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8. Languages in which available	English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish	
9. Geographic area resource relates to	Global	
10. Does the resource relate to a specific time frame?		
11. Type	Report	Yes
	Toolkit/Framework/Roadmap	Yes
	Sign-post to other resource (database)	
	Case studies	
	Other	Legal and policy guidance
12. Part of an initiative?		
COLLECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS-BASED INSTITUTIONS		
13. Explicit links to collections	No	
14. Explicit links to museums/libraries/archives	Yes	
15. Types of institutions relevant to	Museums	X
	Archives	X
	Libraries	X
	Other	X
16. Does the resource relate to specific disciplines?	Arts, humanities and social sciences: philosophy,	X

	psychology, religion, 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 plan activities relating to freedom of expression and to information, as part of wider sustainable development activities.	
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	X	
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)	X
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	X
2005	Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions	X
Rio Conventions:		
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)		X
AIMS AND CONTENT		
20. What issues does the resource aim to address?	<p>“In the present report, the Special Rapporteur explores the linkages between the right to freedom of expression, including the right to information, and sustainable development. She introduces a paradigm shift in looking at sustainable development through the lens of freedom of expression. While recognizing important progress made in normative standards for access to information, the Special Rapporteur highlights that more is needed to ensure that the voices of those most disadvantaged in society are heard. She argues that only when both access to information and the effective participation of youth, Indigenous communities, the media, human rights defenders, civil society actors and others are fulfilled will the promise to leave no one behind be realized.” (webpage)</p>	

21. Intended audience of resource	[Anyone working with freedom of expression and sustainable development]
22. Process of development	
23. Organisation/structure/contents	I. Freedom of expression as an enabler of sustainable development 3 II. Access to information as a driver of sustainable development 5 A. States' obligation to disclose: achievements and challenges 6 B. Corporate responsibility to disclose 8 C. Digital divide 9 D. Good practices 10 III. Voice as participation in sustainable development 12 A. Enablers of voice 12 B. Inhibitors of voice 15 IV. Conclusions and recommendations 19
FRAMEWORKS	
24. Framework structure	The set of recommendations at the end can be considered as a framework (see 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)	X
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?	Yes
31. SDGs specifically mentioned?	Yes
32. SDG targets specifically mentioned?	Yes
33. SDG indicators specifically mentioned?	No
SDGs AND SDG TARGETS AND LINKAGES	

34. Comments on SDG linkages	<p>The resource supports a wide range of SDGs relating to human rights, access to information and public participation, including 1.2 (reduce multidimensional poverty), 4.4 (staff training), 4.5 (equal access to education), 4.7 (Education for Sustainable Development), 4.A (effective learning environments), 5.1 (end gender-based discrimination), 5.B (access to ICT for women), 5.C (gender-friendly policies), 9.1 (inclusive infrastructure), 9.C (ICT development in Global South countries), 10.2 (universal inclusion), 10.3 (reducing inequality of outcomes), 10.4 (social protection, including access to public services), 11.3 (inclusive urban development), 11.7 (safe and welcoming green and public spaces), 11.B (integrated planning), 12.6 (which includes adopting sustainability reporting), 12.8 (information for lifestyles in harmony with nature), 13.3 (climate action, including access to information and participation), 16.1 (end all forms of violence), 16.6 (effective, accountable, transparent institutions), 16.7 (inclusive decision making), 16.10 (protect the right to information and other freedoms), 16.B (adopt laws and policies for sustainable development), 17.14 (policy coherence), 17.16 and 17.17 (global and more local partnerships, respectively).</p>
35. SDGs and SDG targets the resource helps advance	
<p>SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere</p> <p>1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions</p>	<p>Number of programmes drawing on collections (educational, awareness-raising, research, partnerships) that explore poverty as a multidimensional and complex issue, and that empower people to act to address poverty in all its forms.</p> <p>Number of educational programmes that are targeted towards people living in poverty.</p> <p>Proactive steps taken to ensure that all people, including those living in poverty, can access services.</p> <p>Collections development to support such programmes.</p>

