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

**Training programme for the Global facilitators’ network**

**Living heritage and disaster risk reduction**

**27 and 28 March 2025  
Online**

**Session I: 27 March 2025, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.  
Session II: 28 March 2025, 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

**Concept note, agenda and timetable**

#### Background

1. The purpose of this session is to provide a short introduction for facilitators to the 2003 Convention’s global network on the newly developed training materials on intangible cultural heritage and disaster risk reduction. This session is part of the 2025 training programme for the global facilitators network, which takes a two-way approach to both update facilitators’ knowledge in key thematic areas and provide opportunities for experience sharing.
2. UNESCO’s approach to safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in disaster contexts is guided by the [Operational principles and modalities for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in emergencies](https://ich.unesco.org/en/operational-principles-and-modalities-in-emergencies-01143), adopted by the General Assembly of States Parties in 2020, and framed within the broader context of climate action for living heritage. Based on this approach, two training units have been developed as part of the 2003 Convention’s training curriculum to provide knowledge and skills on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in disaster contexts. These are:

* [Unit 63](https://ich.unesco.org/en/capacity-building-materials#unit-63-basics-in-disaster-risk-reduction-and-intangible-cultural-heritagebr): Basics in disaster risk reduction and intangible cultural heritage; and
* [Unit 64](https://ich.unesco.org/en/capacity-building-materials#unit-63-basics-in-disaster-risk-reduction-and-intangible-cultural-heritagebr): Integrating disaster risk reduction into intangible cultural heritage inventorying.

1. In addition, UNESCO has acquired grounded experience in delivering capacity building on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in disaster contexts through a number of [country projects](https://ich.unesco.org/en/emergency-situations-01117). Recent examples include capacity-building projects in [Small Island Developing States in the Pacific and the Caribbean](https://ich.unesco.org/en/projects/capacity-building-for-safeguarding-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-emergencies-in-small-island-developing-states-sids-in-the-pacific-and-the-caribbean-00478) (Bahamas, Belize, Fiji, Tonga and Vanuatu), as well as pilot projects in [Honduras and the Philippines](https://ich.unesco.org/en/projects/strengthening-capacities-for-safeguarding-intangible-cultural-heritage-in-disaster-contexts-00458). Furthermore, in December 2024, the guidance note on ‘Climate action for living heritage’ was presented at the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, underscoring the need for a synergistic approach between disaster risk reduction and climate action (see Decision [19.COM 11](https://ich.unesco.org/doc/src/LHE-24-19.COM-11_EN.docx)).

#### Objectives

1. Building on these experiences, UNESCO is organizing an online training session for members of the global facilitators network to update their conceptual and practical knowledge in this specific thematic area. The short online training will provide an introduction to the training materials, and an opportunity to share lessons learnt and experiences on working in disaster contexts under the 2003 Convention. More specifically, the learning objectives are to:

* Gain familiarity with UNESCO's Operational Principles and Modalities for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in Emergencies (2020) and the Guidance Note on Climate Action for Living Heritage (2024);
* Develop understanding of the basics of disaster risk reduction and its connection to intangible cultural heritage (Unit 63);
* Explore integrating disaster risk reduction into the inventorying process of intangible cultural heritage (Unit 64);
* Provide a platform for sharing experiences and lessons learned from delivering workshops on disasters in different contexts;
* Foster collaboration among facilitators within the global network on safeguarding living heritage in disaster contexts.

1. This session is designed for facilitators regardless of prior experience in emergencies and serves as an introduction to the topic. A short survey will be conducted before the training to collect participant examples and insights from their relevant experiences that may be shared during the session.

**Agenda**

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| **Timeslot I: 27 March 2025, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. (English only)** | |
| 10.00 – 10.05 a.m. | **Item 1**  Welcome and opening by Fumiko Ohinata, Seretary of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, UNESCO   * Introduction to the 2025 Training programme for the global facilitators network and objectives for the session |
| 10.05 – 10.20 a.m. | **Item 2**  Introduction to the topic by Chris Ballard, Facilitator   * Contextualizing within emergencies and climate change thematic work |
| 10.20 – 10.50 a.m. | **Item 3**  Unit 63: Basics in Disaster Risk Reduction and Intangible Cultural Heritage by Chris Ballard, Facilitator   * Introduction to Unit 63 |
| 10:50 – 11.30 a.m. | Discussion moderated by Andrea Richards, Facilitator   * Overview of survey results * Sharing experiences from facilitators |
| 11.30 – 11.40 a.m. | Break |
| 11.40– 12.10 p.m. | **Item 4**  Unit 64: Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventorying by Chris Ballard, Facilitator   * Introduction to Unit 64 |
| 12.10 – 12.50 p.m. | Discussion moderated by Andrea Richards, Facilitator   * Sharing experiences from participating facilitators * Potential challenges facilitators may encounter |
| 12.50 – 1.00 p.m. | **Item 5**  Wrap up and closing |

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| **Timeslot II: 28 March 2025, 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. (English/French interpretation)** | |
| 2.00 – 2.05 p.m. | **Item 1**  Welcome and opening by the Secretariat of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, UNESCO   * Introduction to the 2025 Training programme for the global facilitators network and objectives for the session |
| 2.05 – 2.20 p.m. | **Item 2**  Introduction to the topic by Chris Ballard, Facilitator   * Contextualizing within emergencies and climate change thematic work |
| 2.20 – 2.50 p.m. | **Item 3**  Unit 63: Basics in Disaster Risk Reduction and Intangible Cultural Heritage by Chris Ballard, Facilitator   * Introduction to Unit 63 |
| 2.50 – 3.30 p.m. | Discussion by Andrea Richards, Facilitator   * Overview of survey results * Sharing experiences from facilitators |
| 3.30 – 3.40 p.m. | Break |
| 3.40 – 4.10 p.m. | **Item 4**  Unit 64: Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventorying by Chris Ballard, Facilitator   * Introduction to Unit 64 |
| 4.10 – 4.50 p.m. | Discussion by Andrea Richards, Facilitator   * Sharing experiences from participating facilitators * Potential challenges facilitators may encounter |
| 4.50 – 5.00 p.m. | **Item 5**  Wrap up and closing |