

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
- Reference materials: <http://www.itaukeitrustfund.com.fj/>

(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->