



United Nations
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Expert Meeting on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Emergencies (UNESCO Headquarters, 21-22 May 2019)

Opening



- Culture heritage increasingly affected by emergencies
- Strategy for the protection of culture and the promotion of cultural pluralism in the event of armed conflict and its Addendum on disasters, unanimously adopted in 2015 and 2017 by the 195 Member States of UNESCO
- Role of intangible cultural heritage in emergencies both as threatened heritage and as a resource for prevention, resilience and reconciliation

- ❑ **2016:** Decision 11.COM 15: reflection initiated

- ❑ **2017:** Decision 12.COM 15
 - Pilot Survey on Intangible Cultural Heritage of Displaced Syrians (2017)
 - Community-based needs identification in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo (2017).
 - Desk Study on the safeguarding of ICH in contexts of natural and human-induced hazards (2017).
 - Emergency International Assistance (Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Vanuatu)
 - UN brainstorming meeting (Beirut, October 2018)
 - Desk study on methodological approaches
 - Capacity-building material on ICH and disaster risk management

- ❑ **2018:** Decision 13.COM 11: convene the expert meeting

❖ **Category VI meeting of individual experts:**

- ✓ Experts participate in their **private** capacity and not as representatives of any government or organization
- ✓ Observers are allowed upon authorization of the Chair

❖ Generous financial support of the People's Republic of China

❖ Two-day meeting bringing together twenty-one experts from all regions and with specific expertise and/or experience in the field of intangible cultural heritage and emergencies

To explore methodological guidance for the implementation of the principles of the 2003 Convention in situations of emergencies.

- ❖ Operational principles and operational modalities
- ❖ Emergencies = conflict and disasters caused by natural and human-induced hazards
- ❖ Working document

Programme of the meeting

Tuesday, 21 May 2019

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| As of 9 a.m. | Registration of participants | |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Opening remarks and presentation of the objectives, working methods and agenda | Mr Tim Curtis, Secretary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Chief of the Living Heritage Entity, UNESCO |
| 10:15 – 11:00 | Introduction of the participants | Moderator: Ms Caroline Munier, Focal Point for Emergency, Living Heritage Entity, UNESCO |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Session 1: Frameworks | |
| | UNESCO Frameworks Presentation by Ms Fumiko Ohinata, Head of the Programme Management Unit, Living Heritage Entity, UNESCO | Moderator: Mr Tim Curtis |
| | Other international instruments and standards Presentation by Ms Géraldine Chatelard, UNESCO expert | |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | Session 2: Intangible cultural heritage in emergencies | |
| | Disasters Presentation by Mr Hiroki Takakura | Moderators: Mr Christopher Ballard, UNESCO expert Ms Géraldine Chatelard, UNESCO expert |
| | Conflict Presentation by Mr Lassana Cissé | |
| | Overlapping issues | |
| 13:00 – 15:00 | Lunch | |

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| 15:00 – 16:30 | Session 3: Intangible cultural heritage and existing operational modalities | |
| | Intangible cultural heritage in humanitarian interventions Community-based approaches | Moderator: Ms Géraldine Chatelard |
| 16:30 – 16:45 | Coffee break | |
| 16:45 – 18:00 | Session 4: Defining methodological guidance | |
| | Operational principles and modalities Presentation by Mr Christopher Ballard, UNESCO expert | Moderator: Mr Tim Curtis |
| Wednesday, 22 May 2019 | | |
| 10:00 – 13:00 | Session 4: Defining methodological guidance (cont'nd) | |
| | Operational principles Operational modalities | Moderator: Mr Tim Curtis |
| 13:00 – 15:00 | Lunch | |
| 15:00 – 17:30 (coffee break 16:30) | Operational modalities (cont'nd) | Moderator: Mr Tim Curtis |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Conclusions and closing | |

- ❖ **14 COM:** conclusions transmitted to the fourteen session of the Intergovernmental Committee (Bogota, 9-14 December 2019)
- ❖ **8 GA:** Recommendations of the Committee to the eighth session of the General Assembly of States Parties (June 2020) on the adoption of operational modalities for the implementation of the 2003 Convention in situations of emergencies

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