



SUBUD INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
Nurturing Human Values Through Art, Culture, and Creativity

Purpose, Organizational Structure, And Relationship between SICA and National SICAs

What does SICA¹ do? What does a national SICA do?

A national SICA organization does what SICA does, but on a national level. It's our partner.

Our mission, inspired by Bapak's description of why SICA exists, is to advance and celebrate activities that grow out of the development of the human soul.

We serve our mission through programs and services that encourage and support individuals and groups that make and produce work that's emerging from their deep inner talents.

Examples of such programs and services already in place are the SICA website, the SICA Update, Poems for Peace, fiscal sponsorship, free online trainings via Fractured Atlas, workshops, exhibitions, publications, networking services, grants; advocacy, etc. For descriptions of these and other services, visit our website, <http://www.subud--sica.org>.

In the nonprofit world, our kind of organization is like an *arts service organization*, or an ASO. The only difference is that SICA's brief is wider than the standard ASO as SICA embraces all fields of cultural endeavor, not just the arts.

The government of Canada defines an ASO this way:

"A nonprofit organization that furthers the interests of artists, creators, arts organizations and elements of the arts and cultural community. The organization's activities can include policy development, advocacy, provision of professional services, and production of collective projects."

So on the simplest level, SICA, and its national partners, are arts and cultural service organizations. SICA, and its national partners, provide programs and support services to its members doing creative and cultural work. Moreover, SICA, and its national partners need each other to carry out collective projects and to identify and provide the programs and services the members need. This is how we can serve a wide range of Subud members.

¹ SICA refers to the international organization National SICA's should use SICA + Country Name as in SICA Australia, SICA USA, etc.