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International Council of Museums
Operating Policy

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SUBJECT: Organisational Representations

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Operating Policy is to ensure the proper representation of ICOM as a non-governmental Organisation with other agencies, institutions, and persons.

REVIEW

This Operating Policy (OP) will be reviewed by 1 February of each third year by the Director General and the Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee, with recommendations for revisions forwarded to the ICOM President by April 1.

POLICY

ICOM encourages collegial relationships with governmental, nongovernmental, and intergovernmental agencies, institutions, and individuals that support, promote, and encourage values and beliefs that are beneficial to the international museum community and the conservation and continuation of the world's natural and cultural heritage.

All members are encouraged to speak about ICOM and to promote Organisational and museological professionalism. However, due to the importance of relationships with other entities and the significance of ICOM as an NGO and the representative of the international museum community, only persons designated by the President (or by Statutory citation) may enter into binding discussions on behalf of ICOM.

When possible, the appropriate Chair of the International Committee should be consulted and included in the representative delegation to ensure appropriate technical and professional expertise.

Although ICOM encourages National and International Committees to operate in a collegial manner that will benefit museums and museum professionals, formal partnerships, agreements, and contracts that may encumber ICOM in any manner should be the exclusive prerogative of ICOM through the offices of the Director General and Executive Council.

This Policy does not exclude the possibility of cooperative activities between National and International Committees and agencies, institutions, and individuals that support and promote the values and beliefs of ICOM; however, such activities must be carefully considered to determine the influence of that relationship on ICOM. Prior to entering into any arrangement with entities outside ICOM, committees should consult the Director General.

General Organisational Representations Statement

It is never the intention of ICOM to limit or prevent productive and meaningful interaction between National and International Committees and governmental, nongovernmental, and intergovernmental agencies, institutions, and individuals within the limits of acceptable Organisational practice. ICOM must convey one attitude of museum professionalism, although that message may be expressed in different languages and voices. Only officially designated persons may represent or speak for ICOM to ensure the consistency of that message.