



Protocol of Affiliation

(Foundational Affiliation Framework – Draft v1)

Preamble Nature of the Global Cultural Embassy

The Global Cultural Embassy (GCE) is an ongoing collective of artists, scholars, curators, activists, and community representatives. It works in close collaboration with the Humboldt Forum Foundation (SHF) and the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (SPK) in Berlin.

As a structure rooted in shared responsibility and co-governance, affiliation to the GCE is not open enrollment. It is a considered institutional relationship grounded in mutual accountability and ethical alignment.

Affiliation reflects trust.

It is therefore conferred with care.

It is not an open membership platform.

Affiliation is not automatic, self-declared, or application-based.

Affiliation is conferred.

1. Nature of Affiliation

Affiliation with the GCE is a formal recognition of alignment with its founding ethical commitments and governance principles

The GCE does not operate through automatic membership, public subscription, or self-declaration.

Affiliation is conferred through invitation and grounded in demonstrated relationship, collaboration, or principled alignment.

2. Authority to Confer Affiliation

Affiliation may only be granted through:



- A written letter of invitation
- Co-signed by:
 - An authorized representative of the Humboldt Forum Foundation (SHF) in Berlin
 - and the signatories of the GCE Reference Group.

No regional hub, partner institution, or individual may independently confer affiliation.

Affiliation is valid only upon formal written confirmation.

3. Basis for Affiliation

Affiliation may arise under two primary pathways:

A. Foundational Institutional Relationship

In its initial formation, affiliation emerged from:

- Existing relationships with the Humboldt Forum Foundation (SHF), and or representatives of the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (SPK) in Berlin.

These affiliations were grounded in sustained institutional dialogue and active collaboration in projects linked to the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin (SMB), the Humboldt Forum and its representatives.

B. Ethical and Principled Alignment

As the GCE evolves, affiliation may also be extended to individuals who:

- Demonstrate sustained work aligned with the principles of dignity, transparency, continuity, and care.
- Engage in ethical, non-extractive cultural practice
- Contribute meaningfully to pluriversal governance and shared stewardship

Affiliation is therefore relational and principled — not symbolic.

4. Process of Nomination and Review



Potential affiliates may be identified through:

- Nomination by a member of the GCE Reference Group
- Recommendation by an existing Regional Hub Affiliate
- Strategic invitation aligned with the mission and goals of the GCE

All nominations are subject to collective review by the GCE Reference Group in consultation with Berlin representatives.

Affiliation is not transferable and may not be assumed.

5. Formalization and Documentation

Upon approval:

1. A formal letter of invitation is issued.
2. The letter specifies:
 - Category of affiliation (Regional hub)
 - Scope of engagement
 - Ethical commitments
 - Duration, if applicable
3. An official Affiliation Identification (ID) or card will be issued for documentation purposes.

Affiliation remains valid only so long as alignment with GCE values is maintained.

6. Representation and Communication

Affiliates may identify themselves as:

“Affiliated with the Global Cultural Embassy (GCE)”



only after receiving a formal written invitation.

Affiliates may not:

- Represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the GCE unless expressly authorized.
- Create independent communication channels under the name of the GCE.
- Add individuals or institutions to official GCE communication platforms without authorization.
- Use the GCE name, logo, or designation without formal approval.

Official communications are limited to channels recognized by the Berlin Team and the GCE Reference Group.

Unauthorized representation constitutes misalignment with GCE principles of transparency and dignity.

7. Ethical Alignment, Representation, and Conduct

Affiliation with the Global Cultural Embassy implies:

- Commitment to shared governance.
- Respect for source communities and their rights.
- Non-extractive collaboration.
- Upholding the principles of dignity, transparency, continuity, and care.
- Acting in good faith in all engagements connected to the GCE.

Affiliates are recognized as representatives of the Global Cultural Assembly.

Affiliation does **not** confer representation of the Humboldt Forum Foundation (SHF), the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (SPK), or any other institutional partner, unless expressly authorized in writing.



Affiliates shall not:

- Misrepresent their role, mandate, or decision-making authority.
- Present themselves as official spokespersons without written authorization.
- Suggest endorsement by SHF, SPK, or other institutions beyond the scope of their formal invitation.
- Extend or imply affiliation to others without authorization.
- Use their affiliation for personal, political, or commercial self-promotion inconsistent with GCE principles.
- Initiate fundraising, grant applications, sponsorship requests, or financial solicitations in the name of the GCE without prior written authorization from the GCE Reference Group and Berlin representatives.

The use of the GCE name, designation, logo, or identity must comply with established communication standards.

Affiliation is grounded in trust and collective responsibility. Conduct that materially undermines that trust constitutes a breach of alignment.

Affiliates may voluntarily resign their affiliation at any time through written notice.

8. Review, Suspension, and Revocation

The GCE Reference Group, in coordination with authorized representatives of the Humboldt Forum, retains the authority to:

- Review affiliation status.
- Suspend affiliation.
- Revoke affiliation where ethical commitments or representation standards have been materially breached.



Grounds for review may include, but are not limited to:

- Misrepresentation of authority or institutional relationship.
- Unauthorized fundraising or financial solicitation.
- Misuse of the GCE name, designation, or identity.
- Conduct is inconsistent with the principles of dignity, transparency, continuity, and care.
- Actions that compromise collective governance, community trust, or institutional integrity.

Decisions regarding suspension or revocation shall be communicated in writing.

9. Benefits

The Reference Group intends to negotiate/ request with the Humboldt Forum Foundation and Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (SPK) the following benefits:

- Free entrance to the Humboldt Forum and the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin (SMB)
- Collaborate in events that take place in the GCA Room and other spaces
- Support letters for visa applications
- Access to the Dignity Archive
- Request for interventions in the collection database
- Access to the digital database (Museum Plus)
- Smoother access to the Deposit and collections in Dahlem