

**Dear IC Ethics members – please provide your input now!**  
**What do YOU think a new *Museum Definition* should contain –  
and is anything missing in ICOMs *Code of Ethics*?**

Until the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2021, all National and International Committees as well as Regional Alliances and Affiliated Organisations of ICOM are asked to connect with their members to collect contributions to ICOMs new museum definition & a possible review of the Code of Ethics. Both processes are essential for the ICOM Community, and they will go hand-in-hand.

We hereby invite you to share your thoughts, wishes and insights by

- a) **Filling out the attached document** and send it to [icom@ic-ethics.museum](mailto:icom@ic-ethics.museum) by 1<sup>st</sup> of April, *or*
- b) Give your input directly by joining us for a **Meeting Room Event** on **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> of March at 08:00 PST//10:00 CST//11:00 EST//17:00 CET**.  
Please register here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdO6sqzwoEtMUwXpqDaKqXMFEIQIB9vY>

Here, you will find more information on

#### THE MUSEUM DEFINITION:

- ICOM member space: scroll down on your dashboard, click thumbnail ‘Take part in the new definition of the museum!’
- Youtube channel IC Ethics: *Towards a new Museum Definition* with Lauran Bonilla-Merchav, Co-Chair of ICOM Define:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIV0gztNIbQ>

#### THE CODE OF ETHICS:

- Youtube channel IC Ethics: *Towards a possible review of ICOMs Code of Ethics* with Sally Yerkovich, Chair of ETHCOM:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1XFXQNLbjE>

Here, you can provide your input to both a new museum definition and a review of the Code of Ethics. Please mention as many aspects as you like and send this document to [icom@ic-ethics.museum](mailto:icom@ic-ethics.museum) latest on the *1<sup>st</sup> of April 2021*.

Answers and attached documents can be provided in English, French or Spanish.

## INPUT TO THE NEW MUSEUM DEFINITION

The input to a new museum definition can be given by providing keywords and short descriptions (max. 150 characters). IC Ethics will be able to provide a total of 20 keywords with the respective descriptions, and we need your help to find out which ones to provide.

Here are examples given by ICOM Define:

- ‘Open to the public’ (key word/concept): ‘Museums are public spaces that should be accessible to different audiences and sectors of society. The word ‘public’ refers to the museum users but also to the whole population addressed by it’ (description).
- ‘Conserves’ (key word/concept): ‘Addresses both the action and the intention to protect cultural property, whether material or immaterial’ (description).
- ‘Tangible and intangible heritage’ (key word/concept): ‘Refers to all natural or man-made goods and values, whether material or immaterial, without restriction of time or space, whether they be simply inherited from the forbears of earlier generations or gathered and preserved to be transmitted to the descendants of future generations.’ (description).

## Which keywords and descriptions would you like us to convey to ICOM Define?

*Please use the space you need and save your answers before submitting the document.*

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**INPUT TO A REVIEW OF THE CODE OF ETHICS**

In this step of the process, it is important to identify what is missing from the current *Code of Ethics*. Two different kind of contributions are possible.

- 1. The process is aiming to gather *relevant documents for a portal*. IC Ethics can provide as many documents for the portal as needed.
- 2. In addition, 800 characters in total can be used for *input on what is missing* in todays' *Code of Ethics*.

**Do you know of any documents which might be relevant for ETHCOM to know about or study when deciding if they should recommend a revision of the Code?**

*If yes, please attach them to this document. This might be e.g. a concretization of the Code in one country or guidelines for one topic/working field.*

**Do you think the Code of Ethics needs to be revised? If yes, please write down what you think is missing.**

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