

## Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> IFCCD Annual General Meeting Held November 5 And 8 At Hotel Sol Vitoria Marina, Salvador De Bahia, Brazil

The following regular members were present:

**Africa:** Rasmané Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso); Mellakh Abdelhay (Morocco); Mahamadou Adamou (Niger); Abdi Issa Boulale (Djibouti); Mohamed Amirou Conte (Guiney); Ludovic George Njoh Mboule (Cameroun); Kodjo Nossouglo (Togo);

**Americas:** Geraldo Moraes (Brazil); Solange Drouin (Canada); Bernardo Jaramillo Hoyos (Colombia); Pablo José Mogrovejo Jaramillo (Ecuador); Elvira De La Puente Haya (Peru); José Rafael Fariñas (Venezuela); Paulo Slachevsky (Chile); José Enrique Perez Nella (Argentina);

**Asia-Pacific:** Ray Argall (Australia); Peter Shannon (New Zealand);

**Europe :** Christine M. Merkel (Germany); Claude Michel (France); Beat Santschi (Switzerland); Jorge Bosso Cuello (Spain); Pavol Kral (Slovakia); Helena Vasques De Carvalho (Portugal);

**For the secretariat:** Jim McKee, General Secretary; Amélie Vaillancourt, Research and communication agent; Carmen Moral-Suárez, Office administrator.

**Assembly Bureau:** Rasmané Ouedraogo, Solange Drouin and the three regional vice-presidents, Beat Santschi (Europe), Paolo Slavchesky (Amériques), Peter Shannon (Asie-Océanie).

After the quorum verification and through deliberations, the following resolutions were moved:

### **Djibouti Coalition:**

Claude Michel (France), seconded by Abdelhay Mellakh (Morocco) moved that Djibouti's Coalition for Cultural Diversity be accepted as a member of the IFCCD – passed unanimously

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-001*

### **Audited 2008-09 financial statements:**

Solange Drouin (Canada), seconded by Peter Shannon (New Zealand), moved to receive IFCCD's 2008-09 audited financial statements with the following amendments: page 3, under Expenses, the amount given for administrative expenses shall read: **\$18,603.00\$** instead of \$20 358.00, which changes the total expenses to **\$144 533.00** instead of \$146,288.00, and the excess of revenues to **19,024.00\$**. On page 9, le amount for bad debts is lowered from \$20,177.00 to **\$18,422.00**. – Passed unanimously

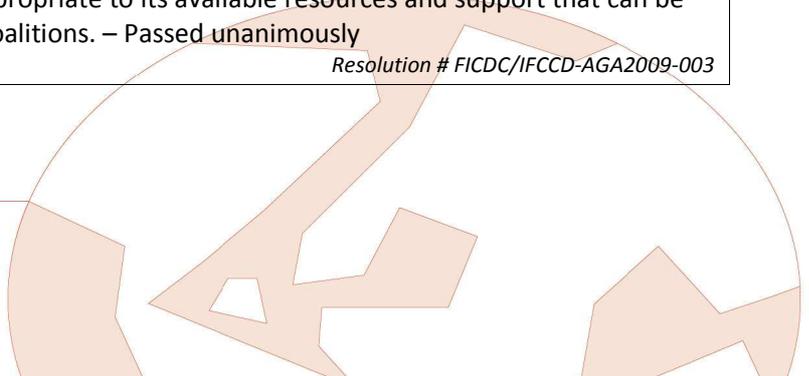
*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-002*

### **By-Law Amendment - Article 5:**

Solange Drouin, seconded by Christine Merkel (Germany), moves to modify the text of article 5 of the general by-laws which will now read:

5. As an organization dedicated to protecting and promoting cultural diversity, the IFCCD shall pursue its work in the language or languages appropriate to the context in which it is working. The selection of languages for IFCCD meetings, public activities and its internal and external communications shall be guided by this principle, while also being appropriate to its available resources and support that can be brought to this end by individual member coalitions. – Passed unanimously

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-003*

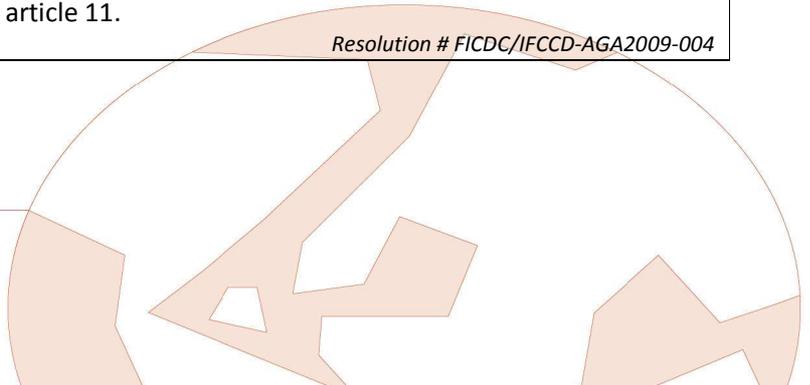


**Call on Governments, State Parties, and the Intergovernmental Committee – moved by Ray Argall (Australia), seconded by Beat Santschi (Switzerland):**

