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MONDIACULT Ministers adopted Declaration for Culture as a Sustainable Development Goal!

More than 100 Ministers of Culture, supported by 1200 CCS representatives, adopted in Barcelona, Spain, a Declaration for setting Culture a standalone Sustainable Development Goal. A much anticipated declaration that initiates counting down until the next milestone, the 2027 SDG Summit.

Wednesday 1 October - Rising expectations for CCS as the Ministers participating in [MONDIACULT 2025](#) adopted the much anticipated Declaration calling for [Culture as a Sustainable Development Goal](#).

“Thank you, Spain!” celebrated [Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO](#). “Culture as a standalone SDG goal, should be self-evident. It turns out we have to fight for that! Let’s fight for that in a tangible and well-documented way, so we can win that battle!” she stated.

“Now we have a shared objective, all of us here in this room, to obtain for culture a standalone goal in the next SDG agenda, we will achieve it!” stated [Ernest Urtasun, Culture Minister of Spain](#).

[Civil society agents](#) participating in [MONDIACULT 2025 Agora Civica](#) adopted as well a Declaration reaffirming culture as a public good and calling for culture as an SDG in the UN post 2030 framework. Setting a priority for concrete action on cultural rights, they highlighted that “Culture is no luxury but a driving force”, and concluded that “Without Culture there is no Peace, no Democracy and no Sustainability” .

[MondiaYouth](#) representatives highlighted today’s threats against culture, and proposed seven priority areas with accessibility to culture as a public service being the first.

Though allowing for hopes, MONDIACULT 2025 Declaration is only the beginning, while the [2027 SDG Summit](#) rises as the next step for establishing culture as an SDG.

After all, when culture was declared a public good in [MONDIACULT 2022](#), aspirations for Culture as an SDG grew higher. However, culture was not named as a stand-alone goal, at the United Nations level, during the adoption of the [Pact for the Future in 2024](#).

Count down is on.

Find the Declaration adoption ceremony [here](#) and [here](#)