**CONVENTION FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Expert meeting on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in urban contexts**

**16 – 17 June 2025 (Part I)**

**UNESCO Headquarters, Paris**

**18 – 19 September 2025 (Part II)**

**Online**

**Agenda and timetable**

**Agenda and timetable – Part I**

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| **Monday, 16 June 2025** |
| 9:00 a.m. | Registration of participants |
| 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. | **Item 1: Opening** Opening remarks by Fumiko Ohinata, Secretary of the 2003 ConventionParticipant introductions |
| 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. | **Item 2: Objectives and agenda of the meeting**Presentation by Giovanni Scepi, Head, Programme Management Unit, Living Heritage Entity |
| 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. | **Item 3: Background on the thematic initiative**Presentation by Maria Claudia Lopez, lead expert |
| 10:45 – 11:00 a.m. | *Coffee break (15 minutes)* |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | **Item 3.a: Roles and risks for intangible cultural heritage safeguarding in urban contexts**Introduction by Maria Claudia Lopez (10 minutes)Case study presentations by participants (20 minutes each)* Quahnita Samie (South Africa) – Historic Urban Landscape
* Rami Daher (Jordan) – As-Salt case study
* Rolando Alonzo Cocom (Belize) – Community-based safeguarding

Discussion (20 minutes) |
| 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. | *Lunch* |
| 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. | **Item 3.b: Integrating intangible cultural heritage in urban planning**Presentation by Maria Claudia Lopez (10 minutes)Case study presentations by participants (20 minutes each)* Melissa Tan (Singapore) – Policy perspective
* Valentino Tignanelli (Finland) – Architectural perspective
* Jana Viktorinova (Czechia) – Sociocultural perspective

Discussion (15 minutes) |
| 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. | *Coffee break (15 minutes)* |
| 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. | **Breakout discussion** |
| Breakout Group AModerator: Ahmed Skounti (Morocco)Rapporteur: Alyssa Barry (Senegal) | Breakout Group BModerator:Jorijn Neyrinck (Belgium)Rapporteur:Karolina Echaust (Poland) |
| Questions for breakout groups:* How does intangible cultural heritage relate to urban planning structures, and what are the main threats to its safeguarding?
* What are the key needs, benefits and actors when integrating Intangible cultural heritage in urban planning?
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| 5:00 – 5:20 p.m. | Plenary discussion |
| 5:20 – 5:30 p.m. | **Summary of the day** |
| 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | Evening cocktail (7th floor UNESCO)  |

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| **Tuesday, 17 June 2025** |
| 9:30 – 9:40 a.m. | Welcome and housekeeping announcements |
| 9:40 – 11:00 a.m. | **Item 3.c: Challenges and strategies for safeguarding living heritage in urban contexts (policy guidance, partnerships and capacity development)**Presentation by Maria Claudia Lopez (10 minutes)Case study presentations by participants (15 minutes each)* Haitham Younis (Egypt) – Policy perspective
* Linina Phuttitarn (Thailand) – Capacity development
* Manuel Trute (Panama) – Participatory planning / partnerships

Plenary discussion (25 minutes) |
| 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. | *Coffee break (15 mins)* |
| 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | **Item 4: Proposals for guidance on safeguarding living heritage in urban contexts**Presentation by the Secretariat of the 2003 ConventionPlenary discussion |
| 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. | *Lunch* |
| 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. | **Breakout discussion** |
| Breakout Group AModerator: Luciana de Oliveira Chianca (Brazil)Rapporteur: Clíona O’Carroll (Ireland) | Breakout Group BModerator:Barbra Babweteera Mutambi (Uganda)Rapporteur: Rusudan Mirzikashvili (Georgia) |
| Questions for breakout groups:* What tools and approaches could be used to achieve heritage-sensitive urban planning?
* What are the key considerations to be addressed by the guidance note?
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| 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. | *Coffee break (15 mins)* |
| 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. | **Plenary discussion**Group A reportGroup B reportModerated by the Secretariat of the 2003 Convention |
| 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. | **Closing of Part I meeting**Conclusions and next steps  |

**Agenda and timetable – Part II**

[To be provided after Part I meeting]

**List of documents and references**

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| Working documents |
| LHE/25/EXP THEMA-URBAN/1 Rev. | Agenda and timetable |
| LHE/25/EXP THEMA-URBAN/2 | List of Participants |
| LHE/25/EXP THEMA-URBAN/3 | Background |
| LHE/25/EXP THEMA-URBAN/INF.3 | Survey methodology and overview of results  |
| LHE/25/EXP THEMA-URBAN/4 | Draft guidance note on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in urban contexts |
| Reference documents |
| Basic Texts of the 2003 Convention (2024 Edition) | <https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/2003_Convention_Basic_Texts_2024_version_EN.pdf>  |
| Webpage dedicated to the meeting | <https://ich.unesco.org/en/expert-meeting-on-urban-contexts-01405> |