The members of the International Federation of Coalitions for Cultural Diversity (IFCCD):

1. Call on States that are Parties to the Convention to commit to promoting cultural cooperation as prescribed in the Convention, in particular, in Article 12. Cultural cooperation must be achieved within a framework that is clearly cultural and separate from any trade agreement or schedule. In this context, in the particular case of the European Union, IFCCD members insist that Cultural Cooperation Protocols be separated from trade agreements now and in the future.
2. Call on all States that have ratified the UNESCO Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions to observe coherence in their international commitments by ensuring the comprehensive exemption of all cultural sectors from trade agreements under negotiation now or in the future.
3. Urge the Intergovernmental Committee to address the issue of promoting the principles and objectives of the Convention in other international forums so as to establish procedures and other mechanisms for consultation consistent with their mandate set out in Article 23 6 (e). Promotion in other international forums is fundamental to securing recognition of the distinctive nature of cultural goods and services and to the reaffirmation of the right of States to maintain, adopt and implement appropriate policies and measures for the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions within their territory.
4. Call on all countries that have not yet ratified the UNESCO Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions to initiate and/or accord priority to completing this process in order to become a Party to the Convention. Pending their ratification of the Convention, countries are urged by the members of the IFCCD to refrain from any commitments that would be contrary to the objectives of the Convention.
5. Underscore the importance of rapidly making the International Fund for Cultural Diversity operational, given that operational guidelines for the Fund were approved by the Conference of the Parties in June 2009. We salute the leadership and commitment of those governments that have made initial contributions to the Fund. However, we regret that, as of November 5, 2009, only 15 governments have contributed, and that the monies in the Fund remain modest. We therefore call upon all States to contribute to the Fund on a significant scale and on a recurring basis.
6. Call on States to incorporate culture into their sustainable development strategies, consistent with Article 13 of the Convention, specifically by making cultural development projects eligible for funding from their international development agencies and/or international cooperation funds.
7. Call on all States that are Parties to the Convention to implement it by engaging all relevant ministries and public institutions at both the national and regional levels, through concrete actions such as the adoption of policies and other measures to support their domestic cultures, and by encouraging the active participation of civil society as specified in Article 11 of the Convention.
8. Urge UNESCO and national commissions for UNESCO to give the Convention the priority it warrants, in view of the great number of ratifications collected in a very short time, by providing professional and financial resources to facilitate active participation of civil society in bringing expertise to the implementation process as stipulated in article 11.

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-004*



**Designation of the financial auditors for fiscal year 2009-10:**

Rasmané Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), seconded by Peter Shannon, moves that the IFCCD accepts the services of the audit firm *Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Ltd* to carry out its financial audit for fiscal year 2009-10.– Passed unanimously

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-005*

**Reinforcement of the coordination and organization of the Federation** – moved by Paolo Slachevsky (Chile), seconded by Beat Santschi:

- I. The member coalitions of the Federation propose certain basic operational mechanisms for the operation of national coalitions:
  - a. Draw annual or biannual work plans which incorporate an evaluation;
  - b. These work plans will be provided to the Federation Secretariat;
- II. The member coalitions of the Federation ask the IFCCD Secretariat:
  - a. to establish a program of regular communications between the Federation and its member coalitions;
  - b. to undertake coordination and follow-up of the progress of at least two annual work objectives that are shared by the coalitions of a given continent/region.

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-006*

**Call upon governments to establish support policies and measures** – moved by Pavol Kral (Slovakia), seconded by Paulo Slachevsky:

The member coalitions of the IFCCD reiterate that culture cannot be reduced solely to its economic value and therefore affirm the necessity to call on governments to apply policies and other measures in support of artists and other professionals and practitioners of culture and the arts and to the diversity of cultural expressions. – Passed by majority.

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-007*

**General Secretary's Report:**

Peter Shannon, seconded by André Leroux (South Africa), moves to receive the General Secretary's report. – Passed unanimously.

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-008*

**Elections:**

Paulo Slachevsky (whose mandate on the board is one of four years) steps down and passes his seat on to Mané Nett for the remaining of the term as approved by the Board of Directors and pursuant the IFCCD's general by-laws.

The General Assembly agrees unanimously not to elect an election bureau since the regions have reached a consensus to present the following delegates:

Americas:

Solange Drouin (Canada) and Geraldo Moraes (Brazil) elected by voice vote

Africa:

Abdelhay Mellakh (Morocco) and André LeRoux (South Africa) elected by voice vote

Europe:

Jorge Bosso (Spain) elected by voice vote

*Resolution # FICDC/IFCCD-AGA2009-009*

The meeting was adjourned.

