

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

**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SAFEGUARDING FOODWAYS: LESSONS FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL FOOD ATLAS PROJECT**

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD ATLAS AND DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR SAFEGUARDING,
PROMOTING AND TRANSMITTING FOODWAYS TO FUTURE GENERATIONS**

**19 and 20 May 2026
Online
2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Paris time / UTC/GMT+2)**

Agenda and timetable

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 19 May 2026	
1.45 p.m.	Registration of participants / connectivity test
2.00 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.	<p>Item 1. Introduction</p> <p>A. Opening and welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks by UNESCO Susanne Schnuttgen, Head of the Capacity Building and Heritage Policy Unit, Living Heritage Entity - Welcome remarks by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Majed Almuhanha, Head of Research and Preservation of Culinary Assets at the Culinary Arts Commission, Ministry of Culture - Introduction of meeting objectives and participants Susanne Schnuttgen
2.15 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<p>B. Overview of project implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pravali Vangeti, Project Coordinator at the Capacity Building and Heritage Policy Unit, Living Heritage Entity
2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<p>Item 2. Capacity-building experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cote d'Ivoire Fabrice Aliman, Deputy Director responsible for heritage inventory at the Ivorian Office for Cultural Heritage - India Rahul Goswami, Member of the Global facilitators network for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage - Morocco Amarir Abdessalam, Head of the Inventory Division, Ministry of Culture - Republic of Moldova Andrei Prohin, Member of the Global facilitators network for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage - Zambia Moffat Moyo, Member of the Global facilitators network for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<p>Plenary discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What key insights were gained from the capacity-building activities on foodways as living heritage? - What approaches have been most effective for the communities? - How can capacity-building efforts be scaled in the countries?

	Moderated by the Living Heritage Entity
3.30 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.	Break
3.40 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<p>Item 3. Community-led safeguarding experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Bolivia (Plurinational State of) María Lupita Meneses, Intangible Cultural Heritage Expert, Ministry of Tourism, Cultures and Gastronomy - Kuwait Rasul Samadov, Head of Culture Unit, UNESCO Regional Office for the Gulf States and Yemen - Lao People’s Democratic Republic Boualay Oudomvilay, Member of the culinary communities in Luang Prabang
4.30 p.m. – 4.50 p.m.	<p>Plenary discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What makes foodways intangible cultural heritage? - Which safeguarding approaches were effective? - What opportunities for collaboration have emerged that were unexpected? - What lessons did you learn from documenting safeguarding experiences? <p>Moderated by the Living Heritage Entity</p>
4.50 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<p>Wrap up of day 1</p> <p>Living Heritage Entity</p>

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 20 May 2026	
1.45 p.m.	Participants connect
2.00 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.	<p>Item 3. <i>continued</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cameroon Marie-Thierry Edjoa Akoa, Director of Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Arts and Culture and Member of the Global facilitators network for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage - Peru Miguel Ángel Hernández Macedo, Member of the Global facilitators network for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage - Zimbabwe Simbarashe Mudhokwani, Documentation expert and national facilitator
2.40 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<p>Plenary discussion <i>continued</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What makes foodways intangible cultural heritage? - Which safeguarding approaches were effective? - What opportunities for collaboration have emerged that were unexpected? - What lessons did you learn from documenting safeguarding experiences? <p>Moderated by the Living Heritage Entity</p>
3.00 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.	<p>Item 4. Digital technologies for safeguarding foodways</p> <p>Presentation on the UNESCO platform for sharing good safeguarding experiences – focus on foodways</p> <p>Giovanni Scepi, Head of the Programme Management Unit, Living Heritage Entity</p>
3.20 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderated by the Living Heritage Entity</p>
3.30 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.	Break
3.40 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.	<p>Item 5. Policy research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Argentina Maximiliano Vera, Coordinator of Multilateral Affairs at the National Directorate for Federal Integration and International Cultural Cooperation of the Secretariat of Culture - Indonesia Agni Malagina, National facilitator - Mongolia

	<p>Tsolmon Tserendorj, Member of the Global facilitators network for the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Senegal Marie Schmitz, Associate Project Officer, UNESCO Office in Dakar - Tunisia Mohamed Hellal, National expert
4.10 p.m. – 4.50 p.m.	<p>Plenary discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflections on the current state and prospects of policy development for the safeguarding of foodways as living heritage Moderated by the Living Heritage Entity
4.50 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<p>Wrap-up and closing</p> <p>Susanne Schnuttgen</p>