**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 Convention  Participant 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 A  Moderator: Ahmed Skounti (Morocco)  Rapporteur: Alyssa Barry (Senegal) | Breakout Group B  Moderator: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? | |
| 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 Convention  Plenary discussion | |
| 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. | *Lunch* | |
| 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. | **Breakout discussion** | |
| Breakout Group A  Moderator: Luciana de Oliveira Chianca (Brazil)  Rapporteur: Clíona O’Carroll (Ireland) | Breakout Group B  Moderator: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? | |
| 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. | *Coffee break (15 mins)* | |
| 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. | **Plenary discussion**  Group A report  Group B report  Moderated 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> |