

**UNESCO Conference on Intangible Cultural Heritage  
February 17 – 19, 2005  
Roseau, Dominica**

**AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**7:30 pm – 8:15 pm : OPENING CEREMONY**

Chair: **Mr Alwin Bully, Senior Programme Specialist for Culture**

**Hon. Roosevelt Skerit, Prime Minister of Dominica**

*Welcome and Opening Remarks*

**Mr Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General – UNESCO**

Address and Opening of Conference

**His Excellency Dr. Nicholas Liverpool, President of Dominica**

**8:15 pm – 9:30 pm : STATE RECEPTION**

Host: **His Excellency the President**

Cultural performances

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**9:00am – 9.15am : WELCOME**

Chair: Alwin Bully

**Hon. Matthew Walter, Minister of Culture, Dominica,**  
*Welcome Remarks*

9.15am – 10.00am Session I: Background and definitions

**Prof. The Hon Rex Nettleford**

Discussion

**10:00am– 10:15am BREAK**

**10:15am – 11:30am**

**Mr Rieks Smeets, Chief – Intangible Heritage Section, UNESCO, Paris**

*Brief History of the UNESCO Convention 2003*

*The definition and the domains of the Intangible Cultural Heritage according to article 2.2 of the Convention*

*The link between the Intangible and Tangible Cultural Heritage*

Discussion

**11:30am – 12:45pm Session II:**

**Dr Lennox Honychurch, Historian, Anthropologist, Dominica**

*- “Intangible Cultural Heritage as a factor in national and Caribbean identity”*

*AND/OR “Carnival as a factor in the intangible cultural heritage of the*

*Caribbean” OR “Pre-colombian elements in the Caribbean intangible cultural heritage”*

Discussion

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm : LUNCH**

**2:30pm – 4:00pm Session III: The State of Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the region**

National Reports

**4:00 pm – 4:15 pm BREAK**

**4:15pm – 5:15pm Session IV: Various aspects of the Convention**

**Mr Rieks Smeets, Chief, Intangible Heritage Section**

*The impact of the program of the Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity*

*Safeguarding at the national level: inventories; role of communities.*

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**9:00am – 9:45am Session V**

**Hon. Joan Yuille-Williams, Ministry of Culture, Trinidad & Tobago – Session Keynote**

*- Intangible Cultural Heritage and National Development*

**(TO BE CONFIRMED)**

**9.45am – 10.45am Session VI: Contribution UNESCO Paris: Legal aspects**

**Hon. Mia Mottley, Attorney General, Barbados - Session Keynote**

The Intangible cultural Heritage – Legal Implications

***TO BE CONFIRMED***

**Mr Guido Carducci, Chief of the International Standards Section**

*- Concepts, definitions and principles of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage*

*- National and international safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage*

*- Institutions and Lists of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Convention of 2003*

*- The differences between the Convention of 2003 and other legal instruments of UNESCO*

*- Why and how to ratify the 2003 Convention?*

Discussion

**10.45am – 11:00am BREAK**

**11.00am – 12:45pm Session VII : The State of Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the region**

Remaining National reports

**1:00 pm – 2.00pm : LUNCH**

**3:00pm - 5:00pm : Session VIII : Closing session**

Chair: (TO BE CONFIRMED)

Presentation of the final report

Adoption of recommendations

**Closing Ceremony:**

Feature Address: **His Excellency Michael Abiola Omolewa**

Vote of thanks/closing Remarks: **Dr. Alexandra Burton James, Sec. Gen. Nat Com**