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# Workshop

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## CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

### GLOBAL PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING NATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR SAFEGUARDING INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN CENTRAL ASIA: A SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR FACILITATORS FOR CENTRAL ASIA

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan  
19 to 23 June 2017

## WORKSHOP NOTE

## **Background and rationale**

This training workshop is designed to equip a group of resource persons from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan with the knowledge and tools required to conduct training workshops for the effective implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Central Asia. UNESCO is organizing the training in the context of the Convention's global capacity-building programme and as a follow-up to a previous three-year capacity-building project implemented by UNESCO in the four above-mentioned countries. The training workshop is made possible thanks to the generous support of the International Training Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (CRIHAP) and collaboration with the National Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic for UNESCO.

UNESCO conceived the 2003 Convention's capacity-building programme to assist States Parties in creating institutional and professional environments favourable to the sustainable safeguarding of intangible heritage and promoting broad public knowledge and support for the Convention's concepts and objectives. The strategy became operational in 2011 thanks to the commitment of the Convention's Intergovernmental Committee, the generous support from donors and the active cooperation of the governments of the countries concerned. A short presentation of the programme is available [on-line](#) in English and Russian.

As part of this global capacity-building programme, a series of activities was implemented to strengthen capacities for the implementation of the Convention in four countries in Central Asia. Most of these activities were carried out under the sub-regional project implemented from 2012 to 2014, thanks to the generous contributions from the Kingdom of Norway to the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund.

Three training workshops were held in each country and covered the initial modules of the curriculum: implementation of the Convention at the national level, community-based inventorying and elaborating nominations for inscription on the Conventions' lists. While the implementation and inventorying workshops were organized at the national level, representatives from each participating country were invited to the workshops on nominations with the aim to strengthen sub-regional cooperation. A core group of participants went through all three workshops in each country to ensure sustainability of the project and build a group of experts with a thorough understanding of the Convention.

The evaluation of the sub-regional project showed how it had a positive effect on the redesign of institutional infrastructures, revision of intangible heritage related policies, improvement of inventory methods and systems, and the development of safeguarding measures. The project has also facilitated a dialogue between the different stakeholders and raised awareness of the importance of intangible heritage safeguarding. In addition, the project increased the participation of the countries in the international cooperation mechanisms, for example through the increased number of multinational files from the region inscribed on the Representative List of Humanity since 2012.

The evaluation, however, also highlighted the need for further capacity building, notably in the areas of developing safeguarding plans and integrating intangible heritage into development policies. In this regard, the urgent need for facilitators with relevant language competencies and knowledge of the region and the Convention was highlighted to meet the growing demand for capacity-building activities and, sustain and build upon the initial results of the project.

## Objectives

This workshop intends to strengthen capacities in Central Asia for the effective implementation of the 2003 Convention at the national level. More specifically, it aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Familiarize participants with UNESCO's global capacity-building strategy, including its curriculum, methods, and the key role of the facilitator;
2. Provide opportunities for hands-on exercises on how to facilitate a general training workshop on the basic concepts, requirements and mechanisms of the Convention and the elaboration of safeguarding plans;
3. Facilitate dialogue with experienced facilitators on lessons learnt from programme implementation and future networking among participants.

After the successful completion of the training, the participants will be better equipped to facilitate capacity-building activities related to the implementation of the 2003 Convention in Central Asia. The workshop will also be an occasion to discuss future networking among participants.

## Participants

The workshop will bring together a group of about 20 trainees from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, UNESCO Culture specialists from the Field Offices in Tashkent and Almaty, and the Secretariat of the Convention from UNESCO Headquarters. Some observers from CRIHAP and the host National Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic for UNESCO will also attend.

## Structure and Duration

The workshop will last five days, divided into five main parts:

**Part I** will introduce the Convention and the global UNESCO capacity-building programme, highlighting experiences from Central Asia.

**Part II** will introduce the capacity-building curriculum, addressing its contents, pedagogy as well as the role of the facilitator. This part will also cover two of the core workshop themes: key concepts of the Convention at the national level and inventoring.

**Part III** will address the use and adaptation of capacity-building materials, provide guidance on training workshop facilitation and discuss the relations between key stakeholders in the implementation of the Convention.

**Part IV** will provide a hands-on opportunity to use the interactive role-play methodology developed by UNESCO on elaborating intangible cultural heritage safeguarding plans.

**Part V** will be devoted to regional and interregional cooperation, addressing the workshop themes on nominations and international assistance, and discussing possible ways forward in the implementation of the capacity-building programme in Central Asia.

The workshop will be co-facilitated by an experienced UNESCO-trained facilitator and the Convention's Secretariat.

The meeting will be conducted in English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation. Key documents will be made available in both languages.

### **Dates and venue**

The workshop will be organized from 19 to 23 June 2017 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

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