

Gastronomy: a Bridge between Cultures



World Gastronomy Institute



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About us

The World Gastronomy Institute (WGI) is a transnational NGO with Consultative Status, accredited by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Affiliate Member of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and Collaborator and a Member of the UNITWIN Network of the UNESCO Chair on Food, Culture and Development UOC.

The WGI since its foundation in 2007 collaborates, very actively, with Intergovernmental Organizations, Associations, Public Administrations (national governments, territorial and local administrative divisions) and Diplomatic Missions, also providing support to the business network relating to gastronomy.

Currently, more than a hundred Collaboration Agreements are in force, offering leadership and support to the food sector in advancing knowledge and local and global policies worldwide.

The spirit imbued by the founders has continued to be maintained and extended at the General Assemblies held, including the administrative restructuring in 2012 with the change of Headquarters to Spain, and there-foundation of the Organization in 2017, when it was approved to dissolve the Organizations and Local associations belonging to the WGI, constituting a single Global Entity.

It serves as a global forum for gastronomic policy issues and a practical source of knowledge through its activities and actions such as the organization and participation in meetings, seminars, conferences, events, contests, congress and educational initiatives. WGI encourages the implementation of a Global Code of Ethics for Gastronomy, to maximize the contribution of this discipline to socio-economic development, while minimizing its possible negative impacts, and is committed to promoting food as an instrument in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

WGI's messages and activities are of increasing importance today, in a globalized world where interconnections, geographic mobility, the need for sustainable development and diversity must serve as opportunities to build peace in people's minds.

A world where gastronomy has a preponderant role, since it intervenes in the social transformation and development of Humanity, in such crucial issues as: differentiation of national identity, strategic area of creating Wealth richness, setting up employment, source of healthy life, share and like essential food tourist agent; as academic and educational issues. And as fundamental element of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Mission and Objectives

The Organizational Aims of the WGI are to promote and develop sustainable gastronomy-rational, thinking and responsible- to contribute to cultural and socioeconomic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity and universal respect for, and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction by race, sex, language or religion. In pursuing these aims, WGI pays particular attention to the interests of developing countries in the field of gastronomy, including Food in all its manifestations, the process of food production, culinary culture and its diversity, educational and informative models, food Tourism, associations and institutional treatment, economic influences and, above all, in what affects people.

Structure

The General Assembly is the principal gathering of the World Gastronomy Institute. It meets periodically to approve the budget and programme of work and to debate topics of vital importance to the food sector in related subjects such as culture, tourism, society, employment, health, economy, education and divulgation.

The General Assembly is responsible for selecting a Secretary-General and approving the lines for policy action and master guidelines of the Councils.

The WGI is coordinated by the Executive Council, which has a Steering Committee for executive decisions.

The Institution has an Advisory Council organized in National Delegates, Delegate Ambassadors and Advisors. The only difference in the classification is that the National Delegates have a more executive role, the Ambassadors a more representative role and the Advisors a consultative role.

The Entity delegates some functions in different Subsidiary Organs such as the Committee on Education, the Commission of Divulgation and Communication, the World Committee on Ethics, Committee on Food Tourism, Committee on Hospitality and Hostelery Sector, Committee on Alcoholic Traditional Beverages, Intangible Heritage Committee and the Commission of Food Culture.

We are in 46 countries

Argentina • Australia • Azerbaijan • Belgium • Brazil • Canada • Cameroon
Chile • China • Colombia • Croatia • Denmark • Ecuador • France • Germany
Greece • Iceland • India • Indonesia • Ireland • Italy • Japan • Malaysia
Mexico • Netherlands • Norway • Perú • Philippines • Portugal • ROC-Taiwan
Romania • Russia • Serbia • Singapore • Slovakia • Slovenia • South Africa
South Korea • Spain • Sri Lanka • Sweden • Turkey • United Kingdom
USA • Venezuela • Vietnam



Priorities

- Engaging with the Governments and Public Administrations and the private sector, regional and local food organizations, Academic and researcher institutions, civil society and the UN system to build a more sustainable, responsible and competitive gastronomic sector.
- Mainstreaming the food culture in the world agenda: Advocating the value of gastronomy as a driver of growth, its inclusion as a priority in national and international policies and the need to create a level playing field for the sector to develop and prosper, taking care of the earth, and working for the reduction of inequalities in the world.
- Fostering knowledge society, education and capacity building: Supporting actors to assess and address their needs in academic training, as well as providing networks, meeting and events for Creation and Exchange of knowledge, at the service of the majority.
- Improving gastronomic competitiveness: Improving of the sector competitiveness through knowledge creation and exchange, human resources development and the promotion of excellence in areas such as policy planning, statistics and market trends, sustainable food tourism development, marketing and promotion, product development and risk and crisis management.
- Constitute and build a meeting space in which to explore and unite International Relations and Gastronomy, being de facto a platform prepared to promote the analysis, study and divulgation of these matters, interrelated or converging
- To achieve the objectives, the WGI will seek: Gathering different internal actors in a forums of dialogue, organizing Meetings and Events. Generating academic documentation that serves as an international benchmark. Be a platform speaker to the social movements that promote the quality food and agriculture. Creating working groups with common interests. And advise the public and private sector involved, in institutional relations, communication, educational and organizational issues.