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The International Music Council (IMC) is the world's leading membership-based professional organisation dedicated to the promotion of the value of music in the lives of all peoples. IMC's mission is to **develop sustainable music sectors worldwide, to create awareness about the value of music,**

**to make music matter throughout the fabric of society, and to uphold basic music rights in all countries.**

IMC was founded in 1949 at the request of the Director-General of UNESCO as a non-governmental advisory body to the agency on musical matters. It is based at UNESCO headquarters in Paris and functions today independently as an international NGO official partner of UNESCO. In the course of its existence, IMC has developed into a highly influential network advocating for appropriate policies and practices aimed at strengthening the work of its members and partners worldwide.

IMC's network **is present in 150 countries on all continents**, with national music councils and international, regional and national music organisations as well as specialised organisations in the field of arts and culture. IMC members of honour are chosen among the world's outstanding professionals, educators, performers and composers. Through its members, IMC has direct access to over 1000 organisations and 200 million persons eager to develop and share knowledge and experience on diverse aspects of musical life.

IMC **is represented by a Regional Music Council in each of the following 5 regions: Africa, The Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Arab World.** Their mission is to contribute and develop regional programmes and to support activities that are specifically tailored to the needs of IMC members and partners in the region.

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