



**International Council for Caring Communities**  
**“Music as A Natural Resource” Initiative**

**Vision: *Connecting the dots....Music, Sustainable Development and Health***

To stimulate the full potential of music as tool to improve community development, health, post-conflict resolution and peace building in developing and developed countries. To promote project adaptation to local cultures and conditions using ICT (information, communication technologies).

**Goals:**

1. Facilitate using music as a resource to help achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
2. Identify and disseminate successful, sustainable projects throughout the world with a special focus on developing countries.
3. Alert leaders and decision makers at all levels of government throughout the world aware of successful operating projects that are sustainable, can be up scaled and are adaptable to local cultures.
4. Foster the *Connect the Dots* approach for direct communications between Compendium highlighted projects and interested parties for implementation initiatives.

**Current Compendium sections:**

- (1) **Music** for Sustainable Community Development; (2) in Working with Trauma Survivors (3) in the Treatment of Mental and Physical Health; (4) to Facilitate Learning; (5) to Facilitate Peace-building

**Dissemination Vehicles and Venues**

The compendiums will be available as CDs, be on the ICCC’s website as well as other websites and have a limited number in print.

Current plans for disseminating the compendiums include:

United Nations Permanent Missions (192); Agencies and related organizations

Meeting venues include:

1. The United Nations MDGs Summit– New York, September, 2010 –
2. “Harmonious Cities: Music as A Natural Resource” ‘ Compendium – Live’ Musical Reception in support of the MDGs and World Habitat Day and launching of the second Compendium ... Thursday, 30 September 2010 at the National Arts Club, NYC
3. The United Nations Pavilion at the Shanghai Exposition, 2010...”Better City/ Better Life” -October Seminars and Programmes by United Nations
4. The Union of Local Authorities and Leaders, Mexico City, 17-23 November 2010 – sub-theme: *Culture: pillar of sustainable development. Culture: fifth pillar of development* - Congress is held every three years, attendance 3000 world leaders.
5. Cross-sector regional and local Dialogues

**Products and Services**

1. A series of compendiums that present information on successfully operating projects. The first compendium was completed in November, 2009. Additional volumes will be made available as new projects are identified. The next volume is expected to be ready by September, 2010.
2. Implementation experts and services are available upon request.
3. In conjunction with Soundtrack Systems, song writing competitions (Better City: Better Life –tbc) among young people and older persons throughout the world to instruct individuals on basic issues and available services is expected to be launched in 2011.

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