

Call for Expression of Interest (EOI).

The Kenya National Commission for UNESCO (KNATCOM) is a government agency with a dual mandate of promoting Kenya's national interest in UNESCO and UNESCO's international interest in Kenya, regionally and globally. It is a state corporation that derives its mandate from the UNESCO Constitution, the Charter of the National Commissions for UNESCO, and the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO Act 2013.

KNATCOM is the focal point for all UNESCO affairs in Kenya. It aims to foster peace and sustainable development through intellectual collaboration and dialogue. Through its culture programme, KNATCOM aspires to protect, promote, and transmit heritage as well as fostering creativity and the diversity of cultural expressions.

To achieve this, KNATCOM has been organizing dialogue forums for youth to discuss how the protection and promotion of heritage and creativity contributes to inclusive and cohesive societies as well as peace and sustainable development in Kenya. The forum/workshop will feature leading heritage professionals and cohesion experts to mentor youth on cultural heritage discourse as well as national cohesion and integration.

In the year 2023, KNATCOM plans to have a national dialogue forum/workshop to coincide with the African World Heritage Day Celebration on 5th May 2023. The workshop/dialogue forum will have presentations on cultural heritage protection, safeguarding and conservation; cultural performances; tours to World Heritage Sites and conservation activities in heritage sites and sites of intangible cultural heritage. Further, there will be discussions on possible avenues for promoting the Kenyan identity and national unity.

KNATCOM calls for expression of interest for youth participation in the dialogue forum/workshop.

Eligibility:

- 1. Kenyan Youth, aged 35 years and below, living in Kenya. (Attach a copy of ID)
- 2. Demonstrated passion for culture and heritage.
- 3. Passionate in peace building and national cohesion matters.
- 4. Be ready to undertake cultural heritage project(s) in the county of residence.
- 5. Willing to reside in shared accommodation.
- 6. Willing to volunteer as a change agent in the promotion of peace, national cohesion, and integration in their respective counties.
- 7. Youth leaders working on a cultural heritage project/activity and/or peace building will have an added advantage.

Stating your **County of Residence**, interested youths are hereby invited to submit their online application to: <u>culture@unesco.go.ke</u>

Applications for participation in the forum/workshop are open until 7th April 2023.