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CONSULTATIVE EXPERT MEETING & UNESCO TRAINING FOR THE CLUSTER COUNTRIES OF THE UNESCO MOSCOW OFFICE:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and the
Russian Federation

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR SAFEGUARDING INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE



18-21 May 2011
Minsk, Belarus

The Consultative Expert Meeting & UNESCO Capacity-building Training “Strengthening National Capacities for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage” is conducted with financial and consultative support of the UNESCO Moscow Office for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation and expert assistance of the Division of Cultural Objects and Intangible Heritage of UNESCO Headquarters.

The event is organized in partnership with the Institute of Arts, Ethnography and Folklore named after Kandrat Krapiva of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus with participation of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Belarus and the National Commission of the Republic of Belarus for UNESCO with the aim to enhance further the implementation of principles of the UNESCO Convention on Intangible Heritage (2003) and its Operational Directives in the cluster countries of the UNESCO Moscow Office.

The Regional Consultative Expert Meeting and the Capacity-building Training in Minsk is basing on materials and results of the series of regional UNESCO trainings and workshops aiming at the introduction of the training curricula developed by UNESCO on different aspects of the 2003 Convention and creation of a network of regional expert trainers.

The main aim of the event is to consolidate and strength national capacities of the cluster countries, including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation, for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage presented on their territories, raise awareness about the importance of intangible cultural heritage for sustainable development. The event will raise also awareness towards the issues of the indigenous peoples, prospects for women and youth, and strengthening the resources of survival and development of living heritage as pillar of cultural diversity for sustainable development through creating new possibilities for the economic development of local communities and cultural tourism.

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PROGRAMME

18 May, Wednesday

09.00 – 22.00 Arrival
Accommodation at the hotel "Tourist" (*Partizanski Avenue, 87*)

19 May, Thursday

9.00 – 10.00 REGISTRATION
*Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences, Nezavisimosti Avenue 66,
Conference Room 216*

10.00 – 10.30 OFFICIAL OPENING

WELCOME ADDRESSES:

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10:30 - 11:00 INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP

Moderator: Aliaksandr Lakotka, Director of the Institute of Arts, Ethnography
and Folklore of named after K. Krapiva of NASB

Natallia Khvir, Head of the Sector of the Protection of the Historical and
Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Belarus

Rieks Smeets, expert-trainer on Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention, first
secretary of UNESCO's Intangible Heritage Convention

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

- 11.30 – 13.00 **TRAINING SESSION I**
Introducing the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and its Operational Guidelines
- Presentation: Rieks Smeets
- Main provisions and key concepts of the Intangible Heritage Convention and its Operational Guidelines. Discussion of main characteristics of intangible heritage as defined by the Convention. Questions and answers.
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 **DISCUSSION I**
Discussion of obligations under the Intangible Heritage Convention
- Introduced by Rieks Smeets
- Moderator: Alexander Morozov, Head of the Department of Folklore Studies and Slavonic Culture of the Institute of Arts, Ethnography and Folklore named after Kandrat Krapiva of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
- 15:00 – 16:00 **TRAINING SESSION II**
Safeguarding intangible cultural heritage and roles of States, communities and other stakeholders
- Presentation: Rieks Smeets
- Definition of safeguarding (by and for communities) and viability; threats and risks; who does what? Questions and answers.
- 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 – 18.00 **DISCUSSION II**
Examples and issues of ICH safeguarding, presentation of practices from the cluster countries, including questions and answers
- Moderator: Tatsiana Kukharonak, Senior Researcher of the Department of Ethnology of the Institute of Arts, Ethnography and Folklore named after Kandrat Krapiva of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
- 18.30. Dinner and free time

20 May, Friday

- 9.30 – 11.00 **TRAINING SESSION III**
Identifying, documenting and inventorying intangible cultural heritage
Presentation: Rieks Smeets
Discussing identification, documentation and inventorying with the communities concerned, with a view to safeguarding, as advocated by the Convention. Questions and answers.
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00 **EXPERT DISCUSSION III**
Inventory making in the cluster countries
Moderator: Tamara Varfolomeeva, Senior Researcher of the Department of Musical Art and Ethnomusicology of the Institute of Arts, Ethnography and Folklore named after Kandrak Krapiva of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 16.00 **TRAINING SESSION IV**
Implementation of the Intangible Heritage Convention at the national level as recommended by the Convention and its Operational Guidelines
Presentation: Rieks Smeets
After general introduction: state of the art in the cluster countries. Questions and answers.
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 18:00 **TRAINING SESSION V**
Nominations to the two Lists of the Intangible Heritage Convention: objectives, criteria, forms and procedures
Presentation: Rieks Smeets
Discussions of issues concerning the preparation, the examination and the evaluation of nominations to the Lists of the Convention. Questions and answers. Introduction of the exercise that will be conducted on Saturday morning
- 18.30 Dinner and free time

Saturday, 21 May

- 9.30 – 11.00 TRAINING SESSION VI
Discussing two sample nominations
- Presentation: Rieks Smeets
- Introduction in plenary; 45 minutes discussion in break-out groups; one hour for reporting back and discussion; goal: understanding what makes a wrong nomination.
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 – 13.00 TRAINING SESSION VII
International cooperation, as promoted by the 2003 Convention and its Operational Guidelines
- Presentation: Rieks Smeets
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 DISCUSSION IV
Multiple choice questions and discussion on various issues of ICH Safeguarding
- Moderator: Rieks Smeets
- 15.00 – 16.00 CLOSING SESSION
Discussion on projects and plans on safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage in the cluster countries. Development of cooperation in the sub-region. Elaboration of Recommendations
- Moderator: Aliaksandr Lakotka, Director of the Institute of Arts, Ethnography and Folklore named after K.Krapiva of NASB
- Concluding remarks: Uladzimir Shchasny, Chairman of the National Commission of the Republic of Belarus for UNESCO
- 16.20 Departure to Stročicy
- 17.00 – 21.00 Excursion and farewell dinner in the Belarusian State Museum of National Architect and Lifestyle in Stročicy

22 May

Departure of the participants

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