreneurship support and cultural industries consolidation.

4. **Deadline for submission of applications**

   Applications should be submitted to the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO by **14 April 2014**.

5. For additional information, Application Form and IFCD Annotated Guide, interested applicants are requested to consult this Ministry’s website at : [http://ministry-education.gov.mu](http://ministry-education.gov.mu)

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