

**INTERVENTION BY NATHALIE GUAY**  
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE IFCCD

**General debate on the implementation of the Convention by stakeholders,  
Conference of the Parties to the 2005 Convention on the Protection and  
Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions**

Point 9: IFCD

The IFCD (International Fund for Cultural Diversity) is a fundamental tool for the implementation of the Convention. The testimonies we heard today are showing this. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the parties that support this fund. It is essential to us that these contributions be consistent over time. We are pleased to see that one more project was supported in 2018, but it is still too little to meet an ever-increasing demand.

Taking this into account, I would like to highlight the recent announcement made by Canada to contribute for a five-year cycle to the IFCD, as well as that of the Government of Quebec to contribute to the Fund for a 7th consecutive year.

I would also like to warmly thank the Canadian government for the 5-year funding announced on May 21 to the Canadian Coalition for the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, and therefore also to the International Federation. This is in addition to the Government of Quebec's ongoing contribution to our activities freshly confirmed this year again.

This support contributes directly to the participation of civil society in the implementation of the Convention, both in Canada and around the world, and will play a major role in mobilizing civil society at the next IFCCD congress in October 2019. We also welcome the funding received from the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie for this event and invite all those interested in contributing to its success to contact us.