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

20 – 22 September 2004
New Delhi, India

AGENDA
Monday 20 September 2004

09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Registration of participants

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Opening session

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.  Opening speech by H.E. Mr Jaipal Reddy, The Minister of Information, Broadcasting and Culture of India

10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  Welcome speech by Prof. Mohsen Tawfik, Director and UNESCO Representative, India

10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Introduction by Mr Rieks Smeets, Chief of the Intangible Heritage Section UNESCO/Paris

10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.  Introduction speech by Mr Guido Carducci, Chief of the International Standards Section, UNESCO/Paris

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Coffee break

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

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 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, UNESCO/Paris

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Ms Françoise Girard, Intangible Heritage Section, Cultural Heritage Division, UNESCO/Paris
  - Brief History of the UNESCO Convention of 2003

  Mr Rieks Smeets
  - The definition of intangible cultural heritage
  - The domains of the intangible cultural heritage according to article 2.2 of the Convention

  Debates

01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.  Lunch
**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

02:30 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.  
Mr Rieks Smeets  
- The link between the intangible and tangible cultural heritage

Ms Françoise Girard  
- The importance of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

03:30 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.  
Ms Sudha Gopalakrishnan and Mr Gopalan Nair Venu  
Experiences of the programme of the Proclamation of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity

Debates

04:00 p.m. – 04:15 p.m.  
Coffee break

04:15 p.m. – 05:30 p.m.  
Mr Antonio Augusto Arantes, President of the Artistic and Historic Heritage Institute of Brazil (IPHAN)  
The safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage: the Brazilian experience

Debates

**Tuesday 21 September 2004**

**Session III: The state of protection of the intangible cultural heritage in the region**

09:00 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.  
National reports (10 minutes per country)

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Coffee break

11:15 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.  
National reports (10 minutes per country)

01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.  
Lunch

02:30 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.  
National reports (10 minutes per country)

**Session IV: Juridical aspects of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage**

03:00 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.  
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 traditional culture and folklore
  - The Convention of 1972 for the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage
- Why and how to ratify the 2003 Convention?

04:30 p.m. – 04:45 p.m. Coffee break
04:45 p.m. – 05:30 p.m. Debates

**Wednesday 22 September 2004**

09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. National reports
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Final debates
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Coffee break
11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Presentation of the study “Village India” by the Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Presentation of the final report and recommendations
12:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adoption of the recommendations
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Closing remarks and vote of thanks by Mr Prithi Perera, Programme Officer/Culture, UNESCO Office, New Delhi
12:45 p.m. – 01:00 p.m. Press Conference
01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m. Lunch