

FORMAT		
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8. Languages in which available	English	
9. Geographic area resource relates to	Global	
10. Does the resource relate to a specific time frame?		
11. Type	Report	
	Toolkit/Framework/Roadmap	Yes
	Sign-post to other resource (database)	
	Case studies	
	Other	
12. If this is part of an initiative, what is the initiative?		
COLLECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS-BASED INSTITUTIONS		
13. Explicit links to collections	No	
14. Explicit links to museums/libraries/archives	No	
15. Types of institutions the resource covers	Museums	X
	Archives	X
	Libraries	X
	Other	X
16. Does the resource relate to specific disciplines?	Arts, humanities and social sciences: philosophy, psychology, religion,	X

	social sciences, law, politics, language, arts and recreation, architecture, literature, history, geography and ethnology, anthropology, archaeology	
	Science, natural history, technology, medicine, engineering, manufacturing	X
17. If no explicit links to collections, justification for inclusion	The resource can be used by collections-based institutions to understand and implement the Human Rights-based Approach.	
HOW IT CONTRIBUTES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
18. Collections-related activities the resource relates to (mark all that apply)		
Develop collections to protect and safeguard wider cultural and natural heritage more effectively, for example by targeting collecting to threatened forms of heritage in strategic ways		
Use collections to promote learning and educational opportunities that contribute to sustainable development more effectively, for example education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development and/or skills development relating to collections		
Use collections to promote cultural participation/social inclusion more effectively, for example by reducing barriers to participation, to ensure no-one is ‘left behind’	X	
Use collections to promote sustainable tourism more effectively, for example by developing new products based on local cultural heritage, and/or considering the rights of stakeholder groups in relation to collections		
Use collections to support research that contributes to sustainable development (including all forms of personal and self-directed research at all levels that make use of stored collections) more effectively, for example by providing effective facilities, collections and information to meet researchers’ needs		
Make decisions around collections that contribute to sustainable development more effectively		
i. employment (recruiting, staff training, staff safety)		
ii. energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, reduction, monitoring and reporting		
iii. waste management and reduction of waste		

iv.	transport (forms of transport, energy use)	
v.	commercial activities including copyright and IP	
vi.	governance and management	X
vii.	security, disaster preparedness and risk reduction	
Direct external leadership, partnerships and collaborations towards sustainable development more effectively , for example by developing impactful partnerships		X
19. Does the resource relate clearly to any international conventions (mark all that apply)?		
Culture conventions:		
1952, 71 Protection of Copyright and Neighbouring Rights		
1954 Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict		
1970 Fighting Against the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property		
1972 Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage		
2001 Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage		
2003 Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage		
2005 Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions		
Rio Conventions:		
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)		
AIMS AND CONTENT		
20. What issues does the resource aim to address?	<p>“In the UN Programme for Reform that was launched in 1997, the Secretary-General called on all entities of the UN system to mainstream human rights into their various activities and programmes within the framework of their respective mandates.</p> <p>Since then a number of UN agencies have adopted a human rights-based approach to their development cooperation and have gained experiences in its operationalization. But each agency has tended to have its own interpretation of approach and how it should be operationalized. However, UN interagency collaboration at global and regional levels, and especially at the country level in relation to the CCA and UNDAF processes, requires a common understanding of this approach and its implications for development programming. What follows is an attempt to arrive at such an understanding on the basis of those aspects of the human rights-based approach that are common to the policy and practice of the UN bodies that participated in the Interagency Workshop on a Human Rights based Approach in the context of UN reform 3-5 May, 2003.</p>	

	This Statement of Common Understanding specifically refers to a human rights based approach to the development cooperation and development programming by UN agencies.”
21. Intended audience of resource	[UN agencies, others working with development activity]
22. Process of development	
23. Organisation/structure/ contents	Introduction Common understanding Implications
FRAMEWORKS	
24. Framework structure	The three aspects of the Common Understanding represent a framework, explained in the resource.
25. Relevant policy considerations	Yes
26. Resources for implementation identified	Yes
27. Specific assessment points/indicators/milestones/action plan for monitoring	Yes
28. ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
People (social sustainability)	X
Planet (environmental sustainability)	
Prosperity (economic sustainability)	X
Peace	X
Partnerships	X
29. CROSS-CUTTING CONSIDERATIONS COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
Gender perspectives	X
North and South perspectives	X
HOW THE RESOURCE CONTRIBUTES TO AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs	
HOW AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs FEATURE IN THE RESOURCE	
30. SDGs and Agenda 2030 specifically mentioned?	No
31. SDGs specifically mentioned?	No
32. SDG targets specifically mentioned?	No
33. SDG indicators specifically mentioned?	No
SDGs AND SDG TARGETS AND LINKAGES	
34. Comments on SDG linkages	The resource is most closely related to SDGs around policy action for participation and human rights, including SDGs 1.4 (access to basic services), 4.5

	(remove barriers in education), 5.1 (end discrimination based on gender), 9.1 (resilient infrastructure), 10.2 (universal inclusion), 10.3 (reduce inequalities of outcome), 11.7 (safe and inclusive public spaces), 11.B (integrated policies, including for inclusion and Disaster Risk Reduction), 16.6 (effective, accountable and transparent institutions), 16.7 (participatory decision making), 16.10 (fundamental freedoms), 16.B (promote laws and policies for sustainable development), 17.16 and 17.17 (global and more local partnerships).
35. SDGs and SDG targets the resource helps advance	
SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere 1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance	Numbers and proportions of people from particular groups using collections in comparison with demographics in broader society. Numbers of people accessing collections. Number of targeted programmes that aim to enhance access to collections by disadvantaged groups. Sustainable tourism that enhances local communities' access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property (including cultural and natural heritage), as well as to technology and markets. Involvement of people from disadvantaged groups in decision-making activities and processes relating to collections and collections-based institutions.
SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all 4.5 By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations	Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to eliminate gender disparities in education. Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of persons with disabilities. Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of Indigenous peoples' groups. Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of children in vulnerable situations.

