CULTURAL ALLIANCES
Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

- The Cultural Alliances call for applications is open to cultural and artistic entities working in the following Arab countries: **Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, and Libyan & Syrian** entities based in those countries;
- All applying entities should be legally registered in their country of residence;
- The lead applicant must be an independent (non-governmental) well-established entity with solid experience working within the Arts & Culture sector;
- The remaining 2 partners should be emerging independent cultural and artistic entities; and
- The three applying entities must be working within the same country or two different regions of the same country separated by borders (created, for example, by foreign occupation or political partition) regardless of whether these borders are internationally recognized.

How can I apply to the Cultural Alliances?

Please follow the below steps in order to create an account and register on the online applications platform:

1. Cultural Alliances open call is available on this page.
2. The lead applicants have the option to save their application and get back to it at a later stage by clicking "Save my progress and resume later". Applicants will be requested to add an email and password in order to be able to resume working on their forms later.
3. The application form must be filled out in **Arabic** unless mentioned otherwise in the application.

4. The alliance must submit its collaboration concept note in **Arabic**. It is also recommended to submit a copy of the collaboration concept note either in English or French.
5. Entities may submit the supporting documents either in **Arabic**, **English**, or **French**.
6. After submitting the application form, a confirmation email will be sent to the applicants' mail.

When will the info sessions take place?

Online Q&A sessions will take place during the months of **November** & **December 2020** (specific dates to be announced on social media channels).

What do you mean by an independent entity?

Entities should be independent from any governmental sector. They should also follow a governance model that allows them to take autonomous decisions.

What do you mean by a cultural/artistic entity?

Cultural and artistic bodies that have their own organizational, legal, and financial structures (NGO, collective, cooperative...).

Can one of the emerging entities be the lead applicant?

The established entity in the alliance must be the lead applicant submitting the application on behalf of the 2 other emerging entities.

How can the other 2 emerging entities fill out the application form?

The established entity in the alliance must be the lead applicant responsible for sharing, collecting, and submitting all the responses and supporting documents on behalf of the 2 emerging entities.

Can initiatives & groups with no legal registration apply to the Cultural Alliances component?

Entities should be legally registered for a **1-year** period at least. Initiatives and groups with no legal registration have the opportunity to apply to the "Youth-led Cultural & Civic

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[Initiatives](#)" component or to other programme components that will be announced in the future.

Can an entity apply to more than one alliance?

Entities **cannot** apply as part of more than one alliance.

Can the alliance consist of entities from different artistic backgrounds?

Yes, the alliance may consist of partner entities from different artistic backgrounds (e.g. Performing Arts/Music/Visual Arts).

Can the alliance consist of entities from different countries?

Cultural Alliances **cannot** consist of entities from different countries. The three applying entities must be legally registered within the same country.

Can an alliance working within the same country consist of entities from different nationalities?

Cultural Alliances working within the same country **may consist** of entities from different nationalities as long as the legal registration, the scope of work, and activities are implemented in one of the mentioned intervention countries (Example: A Palestinian entity registered in Jordan may form an alliance with 2 Jordanian entities).

Can the entity apply even if team members include non-Arab nationals?

Entities that include non-Arab nationals may apply to the Cultural Alliances component as long as the legal registration, the scope of work, and activities are implemented in one of the mentioned intervention countries.

Can individuals apply to the "Youth-led Cultural & Civic Initiatives" component even if their respective entity is applying to the Cultural Alliances component?

Yes, the All-Around Culture programme encourages individuals who meet the eligibility criteria to apply to the Youth-led Cultural & Civic Initiatives component even if their respective entity is applying to the Cultural Alliances component.

Which languages can be used in the application form?

The application form must be filled out in **Arabic** unless mentioned otherwise in the application.

The alliance must submit its collaboration concept note in **Arabic.** It is also recommended to submit a copy of the collaboration concept note either in English or French.

Which languages can be used for the supporting documents?

Entities may submit the following supporting documents either in **Arabic, English,** or **French**.

What are the supporting documents that should be submitted by the entities?

Established Entities
- Biographies of three founders/key members in the entity
- Narrative Reports (or their equivalents) for years 2017, 2018, 2019
- Financial Reports for years 2017, 2018, 2019
- Budget for the year 2020
- Expected Budget for the year 2021 including confirmed income sources
- Organigramme

Emerging Entities
- Biographies of three founders/key members in the entity
- Narrative Report (or its equivalent) for year 2019
- Financial Reports for year 2019
- Budget for the year 2020

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- Expected Budget for the year 2021 including confirmed income sources
- Organigramme (optional)

Notes:
  - All supporting documents **titles** should be saved and uploaded in English
  - Applicants should include the currency used in the financial & budget sheets

What formats can be used for the supporting documents?

Word Office (Word, PDF, Excel)
Images (JPEG, PNG, Tiff)
Video links (YouTube, Vimeo link)

Can I upload a video instead of a link?

The alliance must submit the video either on YouTube or Vimeo link.

Can I submit the application and supporting documents via email?

Applications submitted via email are **not accepted** and will automatically be excluded. Only applications submitted through the online application platform will be accepted.

Will I be notified in case of acceptance or rejection to the Cultural Alliances component?

All applicants shall receive an email notifying them whether they have been shortlisted or rejected to the Cultural Alliances component.

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