

**Proposal by Chairman and Vice-Chair**

**C8 Cultural Diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content**

Our vision of the Information and Knowledge Societies is that of a more culturally and linguistically diverse digital world, where: [agreed]

* Around half of  all existing  languages are present in cyberspace; [agreed]
* Development takes into account local, national and regional contexts; [agreed]
* Innovation and creativity based on traditional knowledge in all areas should be promoted and protected, as appropriate; [agreed]
* Culture is integrated in all development policies and programmes, for poverty reduction and inclusive sustainable development; [agreed]
* There is a respect of cultural identity, cultural and linguistic diversity, traditions and religions and a promotion of dialogue among cultures and civilizations. [agreed]

1. Launch and support preservation, digitization and digital archiving of cultural and documentary heritage and born-digital information. [agreed]
2. Promote further development of local content in cyberspace. [agreed]
3. Support national entrepreneurial and start-up frameworks. Promote the development and use of internationalized domain names. [agreed]
4. Strengthening policies that support the respect, preservation, promotion and enhancement of cultural and linguistic diversity and cultural heritage, within information society as reflected in relevant agreed UN documents. [agreed]
5. Continue to develop and implement policies that preserve, affirm, respect and promote diversity of cultural expression and indigenous knowledge and traditions through the creation of varied information content and the use of different methods, including the digitization of educational, scientific and cultural heritage. [agreed]