<p>SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p> <p>5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere</p>	<p>Collections development to ensure that collections effectively meet the needs of all, irrespective of sex or gender.</p> <p>Number and proportion of educational and participatory programmes that promote participation irrespective of sex or gender.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of girls, women and gender-diverse people making use of collections in relation to the demographic of the local population.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of girls, women and gender-diverse people involved in focused programmes aimed at promoting social, economic and political inclusion.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of girls, women and gender-diverse people from different demographic groups involved in decision-making processes relating to collections and collections-based institutions.</p> <p>Number and types of partnerships that build relationships with people of different sex and gender.</p>
<p>SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</p> <p>9.1 Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all</p>	<p>Development of research-useful collections to support reliable, sustainable and resilient use by researchers and others.</p> <p>Number and proportion of collections facilities and stores that support economic development and human well-being.</p> <p>Number and proportion of collections facilities and stores that provide affordable and equitable access for all.</p> <p>Investment in collections facilities.</p> <p>Inclusion of collections information in regional and transborder initiatives, notably via digital access for discoverability.</p>
<p>SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries</p> <p>10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all,</p>	<p>Collections development to ensure that collections effectively meet the needs of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status.</p>

<p>irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status</p>	<p>Number and proportion of educational and participatory programmes that promote participation irrespective of social or other status.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of people making use of collections in relation to the demographic of the local population.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of people involved in focused programmes aimed at promoting social, economic and political inclusion.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of people from different demographic groups involved in decision-making processes relating to collections and collections-based institutions.</p> <p>Number and types of partnerships that build relationships with marginalized groups, individuals and communities.</p>
<p>SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries 10.3 Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard</p>	<p>Identification of discriminatory policies and practices, with clear plans to address these, to ensure equal opportunity for all and reduce inequalities of outcome.</p> <p>Collections development to uphold and promote legislation and anti-discriminatory perspectives, with the aim of reducing inequality within and between countries.</p> <p>Education and participatory programmes that promote anti-discriminatory legislation, policies and action, with the aim of reducing inequality within and between countries.</p> <p>Research that supports anti-discriminatory legislation, policies and action, with the aim of reducing inequality within and between countries.</p> <p>Participation in partnerships that promote anti-discriminatory legislation, policies and action, with the aim of reducing inequality within and between countries.</p>
<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</p>	<p>Numbers of people accessing collecting institutions from different demographic groups, notably women, children, older people and persons with disabilities.</p>

<p>11.7 By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities</p>	<p>Increases in numbers of people accessing collecting institutions from different demographic groups.</p> <p>Measures taken to remove barriers to access green and public spaces.</p> <p>Extent of green space provided by collections institutions.</p>
<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 11.B By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities and human settlements adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, holistic disaster risk management at all levels</p>	<p><i>11.B.1 Proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030a</i></p> <p>Disaster Risk Reduction strategies and plans in place, in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, to ensure collecting institutions and collections are factored into planning, and contribute effectively to Disaster Risk Reduction.</p> <p>Collections-based institutions included in local plans for social inclusion, resource use, and Disaster Risk Reduction.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels</p>	<p><i>16.6.2 Proportion of the population [audience/users/non-users] satisfied with their last experience of public services</i></p> <p>Access to information, and accountability policies and mechanisms, in place.</p> <p>Effective institutional arrangements, both for own working and for working in partnership with other sectors, in place.</p> <p>Plans and arrangements in place for extraordinary circumstances such as natural and human-caused disasters.</p> <p>Effective arrangements in place to fulfil legal and social obligations and responsibilities.</p> <p>Effective arrangements in place for transparent communication and reporting of institutional performance.</p>

	<p>Effective arrangements in place for transparent decision-making and accountability.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p> <p>16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels</p>	<p><i>16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions</i></p> <p><i>16.7.2 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group</i></p> <p>Decision-making addresses societal, environmental and economic challenges related to the community, considering short-term and long-term risks and opportunities.</p> <p>Decision-making draws on diverse backgrounds, viewpoints and interests, reflecting a broad base of stakeholders, and working to promote inclusion and provide effective services for all of society.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p> <p>16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements</p>	<p>Adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information.</p> <p>Plans in place, and plans implemented to enhance public access to information relating to collections.</p> <p>Plans in place, and plans implemented to support fundamental freedoms, in line with human rights, national and international agreements and legislation.</p> <p>Plans and procedures in place for public access to information relating to the operation and management of collections-based institutions.</p> <p>Complaint mechanism in place for public to use where public access to information and fundamental freedoms not supported or fulfilled.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective,</p>	<p><i>16.B.1 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the</i></p>

accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.B Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development		<i>basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law</i> Number and proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, in the full sense of recognizing all three of social, economic and environmental considerations.			
SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries		Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of global and international multi-stakeholder partnerships that share collection-related knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to address the SDGs, or that otherwise involve collections-based organisations and institutions. Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of global and international multi-stakeholder partnerships involving developing countries that share collection-related knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to address the SDGs.			
SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships		<i>17.17.1 Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships</i> Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of local, national and regional multi-stakeholder (public, public-private and civil society) partnerships that address the SDGs drawing on collections, or that otherwise involve collections-based organisations and institutions.			
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