REGIONAL MEETING FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE
SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

28 – 30 June 2004, PARATY, BRAZIL
Church of Santa Rita
Monday, June 28

08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m. Registration of participants

09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening session

09:00 a.m. – 09:10 a.m. Welcome speech from the Mayor of Paraty

09:10 a.m. – 09:20 a.m. Opening speech by the representative of the Minister of Culture of Brazil

09:20 a.m.– 09:30 a.m. Welcome speech by Mr. Jorge Werthein, Director of the UNESCO Office in Brazil

09:30 a.m. – 09:40 a.m. Introductory speech by Mr. Rieks Smeets, Chief of Intangible Heritage Section UNESCO/Paris

09:40 a.m. – 09:50 a.m. Introductory speech by Mr. Guido Carducci, Chief of the Sector for International Standards, Cultural Heritage Division of UNESCO/Paris

10:00 a.m.  – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 a.m.  – 11:15 a.m. Mr. Juan Luis Mejia, former-Minister of Culture of Colombia
The Intangible Heritage in the Constitutions and legislations of the Iberoamerican States

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Press Conference

11:45 a.m. – 13:00 p.m. Session I: UNESCO and the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage

Moderator: Mr. Rieks Smeets, Chief of the Intangible Heritage Section, Cultural Heritage Division of UNESCO/Paris

Introductory conference and debates:

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mr. Rieks Smeets
- Brief History of the UNESCO Convention of 2003
- The importance of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Debates

01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m. Lunch
03:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m. **Session II: UNESCO and the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (continued)**

Moderator: *Mr. Rieks Smeets*, Chief of the Intangible Heritage Section, Cultural Heritage Division of UNESCO

**Comments and debates**

03:00 p.m. – 04:30 p.m. *Mr. Rieks Smeets*
- The definition of Intangible Cultural Heritage
- The domains of the Intangible Cultural Heritage according to article 2.2 of the Convention
- The link between the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Tangible Cultural Heritage
- The experience of the program of Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity

**Debates**

04:30 p.m. – 04:45 p.m. Coffee break

04:45 p.m. – 05:30 p.m. *Mr. Antonio Augusto Arantes*, President of the Artistic and Historic Heritage Institute of Brazil
The sustainability of Intangible Cultural Heritage in the context of the social policies

**Debates**

07:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Visit to the Cultural House of Paraty
Exhibition and reception

*Tuesday, June 29*

09:30 a.m. – 01:00 p.m. **Session III: The state of protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the region**

National reports (15 minutes per country)

11:05 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Coffee break

11:15 a.m. – 01:00 p.m. National reports (15 minutes per country) - continuity

01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m. Lunch

03:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m. **Session IV: Juridical aspects of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

**Comments and debates**
Mr. Guido Carducci:
- Concepts, definitions and principles of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- National and international safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Institutions and Lists of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Convention of 2003
- The differences between the Convention of 2003 and other legal instruments of UNESCO:
  - The UNESCO Recommendation of 1989 on the safeguarding of the traditional and popular culture
  - The Convention of 1972 for the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage
- Why and how to ratify the 2003 Convention?

Coffee break

Debates

Conference – to be confirmed

Wednesday, June 30

Final debates

Coffee break

Presentation of the final report and recommendations

Adoption of the recommendations

Final ceremony

Speech to be defined

Lunch