Unit 43

Hand-out 2:

Developing a summary

A summary briefly identifies the important characteristics of an element and presents them in a clear way for outsiders: 200 to 250 words seems an ideal length. Have a look at the summary examples to get some ideas.

Select a name of no more than 200 characters. It should characterize the element succinctly for outsiders. Names that combine a short name used in the community concerned with an explanation thereof are ideal. The name should indicate a practice, representation, expression, skill or knowledge (rather than associated objects, instruments or spaces).

In the summary provide brief answers to at least the following questions:

1. **What practices, skills or other features characterize the element concerned? Are any instruments, other objects or specific spaces required for the enactment of the element?**
2. **What domains of ICH are involved?Which communities or groups practise or perform the element and identify with it?**
3. **Where is this practice located?**
4. **When does it take place?**
5. **Do some people have particular roles or responsibilities in enacting or transmitting the element?**
6. **What social and cultural functions does the element perform for the community concerned? What is its significance to the communities or groups concerned?**
7. **How is the element transmitted?**
8. **Is the practice or transmission of the element threatened in any way?**