

**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**

<b>DAY 1 – Tuesday, 19 May 2026</b>	
1.45 p.m.	Registration of participants / connectivity test
2.00 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.	<p><b>Item 1. Introduction</b></p> <p><b>A. Opening and welcome remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome remarks by UNESCO Fumiko Ohinata, Secretary of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage</li> <li>- Welcome remarks by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (TBC)</li> <li>- Introduction of meeting objectives and participants Susanne Schnuttgen, Head of the Capacity Building and Heritage Policy Unit, Living Heritage Entity</li> </ul>
2.15 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<p><b>B. Overview of project implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pravali Vangeti, Project Coordinator at the Capacity Building and Heritage Policy Unit, Living Heritage Entity</li> </ul>
2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<p><b>Item 2. Capacity-building experiences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- India</li> <li>- Kuwait (TBC)</li> <li>- Morocco</li> <li>- Republic of Moldova (TBC)</li> <li>- Zambia</li> </ul>
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What key insights were gained from the capacity-building activities on foodways as living heritage?</li> <li>- What approaches have been most effective for the communities?</li> <li>- How can capacity-building efforts be scaled in the countries?</li> </ul>
3.30 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.	Break
3.40 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<p><b>Item 3. Community-led safeguarding experiences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (TBC)</li> <li>- Bolivia (Plurinational State of)</li> <li>- Cote d'Ivoire</li> <li>- Lao People's Democratic Republic</li> </ul>
4.30 p.m. – 4.50 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What makes foodways intangible cultural heritage?</li> <li>- Which safeguarding approaches were effective?</li> <li>- What opportunities for collaboration have emerged that were unexpected?</li> <li>- What lessons did you learn from documenting safeguarding experiences?</li> </ul>
4.50 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<b>Wrap up of day 1</b>

<b>DAY 2 – Wednesday, 20 May 2026</b>	
1.45 p.m.	Participants connect
2.00 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.	<b>Item 3. <i>continued</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cameroon (TBC)</li> <li>- Peru</li> <li>- Zimbabwe</li> </ul>
2.40 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<b>Plenary discussion <i>continued</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What makes foodways intangible cultural heritage?</li> <li>- Which safeguarding approaches were effective?</li> <li>- What opportunities for collaboration have emerged that were unexpected?</li> <li>- What lessons did you learn from documenting safeguarding experiences?</li> </ul>
3.00 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.	<b>Item 4. Digital technologies for safeguarding foodways</b> <b>Presentation on the UNESCO platform for sharing good safeguarding experiences – focus on foodways</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Giovanni Scepi, Head of the Programme Management Unit, Living Heritage Entity [TBC]</li> </ul>
3.20 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Q&A
3.30 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.	Break
3.40 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.	<b>Item 5. Policy research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Argentina</li> <li>- Indonesia</li> <li>- Mongolia</li> <li>- Senegal (TBC)</li> <li>- Tunisia</li> </ul>
4.10 p.m. – 4.50 p.m.	<b>Plenary discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reflections on the current state and prospects of policy development for the safeguarding of foodways as living heritage</li> </ul>
4.50 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<b>Wrap-up and closing</b>