

PRESS COMMUNIQUÉ

UNESCO - 9th Call for Funding Requests to the International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) and 1st Edition of the U40 Empowered”: a UNESCO - Sabrina Ho Initiative

The International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD) was established by the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion for the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

2. The IFCD supports projects that are consistent with the main objectives of the IFCD and cover the following areas of intervention that lead to structural change:

- 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; and
- the reinforcement of corresponding institutional infrastructure, including professional capacities and organizational structures, deemed necessary to support viable local and regional cultural industries and markets in developing countries.

3. The “U40 Empowered” Initiative expands on the work of the IFCD and specifically invites national and international NGO to submit project proposals aiming to support women entrepreneurs powering the digital and creative industries.

4. Applicants are invited to develop and submit their applications and all supporting documents on the on-line platform by **16 April 2018**.

Website Address: <https://en.unesco.org/creativity/ifcd/apply>

5. Interested Applicants are also invited to consult this Ministry’s website at: <http://ministry-education.govmu.org/English/educationsector/Pages/UNESCO.aspx>.

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