

integral part of preservation policies. The rehabilitation of the cultural heritage in pre- and post-conflict situations (along with the related standard-setting action) has also become an important vector for intercultural dialogue, among others. The activities of the World Heritage Centre have become an important and successful flagship activity of the Organization, giving it visibility and profile.

Do you favour to maintain the present focus in the work on cultural heritage in the 33 C/5? Are there new aspects or activities which might merit special attention and reflection?

Do you have suggestions for further strengthening the activities, contribution and impact by the World Heritage Centre?

32. Within the framework of the Global Alliance for Cultural Diversity efforts are made to assist developing countries or countries in transition in the establishment of viable and competitive cultural industries and to formulate cultural policies that create conditions in which a range of cultural expressions can flourish.

Are there any trends, perspectives or action that you wish to see included relating to the Global Alliance that should be reflected in the 33 C/5?

Communication and Information

33. In the 32 C/5 Approved the principal priority of Major Programme V (MP V) is "fostering equitable access to information and knowledge for development, especially in the public domain" which has been strengthened and will be allotted 68% of the overall resources of MP V (excluding CCT projects as compared to 55% in the 31 C/5 Approved). The two other priorities are promoting freedom of expression and communication development. – It may be recalled that during the debate of the preparations for the 33 C/5 at the 32nd session of the General Conference, some delegations proposed that the principal priority for MP V in future should be the free flow of ideas, freedom of expression and universal access to information.

Do you favour the retention of the same principal priority for MP V as in document 32 C/5 Approved? Do you consider, that while the principal priority should be retained, it should be more focused in programme content?

Should the principal priority in document 33 C/5 again be further strengthened in terms of resource increase?

Do you prefer the designation of a new principal priority for MP V? If so, which one?

Should the two "other priorities" be maintained in document 33 C/5? If not, what "other priorities" should, in your view, be considered? Or should the formulation of the "other priorities" be amended and more focused – and if so how?

34. The Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS, Geneva, December 2003) reflect international consensus on the values that should underpin the building of inclusive and pluralistic societies, in which all can benefit from the potential of ICTs. For UNESCO, these texts constitute a recognition by the international community of the four key principles that the Organization has been promoting consistently as being essential for the development of equitable knowledge societies, "freedom of expression; equal access to education; universal access to information, especially in the public domain; and cultural and linguistic diversity".