	<p>Promotion of poverty-reducing programmes, locally and worldwide.</p> <p>Proactive support for economically disadvantaged and marginalized people in supply chains.</p> <p>Pro-poor decisions incorporated into all forms of operations, including financial decisions.</p> <p>Transparency in reporting on the supply chain, incorporating actions to address poverty locally and worldwide.</p>
<p>SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p> <p>4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship</p>	<p>Number of young people and adults in skills-development activities and programmes drawing on collections, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship</p> <p>Increase in number of young people and adults in such programmes</p> <p>Number and proportion of staff who have received training in the last year, to better support their contribution to the SDGs.</p> <p>Programs and processes in place to ensure the availability of a skilled workforce.</p>
<p>SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to eliminate gender disparities in education.</p> <p>Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of Indigenous peoples' groups.</p> <p>Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of children in vulnerable situations.</p>

<p>SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all 4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through 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</p>	<p>Numbers of people in each type of programme drawing on collections from different demographic groups.</p> <p>Increases in numbers of people in each type of programme from different demographic groups.</p> <p>Proportion of people involved in such programmes in relation to overall audience size.</p> <p>Evidence that learners have acquired knowledge and skills to promote sustainable development.</p>
<p>SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all 4.A Build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all</p>	<p>Number and proportion of education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive.</p> <p>Proportion of education facilities that provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all.</p> <p>Number and type of initiatives to improve effectiveness of learning environments.</p> <p>Support given to other education facilities to make them more inclusive and effective.</p>
<p>SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls 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 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p> <p>5.B Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women</p>	<p>Number of programmes drawing on collections that support ICT skills, notably for girls and women.</p>
<p>SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p> <p>5.C Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels</p>	<p>Number and proportion of policies relating to collections and collections-based institutions that incorporate gender perspectives to promote gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.</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 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</p>	<p>Number of collections facilities that provide access to ICT.</p>

9.C Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2020	<p>Number of collections facilities that use digital programmes to connect people with heritage and sustainable development agendas.</p> <p>Number of programmes that support access to the Internet in least developed countries.</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, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status</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>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</p> <p>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 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries</p> <p>10.4 Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality</p>	<p>Number and proportion of policies that proactively address equality issues relating to fiscal, wage and social protection considerations.</p>
<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</p> <p>11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries</p>	<p><i>11.3.2 Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically</i></p> <p>Plans in place for collections-based institutions to facilitate the incorporation of communities' views into local planning and town management processes in a regular way.</p> <p>Plans in place for collections-based institutions to facilitate the incorporation of minorities' views into local planning and town management processes in a regular way.</p>
<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</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>Numbers of people accessing collecting institutions from different demographic groups, notably women, children, older people 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</p>	<p><i>11.B.1 Proportion of local governments that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction</i></p>

<p>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>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 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</p> <p>12.6 Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle</p>	<p>Clear visions, strategies and plans in place for all aspects of sustainability – environmental, social and economic (people, planet, prosperity)- across all areas of activity.</p> <p>Visions, strategies and plans relating to sustainability to be publicly available and incorporated into planning documents.</p> <p>Commitments to be in line with local, regional, national and/or international targets and ambitions.</p> <p>Incorporation of sustainability into reporting for funders and other stakeholders, including the public. Reporting to include commitments and progress towards targets.</p>
<p>SDG 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</p> <p>12.8 By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature</p>	<p><i>12.8.1 Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development (including climate change education) are mainstreamed in (a) national education policies; (b) curricula; (c) teacher education; and (d) student assessment</i></p> <p>Extent to which global citizenship education and education for sustainable development (including climate change education) are mainstreamed in formal, informal and non-formal education programmes and activities drawing on and related to collections.</p>

<p>SDG 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</p> <p>13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning</p>	<p>Plans in place to enhance positive contributions to addressing climate change through use of collections. Plans in place to ensure collections, collections institutions and broader society can adapt effectively to climate change.</p> <p>Plans in place for effective education and awareness raising on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.</p> <p>Plans in place to reduce negative contributions of collections-related functions, e.g. measuring greenhouse emissions with plans and targets in place to reduce them.</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>16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere</p>	<p>Collections development that relates to violent crime, and violence of all kinds, and the relationships between violence and mortality.</p> <p>Number of educational, awareness-raising and partnership programmes drawing on collections that aim to reduce violence and related mortality.</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>16.6 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>

	Effective arrangements in place for transparent decision-making and accountability.
<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</i></p>

accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.B Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development		<i>in the previous 12 months on the 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 17.14 Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development		Proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, linking to SDGs and targets. Incorporation of policy considerations from outside the collections sector into policies of collections-based institutions, to facilitate partnerships and effectiveness.			
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		17.17.1 Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships 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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