MONDAY 10 MARCH 2003

9.30  **Registration**  
In front of Room XI, UNESCO Fontenoy

**First session: Opening** (Chair Mounir Bouchenaki, Assistant Director-General for Culture)

10.30 Opening address by the Director-General of UNESCO

10.40 Presentation by Maurice Paleau, Discovery Networks International.  
Screening of nine vignettes highlighting some of the world's endangered languages realised via a partnership between Discovery Communications, Inc., UNESCO, and the UN Works Programme

11.00 Address by H. E. Olabiyi Babalola Joseph Yai  
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Benin to UNESCO

11.15 Address by a representative of the Netherlands National Commission’s *Task Force for Endangered Languages*

11.25 Coffee break

11.40 Keynote speech: *Crossing the Great Divide: Language Endangerment and Public Awareness* by David Crystal (UK)

12.40 Discussion

13.00 Lunch

**Second session : Actions undertaken by UNESCO for the safeguarding of the endangered languages**

14:30 Election of the Chairperson, Session Moderators and the Rapporteur (Chair: Mounir Bouchenaki)

Newly elected Chairperson takes over presidency

14.40 Presentation by Mounir Bouchenaki, the Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Culture
Third session: Report on Language Vitality and Endangerment

15.00 Presentation of the Report by Collette Grinevald (France) and Akira Yamamoto (USA)/ UNESCO Ad Hoc Group on Endangered Languages

15.30 Coffee break

15.45 Report: panel discussion

16.15 Report: general discussion

Fourth session: Work in Progress – Research Institutions

16.45 Presentation by Kazuto Matsumura (Japan)/ International Clearing House for Endangered Languages

17.00 Presentation by a representative of the Endangered Languages Documentation Program at SOAS (London School of Oriental and African Studies), UK

17.10 Presentation by a representative of the Volkswagen Foundation, Germany

17.20 Presentation by a representative of DOBES / Max Planck Institute of Psycholinguistics, the Netherlands (yet to be confirmed)

17.30 Presentation by a representative of INALCO (Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales), France

17.40 Presentation by a representative of the Programme for Endangered Languages of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research.

17.50 Discussion

18.05 Final remarks by the Moderator

TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2003

Fifth session: Africa: state of the art, needs and solutions

9.30 Presentation by Salam Diakite (Mali)

9.40 Presentation by Gérard Kedrebeogo (Burkina Faso)

9.50 Presentation by Daniel Mkude (Tanzania)

10.00 Presentation by Stéphane Robert (yet to be confirmed)

10.15 Panel discussion

Panelists: Naphtaly Mattah (Kenya), Magdalena Kassie (South Africa), Jérôme Tangu Kwenzi Mikala (Gabon), Haile Eyesus Engdahset (Ethiopia), Xunudao Bothas Marinda (Botswana)
Sixth session: the Americas: state of the art, needs and solutions

11.40 Presentation by Roberto Zavala (Mexico)
11.50 Presentation by Delicia Villagra-Batoux (Paraguay)
12.00 Presentation by Joseph Palacio (Belize)
12.15 Panel discussion
   Panelists: Eithne Carlin (Ireland), Colette Grinevald (France), Bruna Franchetta (Brasil), Jorge Ernesto Lemus (El Salvador), Ian Melville (Guyana)
12.45 General discussion
13.00 Conclusion by the Moderator
13.05 Lunch

Seventh session: Asia, Arab States and the Pacific: state of the art, needs and solutions

14.30 Presentation by Abdel Jilil Elimam (Algeria)
14.40 Presentation by Ruth Spriggs (Papua New Guinea)
14.50 Presentation by Sun Hongkai (China)
15.00 Presentation by Lachman M. Khubchandani (India)
15.10 Presentation by Osahito Miyaoka (Japan)
15.20 Discussion
15.40 Conclusions by the Moderator
15.45 Coffee break

Eighth session: Europe and Siberia: state of the art, needs and solutions

16.00 Presentation by Karsten Legère (Sweden)
16.10 Presentation by Margarita Lukina (Russia)
16.20 Presentation by Mikael Svonn (Sweden)
16.30 Presentation by Tapani Salminen (Finland)
16.40 Presentation by Tjeerd de Graaf (Netherlands)
16.50 Discussion
17.05 Conclusions by the moderator
Ninth session: Needs and solutions as perceived by NGOs

17.10 Presentation by a representative of SIL International
17.18 Presentation by a representative of CIPL (Conseil International Permanent des Linguistes)
17.26 Presentation by a representative of Terralingua
17.34 Presentation by a representative of the Endangered Language Fund
17.42 Presentation by a representative of the Foundation for Endangered Languages
17.50 Presentation by a representative of the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages
17.58 Discussion
18.15 Closure

18.30 Reception co-sponsored by Discovery Communications Inc.
   Venue: 7th Floor Cafeteria, UNESCO Building

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2003
Tenth session: Future UNESCO’s actions for safeguarding of endangered languages

9.30 Presentation by the Moderator
9.40 General Discussion

10.45 Report by the Rapporteur and distribution of preliminary conclusions and draft action plans to be offered to UNESCO

10.55 Coffee break

Eleventh session: Conclusions and action plans for UNESCO and UNESCO’s Member States

11.20 Presentation of the preliminary conclusions and draft action plans by the Chair

11.30 General discussion, approval of conclusions and action plans.

13.00 Closure of the meeting