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CONFERENCE PAPER ABSTRACT

NAME OF PRESENTER:	Gerson A. Jackson
TITLE OF PAPER:	The 2005 Convention and the North Pacific
THEME:	<i>Theme 1: Heritage at Risk – Climate Change and Disasters</i>
PAPER ABSTRACT:	
<p>This short ten-minute presentation will attempt to highlight and underscore certain critically important components and features of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of Diversity of Cultural Expressions; their linkages and relationships with major challenges now prevailing in the North Pacific/Sub-region of Micronesia due to unplanned and uncontrolled usage of scarce natural resources, including historical and cultural properties and artifacts to support its unsustainable economic development.</p> <p>Brief discussions on how the Convention can offer the mitigating and remedial measures that the North Pacific (Micronesia) desperately need to reverse this destructive trend and at the same time to put in place long-term Policies, Development Plans and Legal Frameworks to support sustainable development; advocating mainstreaming of Cultural Heritage as critical Pillars and Drivers of genuine Sustainable Economic Development.</p> <p>The presentation will close with a compassionate Plea and Call for all North Pacific/Micronesia Island Countries and Territories to ratify and fully committed to support the 2005 Convention before it is too late...</p>	
BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESENTER:	
<p>Mr Gerson A Jackson is a retired Politician and Diplomat, who served in array of elected and appointed positions at the local, state, national, sub-regional, and regional levels.</p> <p>A good number of his past assignments and affiliations directly and indirectly involved resource management and cultural enhancement and preservation.</p> <p>He is currently actively involved with activities of the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO), including the most recent Pacific Civil Society Conference which preceded the first ever CIVICUS/ ICSW Pacific Conference/ World Assembly in Suva, Fiji in December 2017. He is also intimately involved in the Micronesia Civil Society Congress, which gave life to the new North Pacific/Micronesia Civil Society Umbrella Organization (PAYUTA) in March 2017, and is based in the US Territory of Guam.</p> <p>At the national level, he is part of a small group of FSM citizens striving to reactive the long-dormant FSM Association of NGOs (FANGO).</p>	