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COALITION CURRENTS: NEWSLETTER # 5

This is the 5th UKCCD's newsletter to members. Please send us information or links with specific relevance to Convention/Coalition objectives & agendas which you wish to share. Please mark "newsletter" in subject box and send to ukccd1@gmail.com

1. UKCCD-Commonwealth Foundation Seminar: International Development & the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

UKCCD to hold seminar with Commonwealth Foundation on the implementation of the Convention in policy for Developing Countries. Recommendations will be taken to the December meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee at UNESCO, Paris.

2. UKCCD recommendations included in first discussions on role of civil society and implementation of the Convention

The conclusion of the first extraordinary session of the Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) for the UNESCO Convention on the protection and promotion of the diversity of cultural expressions in Paris on June 27 marks the mid-way point of the first two-year phase for implementing the Convention. The role of civil society in the implementation of the Convention was the exclusive focus of a first-time exchange between UNESCO member States and civil society organizations that took place June 23 on the eve of the IGC session.

For more information please visit:

http://www.cdc-ccd.org/coalition_currents/08_sept/coalition_currents_sept08_en.html

3. Renewed Momentum on Ratification

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4. EU cites UNESCO Convention in placing Cultural Cooperation Protocol in Trade Agreements

A recently concluded Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the Euro

pean Union and CARIFORUM marks the first time that the UNESCO Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions has been cited to justify according cultural goods and services special treatment in the context of a trade agreement.

For further information:

http://www.cdc-ccd.org/main_pages_en/Publications_en/Protocol_Cariforum_Feb2008_en.pdf

5. Children's Television: a glimmer of hope?

The 14th Annual Conference of the VLV Forum for Children's Broadcasting, Wednesday, 5th November 2008 at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, London WC2

2008 has seen significant moves by both Ofcom and the BBC Trust to investigate the future of children's television in a rapidly changing media environment, reflecting the concerns of parents that children's programmes – despite the proliferation of dedicated channels – are being squeezed on the main free-to-air broadcast channels.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.vlv.org.uk/>

6. Rio meeting adopts declaration on the future of ISIS software.

The Third Edition of the Meeting of ISIS took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 14 to 16 September 2008. It was organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization. The event gathered more than 150 participants from 31 countries and 4 continents representing tens of thousands of ISIS users worldwide. The participants discussed the current state of ISIS software and new important developments towards the updating of the ISIS platform.

For more information please visit:

http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=27521&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

7. Inclusion of Audiovisual in EU-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement

European Coalition members take leading role in challenging the inclusion of audiovisual services in the recent free trade agreement between the European Union and Ukraine. A letter has been sent to European Commission Member, Peter Mandelson. His reply will be posted shortly on our new website.