AGENDA

Wednesday 5th January 2005

9h00 – 10h00   Registration of participants

10h00 – 11h00  Opening Session

10h00 – 10h15  Opening speech by H.E Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO

10h15 – 10h30  Welcome speech by H.E. Mrs Khalida Toumi, Minister of Culture of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria

10h30 – 10h45  Welcome speech by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (pending official confirmation)

10h45 – 11h00  Speech by H.E Mr Teiichi Sato, Ambassador of Japan to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO

11h00 – 11h15  Coffee Break

11h15 – 11h45  Press Conference

11h45 – 12h00  Election of the Bureau (President, vice-president and rapporteur) and adoption of the agenda

12h00 – 13h00  Session I “Introducing intangible cultural heritage”

12h00 – 12h15  Recapitulation on the 2003 Convention (by H.E Mr Mohammed Bedjaoui, President of the Algerian Constitutional Council and Member of UNESCO Executive Board)

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12h15 – 12h45 Definition and domains of the intangible cultural heritage (article 2 of the Convention) by Mr Rieks Smeets, Chief of the Section for intangible heritage, Division of cultural heritage, UNESCO

12h45 – 13h00 Discussion

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 16h00 Session II: Theoretical aspects of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

14h00 – 14h30 The impact and future of the Proclamation of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity (by Mr Rieks Smeets, Chief of the Section for intangible heritage, Division of cultural heritage, UNESCO)

14h30 – 14h45 Links between tangible and intangible cultural heritage in Africa (by H.E Mr Yai, Ambassador of Benin to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO) - expert

14h45 – 15h15 The importance of the 2003 Convention (by Mr Sid Ahmed Baghli) - expert

15h15 – 15h45 Discussion

15h45 – 16h00 Coffee Break

16h00 – 18h00 Session III: The legal aspects of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage (by Mr Guido Carducci, Chief of the International Standards Section, Division of cultural heritage, UNESCO)

16h00 – 16h30 Safeguarding on a national level

16h30 – 17h00 Safeguarding on an international level

17h00 – 17h30 How to become Party to the 2003 Convention?

17h30 – 18h00 Discussion
Thursday 6th January 2005

9h00 – 16h00 Session IV : Practical aspects of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

9h00 – 11h00 (Start) National reports (Arab States) – (Mr Slimane Hachi, national algerian expert)

11h00 – 11h15 Coffee Break

11h15 – 13h00 (End) National reports (Arab States)

13h00 – 14h00 Lunch

14h00 – 15h30 National reports (other States)

15h30 – 16h00 Discussion

16h00 – 16h30 Coffee Break

16h30 – 17h00 Session V : Final report and recommendations

17h00 – 17h15 Adoption of recommendations

17h15 – 18h00 Final remarks and closing speech by Mr Mounir Bouchenaki, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO (or if accompanying the DG on an official visit, Mrs Rosamaria Durand, Head, UNESCO Rabat Office)

19h00 Official Reception offered by the Algerian authorities (pending confirmation)