

Memory of the World in the Latin American Archives Association General Assembly 2016. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

The General Assembly of the Latin American Archives Association (ALA), regional branch of the International Council on Archives, took place last June 26 and 27 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

During this meeting there were discussed and accepted several agreements based on the Association Strategic Plan (2015-2019). The following ones seek to reinforce synergies between ALA and Memory of the World (MOW):

1. The Association proposed to strength common efforts with Memory of the World, to share information about their respective recommendations, standards, networks, projects, activities and directory of experts.
2. ALA approved to define a procedure to register nominations to Memory of the World when there are two or more countries involved.
3. The members of ALA reviewed and accepted the current procedure to register nominations to Memory of the World, based in technical (not political) resolutions, adopted by experts in documentary heritage through their respective National or Regional Committees.
4. The Association will continue giving support to the Subsidiary Committee of the Meeting of States Parties to the UNESCO 1970 Convention for the fight against the illicit trafficking of cultural property. The ALA members agreed to ratify this Convention in their UNESCO National Offices and to analyze their legal framework related to this issue in their countries. They also seek to promote meetings and training programs with art market professionals (auctions, online sales web sites), national police authorities, customs offices, national documentary heritage registers, public and private cultural institutions or cultural heritage experts. Finally, the Association proposed to include this issue in the 25th Ibero-American Summit for Foreign Ministers that will take place in Colombia in late 2016 under the slogan "Youth, entrepreneurship and education."



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Images: 1. Members of the Latin American Archives Association during the visit to the General National Archives of Dominican Republic; 2. ALA General Assembly in Santo Domingo, 2016.