

Texts Referred to in Paper on Community Involvement and Participation (Janet Blake)

- **Istanbul Declaration (2002)**

“3. In order to ensure the sustainability of this process [of safeguarding ICH] governments have the duty to take measures facilitating the democratic participation of all stakeholders.

7 (iv) Consider that it is appropriate and necessary, within this framework, in close collaboration with the practitioners and bearers of all expressions of intangible cultural heritage, to consult and involve all the stakeholders ...”

- **1989 ILO Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal peoples in Independent Countries**

Article 7(1) “The peoples concerned shall have the right to decide their own priorities for the process of development as it affects their lives, beliefs, institutions and spiritual well-being and the lands they occupy or otherwise use, and to exercise control, to the extent possible, over their own economic, social and cultural development. In addition, they shall participate in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of plans and programmes for national and regional development which may affect them directly.”

- **1992 Rio Declaration**

Principle 10 “Environmental issues are best handled with the participation of all concerned citizens, at the relevant level. At the national level, each individual shall have appropriate access to information concerning the environment ... and the opportunity to participate in the decision-making processes ...”

Principle 22 “Indigenous people and their communities, and other local communities, have a vital role in environmental management and development because of their knowledge and traditional practices. States should recognize and duly support their identity, culture and interests and enable their effective participation in the achievement of sustainable development.”

- **1992 Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**

Article 8 requires each Contracting Party, as far as possible:

“(j) Subject to its national legislation, respect, preserve and maintain knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustained use of biological diversity and promote their wider application with the approval and involvement of the holders of such

knowledge, innovations and practices and encourage the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of such knowledge.”

- **1994 Convention to Combat Desertification**

Article 5 - Affected country Parties undertake to “(d) promote awareness and facilitate participation of local populations, particularly women and youth, with the support of non-governmental organizations, in efforts to combat desertification ...”

Article 10 – National action plans should “(f) provide for effective participation at the local, national and regional levels of non-governmental organizations and local populations ... in policy planning, decision-making and implementation and review of national action programmes ...”

- **International Treaty on Plant Genetic resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO)**

Article 9.2 Parties should take measures to protect and promote Farmers’ Rights, such as: “(c) the right to participate in making decisions, at the national level, on matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.”