UNESCO is launching a call for expression of interest for the renewal of its Expert Facility aimed at supporting capacity development initiatives for the implementation and promotion of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

The Expert Facility acts as an international pool of recognized experts (independent consultants, academics and researchers, governmental officials and civil servant, cultural operators, managers of cultural institutions or associations, etc.) that have a relevant experience in designing or implementing policies to support cultural and creative sectors. In response to needs and priorities identified by the governing bodies of the 2005 Convention as well as by developing countries, experts can be called upon to deliver country-level assistance in different thematic areas of the Convention and through different modalities (workshops, advisory technical assistance, short and long-term capacity-building interventions, mentoring, coaching, etc).

UNESCO is looking for experts who have a proven knowledge/experience of the 2005 Convention, solid experience of carrying out technical assistance in developing countries, and professional experience in the field of cultural and creative industries relating to areas such as: institutional organization of creative sectors; development and implementation of overall policies, strategies, regulatory frameworks for the creative sectors; implementation of international cooperation projects; financing; developing and strengthening a specific sector (e.g., publishing, visual arts, film, music, copyright and related rights, etc.); data collection in the cultural and creative sectors (See Call and Application Form).

Established in 2011, the Facility was renewed in 2015. The purpose of this Call is to renew the Facility for a 4-year mandate (2019-2022). The Call is launched within the context of the UNESCO/European Union project “Expert Facility on the Governance of Culture in Developing Countries: Creating a new regulatory environment for the cultural and creative industries and South-South cooperation”.

WEBSITE
HTTPS://EN.UNESCO.ORG/CREAT...
Deadline for applications: 26 November 2018

Eligibility Criteria
Applicants may be:
- Independent consultant
- Academic/researcher
- Government official/civil servants
- Cultural operators
- Managers of cultural institutions or associations

In line with the global Priority Africa and Gender Equality strategies of UNESCO as well as the commitment to equitable geographical and gender balance, experts from Africa, Arab States, and Asia-Pacific regions as well as women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Language Proficiency  Applicants should demonstrate excellent spoken and written English and/or French language skills. Knowledge of additional languages, in particular languages of potential beneficiary countries and/or other UN official languages, is an asset.

Professional experience and expertise
- proven knowledge/experience of the 2005 Convention
- solid experience of carrying out technical assistance in developing countries
- professional experience of minimum 10 years in the field of cultural and creative industries (see guidelines for more information on professional experience required)

Applicants applying to be part of the UNESCO Expert Facility should ensure their availability to participate in an introductory training workshop scheduled to take place during the week of 11 February 2019 in Paris, France.