V. Relevant Organizations

1. Governmental Organizations

Fiji ratified the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2010 and like most other Pacific Islands; government Departments spearheaded the ratification by the state party.

(1) Department of Heritage & Arts

- Location: Takayawa Building, Toorak, Suva, Fiji
- Field of concentration: ICH Policy & Legislation Advice
- Advisory body: Proposing to establish National ICH Committee for Fiji; Technical Committee for preparation of Nominations (Fiji)
- Project details:
  - Establishment of ICH Unit within Department with personnel and financial resources.
  - Nomination of “Cultural Mapping” as Best Practice under the 2003 Convention Project.
  - Mapping of Fijian ICH Research
  - Revitalization of Traditional Architecture (Valenivanua) Funding Project
  - Drafting of ICH Framework for Fiji
  - Papers for Traditional Wisdom of the Pacific Book (ICHCAP)
  - 5th Subregional Meeting for Information Sharing and Networking in the Pacific
  - Official visit to Fiji of the Director General for ICHCAP (Korea) – Dr. Samuel Lee
  - Field Survey on ICH Safeguarding Measures in Fiji
  - Preliminary Survey on Dormant ICH in Fiji
  - Capacity Building of ICH Personnel – CRIHAP.
• Appointment of ICH Trainer for Pacific – Mr. Sipiriano Nemani.
• UNESCO Post Cyclone Assessment of affected ICH Spaces, practitioners and resources.
• UNESCO Workshop on implementing the 2003 Convention at the National Level (Fiji)
• UNESCO Workshop on the Inventorying of ICH of Communities in Fiji
• Drafting of iTaukei Living Human Treasures System Policy.
• Development of database for other Ethnicities Database
• Tonga-Fiji Exchange on ICH Safeguarding Mechanisms
• Toolkit for the Mapping of Endangered ICH in the Pacific
• Rotuma Cultural Mapping Project

- Office in charge:
  • ICH Unit
  • C/- Department of Heritage & Arts

- Person in charge:
  • Mrs. Lusiana Fotofili (Director)
  • Mr. Sunia Maraya (Senior Policy & Communications Officer)
  • Mr. Simione Tuimalega (Community Development Officer)
  • Ms. Sereana Tadrau (ICH Assistant)

- Reference materials: www.culture.gov.fj

(2) Ministry of iTaukei Affairs

- Location: North Wing, iTaukei Trust Fund Building, QE Drive, Nasese
- Field of concentration: ICH Research and documentation
- Advisory body: Institute has ICH Experts
- Project details:
  • iTaukei Cultural Mapping Project
  • iTaukei National TKEC Database
  • Wai Vakaviti – Traditional Medicine Publication
  • iVolavosa Vakaviti – Fijian Monolingual Dictionary
  • iTukuni Project (Legends & Stories)
  • Special Revival Unit established with personnel and budget provided
  • Revitalization Projects implemented
• Preparation of Nomination for CMP as a Best Practice under the Convention.
• Drafting of the LHT Draft Guidelines and Policy.
• Papers and Articles developed for publication in Journals.
• Publishing of the Quarterly Newsletter on iTaukei ICH (Lialiaci)
• Weekly Radio Broadcasts of iTaukei ICH
• Cultural Rejuvenation Programs with Schools and Youth Groups around Fiji.

- Office in charge: iTaukei Institute of Language & Culture
- person in charge:
  • Mrs. Emi Bainimarama (Director)
  • Mr. Simione Sevudredre (Principal Research Officer)
  • Mrs. Mere Rasolo (Senior CMP Officer)
  • Ms. Melania Tikoitoga (Head-Revitalisation Unit)
- Reference materials: www.fijianaffairs.gov.fj/

(3) Ministry of iTaukei Affairs
- Location: North Wing, iTaukei Trust Fund Building, QE Drive, Nasese
- Field of concentration: ICH Documentation; genealogies, Oral History & Expressions
- Advisory body: Vanua experts
- Project details:
  • Titular Research
  • Adding to Volanikawabula (names and lineages)
  • Village boundaries demarcation
- Office in charge: iTaukei Lands & Fisheries Commission
- Person in charge: Ratu Isikeli Vananalagi – Chairman
- Reference materials: www.fijianaffairs.gov.fj/
2. Non-governmental Organizations

(1) iTaukei Trust Fund

- Location: 87 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Suva, Fiji.
- Field of concentration: Research, publication of ICH Activities.
- Advisory body
  - TTF is an expert organization and has excelled in the field of publication of itaukei documents and digital materials.
- Project details
  - Staging the Lakovi Drama
  - Staging na iLululu Drama
  - Staging Ketekete Qele Drama
  - Implement writing and drama workshop
  - Implement Traditional Leadership Workshop
  - Supporting the Vosa Vakaviti Course at USP
  - Providing scholarships to teachers and interested individuals undertaking Diploma in Vernacular Studies at USP
  - Research into implications of rituals and ceremonies association with itaukei funerals;
  - Publishing of documentaries and books on itaukei matters.
- Office in charge: iTaukei Trust Fund
- Person in charge
  - CEO TTF - Mr. Isoa Kaloumaira
  - Senior Culture & Heritage Specialist - Dr. Apolonia Tamata
(2) Fiji Museum
- Location: Cakobau Rd, Suva
- Field of concentration: Research, documentation and publication of ICH
- Advisory body: Not Available
- Project details:
  - Oral History Project
  - Fieldwork for AIA Projects
- Office in charge:
  - Registrar’s Office
  - Library & Archives
  - Archaeology Section
- Person in charge:
  - Ms. Meretui Ratunabuabua (Director)
  - Ratu Sela Rayawa (Registrar)
  - Mr. Elia Nakoro (HOD Archaeology)
- Reference materials: http://www.fijimuseum.org.fj/

(3) Fiji Arts Council
- Location: Procera Building, Waimanu Rd, Suva
- Field of concentration:
  - ICH Community revitalization, exhibition, events organizing
- Advisory body: Not Available
- Project details:
  - Craft Exhibitions
  - Community Skills revitalization workshops
  - Teacher Craft & Art Education Program
  - Festivals and Expos organizing and participation
- Office in charge: Fiji Arts Council
- Person in charge:
  - Mr. Peni Cavuilagi (Director)
- Reference materials: https://www.facebook.com/Fiji-Arts-Council-