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Expert meeting on Identification of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Sudan

(Khartoum, Sharjah Hall, 21-22 March 2006)

**Agenda**

**Tuesday 21 March 2006**

9:30-10:30 Opening session
Holy Quran

**Opening addresses by:**
- Secretary-General Sudanese National Commission for UNESCO
- Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Workshop
- UNESCO
- Minister of Culture and Sports
- Minister of General Education, Chairperson of the National Commission

10:30-11:00 Breakfast (Refreshment)


*Moderator: Professor Ali Osman*

- “Presentation of the 2003 UNESCO Convention and importance of inventory-making”, Ms Oda Lehmann, UNESCO

➢ Discussion

13:30-14:00 Refreshment and Prayer

14:00-16:00 SESSION TWO: Presentation of ongoing and forthcoming activities in Sudan for inventory-making

*Moderator: Ms Chiara Dezzi Bardeschi*

- Potential proposals for Masterpieces of Intangible Heritage:
  I - Al Saqia: A Masterpiece of socio-economic development”, Professor Sayyid H. Hurreiz, Institute of African and Asian Studies, University of Khartoum,
  II - "Esaqiya (waterwheel in the eyes of a Nubian)”, Dr Ali Osman, Department of Archaeology, University of Khartoum
  III - "Fashoda as Cultural Space”, Ms Asia Mahgoub el Hindi, Folk Life Research and Documentation Centre, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
  IV - "The Coronation of the Reth of the Shilluk”, Mr Joshua Ojwok Yor, Folklife Research and Documentation Centre, Ministry of
Culture, Youth and Sports
V - "The Maseed and the Sheikh – an Intangible Cultural Heritage, Department of Anthropology, University of Khartoum
VI - "Al Masid: Al-Zariba as a case study", Mr Farah Eisa Mohamed, Institute of African and Asian Studies, University of Khartoum
● Rift Valley Institute (Dr Daniel Large, Director of RVI Sudan digital library project) presented on his behalf by Ms Oda Lehmann

16:00-16:30 Coffee break
16:30-18:00 Discussion

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9:30-11:00 SESSION THREE: Linguistic diversity of Sudan: present situation, needs and future activities
Moderator: Dr Mom Kou Nhial Arou

● "Endangered languages and their cultural heritage", Professor Al Amin Abu Manga, Director, IAAS, University of Khartoum

● "Ethno-linguistic Groups in Sudan (with special reference to Blue Nile Region)", Mr Kamal Jah Allah, International University of Africa, and Mr Abd al Rahim Muqaddam, University of Khartoum

● "Linguistic diversity of Sudan: present situation and future activities", Ms Elizabeth Newport (SIL-Sudan)

12:00-13:00 Discussion
13:00-14:00 Break
14:00-16:30 SESSION FOUR: Defining communities: Oral traditions and expressions, traditional music, dance and theatre, social practices, rituals and festive events; traditional knowledge and craftsmanship
Moderator: Ms Oda Lehmann

● "Craftsmanship: A Heritage of Cultural Syncretism and National Unity (traditional bed-making and boat building)", Dr Yusuf Hasan Madani, IAAS, University of Khartoum

● "Safeguarding and Revitalization of Traditional Craftsmanship in Sudan", Dr Abd-Magid Abdal-Rahman, Nilean University, Khartoum

● "Intangible Heritage and the impact of development", Dr Mohammad al-Mahadi Bushra, Dongola/University of Khartoum

● Dr Metje Postma (Leiden University, Netherlands), ITH recording

● "The Kujur: Role of the African God-man in the Nuba Mountains, Community of Central Sudan", Mr Mohamed Harun Kafi, Peace Council, Khartoum

● "Music for Peace", Mr Ali al-Daw, IAAS, University of Khartoum
● "Social Practices and Festivities among the Dinka", Dr Mom Kou Nhial Arou, IAAS, University of Khartoum (no written speech)
● "Traditional Sports, Tourism and Peace (special reference to Nuba wrestling)", Mr Graham Abdal Gadir, Ministry of Tourism

16:30-16:45 Coffee break
16:45-18:00 Recommendations and closing Ceremony

20:00 Dinner Party at the Sudanese National Commission for UNESCO

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Live musical performance
Optional: Visit to the Sudan National Museum and/or Nile trip.