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**IRANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO**

**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON  
WOMEN'S ROLE  
IN TRANSMISSION OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE  
Tehran, 27 – 30 September 1999**

**A G E N D A**

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**Monday, 27 September**

**1) OPENING CEREMONY**

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| 9.00 -10.15   | Welcoming Address by Dr Jahil Shahi, Secretary General, Iranian National Commission for UNESCO |
|               | Address by Dr Zahra Rahnavard<br>Chancellor Alzahra University                                 |
|               | Address by Mrs Noriko Aikawa<br>Director<br>Unit of Intangible Heritage                        |
| 10.15 - 10.30 | Coffee Break   |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Election of Officers   |

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

3) **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

i. **The diversity and commonality of women's roles in transmitting intangible cultural heritage worldwide;**

a) **The role of women in the intergenerational transmission of intangible cultural heritage**

11.00 - 12.30 Mama Adokuwa-Asigble IV, Ghana, *Puberty Rites and Adulthood: the Role of Women in Transmitting Cultural Values*

Dr Kasalina Matovu, Uganda, *The Love Emotion, a Culturally Specific Feature Transmitted by Women*

Mrs Zinat Sadat Emami, Iran, *The Art and Craft of Sukht*

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 Mr Ahmad Vakilan, Iran, *The Role of Tales in the Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage by Mothers*

Dr Mahmood Rouhalamini, Iran, *Incongruence with Fibre and Cotton*

b) **Women's social organisation and domains in which intangible cultural heritage is expressed and transmitted;**

Ms Deniz Kandyoti, Turkey, and Ms Nodiro Azimova, Uzbekistan, *Women's Worlds and the Transmission of Culture in Uzbekistan*

Mr Behrooz Vojdani, Iran, *Iranian Lullabies*

Dr Adrienne Kaeppler, USA, *Cultural Domains of Women in the Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Polynesia*

Professor Pirkko Moisala, Finland, *The Role of Women in the Transmission of Folklore - Local Cultures in a Global World*

16.00 - 16.30 Break

16.30 - 18.00 Discussion

19.30 - 22.00 Reception

## Tuesday, 28 September

### ii. **The interrelationship between women's roles in the transmission of intangible cultural heritage and other spheres of culture and society;**

9.00 - 10.30 Ms Susan Kiguli, Uganda, *Ugandan Women Poets as Emmissaries of Cultural Identity*

Professor Mihaly Hoppal, Hungary, *The Role of Women in the Transmission of Folklore - Local Cultures in a Global World*

Mr MohammedMirshokraie, Iran, *Women, Old Beliefs and Water*

Ms Fuzieh Hariri, *The Role of Women in Presenting and Transferring the Cultural Nuncupative Heritage*

10.30 - 10.45 Break

10.45 - 11.00 Ms Patricia Rasoazanamalala, Madagascar, *La femme et le patrimoine culturel*

Dr Amir Hossein Zekrgoo, Iran, *Manifestation of pre-existing Women in the Mythical and Religious Arts*

11.00 - 12.30 Discussion

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

### iii. **Methods and means of preserving and revitalising intangible cultural heritage and enhancing women's role in its promotion and transmission;**

14.00 - 16.00 Dr Janet Blake, UK, *The Development of International Law Relating to Intangible Cultural Heritage*

Ms Aisha Matar, Bahrain, *The Modern Craft Industrial Project in Bahrain*

16.00 - 16.15 Break

16.15 - 17.00 Professor Edi Sedyawati, Indonesia, *The Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Indonesia: an Overview*

Ms Mayo Rao, India, oral presentation on her experiences as a performance artist trained in the traditional Indian performance art, Kathakali, and experiences as a mother

17.00 - 18.30 Discussion

## **Wednesday, 29 September**

### **iv. Necessary and urgent actions to be taken by UNESCO and Member States**

9.00 - 10.00 Ms Fatamah Farahani, Iran, presentation on the work of the National Commission of UNESCO for Iran in relation to the role of women in transmission of intangible heritage, introduction of Iran's Draft Resolution to prepare a feasibility study in five regions world wide on the topic, 'Women, Intangible Cultural Heritage and Development'.

10.00 - 11.00 Discussion

11.00 - 14.30 Break, Lunch

### **4) Conclusion**

14.30 - 15.30 Presentation of Draft Action Plan

### **5) Adoption of the Final Report and Recommendations**

15.30 - 16.30 Adoption of Final Report

16.30 - 16.45 Break

### **6) Closing Ceremony**

16.45 - 18.30 Ceremony

17.00 Concert

## **Thursday, 30 September**

All day excursion to Isfahan