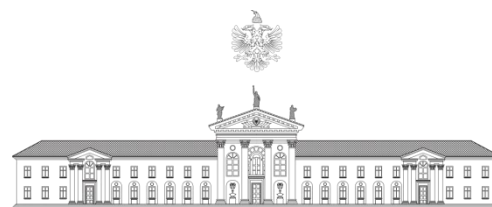




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PROGRAMME

National Workshop **“Safeguarding of ICH and Community-based ICH Inventorying”**

Tirana, Albania
24 – 28 June 2019

I. Background

In 2003 the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopted the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which entered into force in 2006. Soon it became one of the most popular UNESCO Conventions, as ratified already by over two-thirds of the UNESCO Member States. Nevertheless, the new terms and ideas introduced by the 2003 Convention (such as *community*, *safeguarding*, *inventorying*) needed to be furthermore clarified in order for the States Parties to implement it in the more appropriate and effective way.

This brought to light the capacity building procedure, initiated by a series of workshops prepared by the UNESCO Secretariat, following the respective request of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Since 2011, the Secretariat invested important amounts of both its budget and human resources in preparing training materials, training facilitators and implementing capacity-building activities worldwide.

The training material and the related workshops cover different themes related to the implementation of the Convention such as ratification, implementation of the Convention at the national level, community-based inventorying, nominations and development of safeguarding plans. The facilitators are trained to customise the workshops, as well as the training material, to the needs of the participants and their national contexts. The workshops are meant to be interactive, as the facilitators are both supported by ideas of various activities including the usage of various methods that will facilitate the training (e.g. fieldwork exercises, case studies' analysis and role plays). Participants could be representatives from government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), communities, institutions and individual experts.

II. Aims of the Workshop and Expected Results

The workshop on the ICH's safeguarding and inventory at the national level is considered to be the backbone of the capacity building procedure as it helps participants to gain a broad understanding of the possible activities involved in implementing the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. There are no generic solutions to many of the challenges facing States Parties when they start to implement the Convention,

due to the fact that there is a great variety of ICH in different parts of the world, and in different safeguarding contexts, and the perspectives of communities and experts may also differ widely. There are also differing strategies, policies and institutional arrangements to manage and safeguard ICH.

On completing the workshop, participants would be better equipped to engage in designing and conducting community-based inventorying in their respective communities. Furthermore, participants will realize what obligations States take on when ratifying the Convention, even if the Convention gives them considerable leeway in deciding how certain issues (such as inventorying) are undertaken, as well as possible ways of implementing it, with an emphasis on ICH safeguarding as advocated by the Convention. The concept of the community-based inventorying as well as of the community role in the safeguarding process of ICH elements, make an important part of the workshop. Training the participants to encourage the ICH bearers (communities, groups, and/or individuals) to participate in the identifying, safeguarding and inventorying procedure of their own ICH seems to be one of the very basic aims of the workshop.

III. Planned activities

The workshop will consider and discuss all main aspects of the community-based inventorying at national level. It will elaborate the relationship and complementary function of the 2003 Convention, the key concepts of the Convention and the notion of ICH itself, the role of each stakeholder in identification and inventorying, the involvement of the communities concerned in inventorying and further safeguarding of their ICH, the development of an inventory framework, the methods and techniques of Inventorying and the preparation of submissions for nominations. Case studies on good practices adapted to the local context are going to take place during the five-day workshop. Dialogue will be favored, enriched by the facilitators' experience in safeguarding ICH in the region of South Eastern Europe. In order to enable participants to better grasp a linkage between concepts and application in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, the workshop will also include a field trip and discussion on its outcomes, as well as several presentations by Albanian stakeholders on specific aspects related to safeguarding ICH in Albania.

Workshop participants will be provided with copies of the Participant's texts and the Basic Texts (the text of the Convention, its Operational Directives, the Rules of Procedure of the two Organs of the Convention, Financial Regulations and a number of annexes). The later

can be downloaded from the ICH website, <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/basic-texts-00503>. Besides, they will receive in appropriate time before the workshop an outline of its time and topic planning, and a questionnaire that will help the preparation of alternative activities adequate to the profile and the expertise of the participants.

IV. Participation

The Workshop is intended to representatives from government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), communities, institutions and individual experts who are (or who will be) personally involved in the implementation of the Convention. Participation to the Workshop is by invitation.

V. Organisation and logistics

The meeting is jointly organized by Ministry of Culture of Albania and the Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under the auspices of UNESCO.

Participants are expected to arrange for their own accommodation and travel to and from the workshop's venue.

The Workshop will be held in Tirana, at Ministry of Culture, National Museum and Museum "Gjergj Kastrioti Skenderbeg" and Ethnographic Museum of Kruja.

Working language will be English.

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AGENDA

Sunday, 23 June

Arrival of participants

Monday, 24 June	
09:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening and welcome speeches Mrs. Elva Margariti, Minister of Culture
10:00 – 11:00	Introduction of facilitators and participants. Mr. Sasa Sreckovic, Ethnographer, Museum advisor, Ethnographic Museum in Belgrade, UNESCO trainer-facilitator for ICH Ms. Meri Kumbe, Musicologist (PhD), Lecturer Faculty of Music, University of Arts of Tirana, UNESCO trainer-facilitator for ICH Introduction of the workshop and its scope. Introducing the Community-based Inventorying Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
11:00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Key concepts in the Convention Ms. Meri Kumbe

12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30-14:30	Identification and inventorying Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
14:30 - 15:30	Involving the communities concerned Ms. Meri Kumbe
15:30 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:15	Bendis Pustina- Albania and ICH Convention. Silva Breshani - The ICH inventory process in Albania
16:15 - 17:00	Developing an inventorying framework Mr. Sasa Sreckovic

Tuesday, 25 June	
09.00-10.30	Ethics in community-based inventorying of ICH Ms. Meri Kumbe
10:30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Free, prior and informed consent Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00 – 14:15	Methods and techniques of inventorying Ms. Meri Kumbe
14:15 – 14:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:30 – 15:45	Audio recording in inventorying Mr. Meri Kumbe

15:45 – 16:30	Interviewing in inventorying Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
19:30 –	Free evening

Wednesday ,26 June	
09.00-10.30	Photography in inventorying & Participatory video in inventorying Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
10:30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Participatory mapping in inventorying Ms. Meri Kumbe
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00 – 14:15	Ground preparations in inventorying - Exercise Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
14:15 – 14:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
14:30 – 15:45	Fieldwork practicum plan in inventorying Ms. Meri Kumbe
15:45 – 16:30	Organizing and storing information Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
19:30 –	Free evening

Thursday , 27 June

09:00 – 10:00	Documentation and inventorying Ms. Meri Kumbe
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:15 – 12:00	Implementation of the Convention: nominations Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00 – 15:15	Describing an element Ms. Meri Kumbe
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	Involving the communities concerned Mr. Sasa Sreckovic
16:30 – 17:15	Safeguarding Ms. Meri Kumbe

Friday, 28 June -	
09:30 – 10:30	Travel to Kruja
10:30 – 12:30	Fieldwork practicum in inventorying Mr. Sasa Sreckovic Ms. Meri Kumbe
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	Visiting the National and Ethnographic museum of Kruja
15:30 - 16:30	Conclusions. Closing session Mr. Sasa Sreckovic

	Ms. Meri Kumbe
16:30 – 17:00	Evaluation Mr. Sasa Sreckovic Ms. Meri Kumbe