

VI. Meetings on Intangible Cultural Heritage

Ratification of the UNESCO Convention of 2003 and adoption of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No.228 “On Safeguarding and Use of Objects of Cultural Heritage” (2009 and 2013) facilitated organization of several national and international actions: awareness raising activities among the population of Uzbekistan; making inventory of objects (elements) of intangible cultural heritage; carrying out scientific researches; publication of books, collections and multimedia disks; organization of competitions, festivals and exhibitions on performing arts and artistic crafts. Uzbekistan became the venue for several Central Asian seminars and conferences conducted under the aegis of UNESCO dedicated to ICH safeguarding, preservation and development issues.

From the period of 2010 to present series of seminars and conferences took place, in which main questions discussed, among others, were:

- Role of culture in development;
- Music culture and modernity;
- Challenges in intangible cultural Heritage safeguarding;
- Raising awareness of the population of ICH related issues;
- Drawing the youth to the process of mastery and learning of ICH;
- Reviving traditions of teaching and learning based on “Ustoz-shogird” (“Master-apprentice”) methodology;
- Compiling local lists (inventories) of ICH taking into account the criteria for inclusion;
- Possibilities of inscription of such important and valuable elements as “Bakhshichilik” (the art of narrating folk epic), “Qobuz ohanglari” (qobuz music), “Traditions of creation and construction of the dwelling house of nomads – *Otov (qora uy)*”, “Lapar song genre”, “Carpet Weaving Art” on UNESCO lists.

In accordance with these corresponding recommendations were adopted. These, among others, include organization of review competitions on a regular basis, promotion and popularization of ICH by means of mass media (especially, making use of local TV channels and seek assistance of *mahallas*, which became a kind of

social institutes of self-government and where the majority of bearers of ICH traditions live), etc.

Below you will find a brief description of each event.

1) Name of the meeting	International Conferences within the framework of the International Music Festival “Sharq Taronalari” (“Melodies of the Orient”)
2) Theme	“Role of Music Culture of the East in Development of World Civilization” “Role of Sources in Studying Culture of the People of the East” “Oriental Music Culture in the Context of Contemporary Culture”,
3) Duration	August, 2009-2014; every two years
4) Venue	Samarkand, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan, National TV and Radio Broadcasting Company, Union of Composers of Uzbekistan, Khokimiyat of the city of Samarkand
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	Representatives (scholars, scientists, composers and musicians) of 15 and more countries
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Not Applicable
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	Role of culture; Music culture and development; culture and modernity; intangible cultural heritage related issues
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material (e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	Festival of Traditional Culture “Asrlar Sadosi” (“Echo of Ages”)
2) Activities	Competitions among folklore ensembles Performances of dorbozes and folk narrators Fairs of folk trades and artistic crafts, Presentations of new books Scientific conferences.
3) Venue and duration	2008-2013, annually Kitab, Kashkadarya region, May 2008; Parkent, Tashkent region, May 2009; Bukhara, May 2010; Khiva, May 2011; Ellikqala, Republic of Karakalpakstan, May 2012; Sarmishsoy, Navoi region, May 2013
4) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	The Forum of Culture and Arts of Uzbekistan Foundation, UNESCO Office in Tashkent
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	Scholars, artists, foreign guests, ordinary people
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Not Applicable
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	Not Applicable
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material (e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	Central Asian Sub-Regional Network Meeting for Intangible Cultural Heritage Safeguarding
2) Theme	“Intangible Cultural Heritage of Central Asia”
3) Duration	Two days; 22-23 March 2010
4) Venue	Tashkent, Uzbekistan

5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	ICHCAP, the National Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan for UNESCO in collaboration with the International Institute for Central Asian Studies (IICAS) under the auspices of UNESCO, and the UNESCO Representative in Uzbekistan
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	Specialists from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan as well as representatives on the side of organizers of the event.
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Keynote speech by Seong-Yong Park, Executive Director of ICHCAP, "Issues & Tasks in the Implementation of the 2003 Convention and Regional Collaboration"; Keynote speech by Alisher Ikramov, Secretary General of the National Commission, "UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage".
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	Promoting a better understanding of the current status of ICH in the region; UNESCO 2003 Convention and of national cases in ICH; book on Intangible Cultural Heritage of Uzbekistan published ICHCAP in 2009
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National scientific and practical seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	"Making Inventory of ICH of Uzbekistan"
3) Duration	One day; 29 February 2012
4) Venue	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan, National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	ICH experts, scholars and employees of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of regions and of Republic of Karakalpakstan

affiliation)	
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	R. Abdullaev (performing arts), A. Khakimov (artistic crafts), M. Joraev (oral folk and poetic art), A. Shirov (ethnography and ethnology) and S. Mallakhanov (international cooperation).
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	State of the art of ICH in Uzbekistan; Raising awareness of the population of ICH related issues; Drawing the youth to the process of mastery and learning of ICH; Reviving traditions of teaching and learning based on “Ustoz-shogird” (“Master-apprentice”) methodology;
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National scientific and practical seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Making Inventory of ICH of Uzbekistan”
3) Duration	One day; 17 April 2012
4) Venue	Chust, Namangan region, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports, khokimiyat (municipality) of Namangan region and Regional Administration for Cultural and Sports Affairs of Namangan region.
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	ICH experts, scholars, specialists, and employees of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of Tashkent, Sirdarya, Andijan, Namangan and Ferghana regions as well as bearers of traditions (more than 300 participants).
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Prof. R. Abdullaev, U. Tashmatov, M. Joraev and head of ICH Documenting Department of the Republican Center for Folk Art, G. Abdullaeva.
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable

10) Points of discussion	Results of the field studies and scientific expeditions carried out in the Ferghana Valley
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Implementing the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage at the national level”
3) Duration	Four days; 3-7 July 2012
4) Venue	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	UNESCO Representative Office in Tashkent, National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO, Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	Scholars, specialists in ICH, representatives of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of all regions of Uzbekistan, bearers of traditions, representatives of UNESCO Office in Tashkent and National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Rieks Smeets, Sabira Soltongeldieva and Nikolai Vukov
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	UNESCO Convention of 2003; challenges and achievements in implementation of the Convention in Uzbekistan
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	Subregional seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Elaborating Nominations to UNESCO Intangible Heritage Lists”
3) Duration	Three days; 21-24 November 2012
4) Venue	Samarkand, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	UNESCO Office in Uzbekistan, Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Samarkand Regional Administration (Khokimiyat)
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	Scholars and specialists in ICH from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan, representatives of Administrations for Cultural and Sports Affairs of regions and bearers of ICH traditions as well as representatives of UNESCO Office in Tashkent
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Rieks Smeets, Sabira Soltongeldieva
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	strengthening the national capacity in the field of Implementation of the UNESCO Convention 2003; Intangible Heritage Lists; issues on procedures and preparation of the nominations for inscription of ICH elements onto the Lists
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material (e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National scientific and practical seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Making Inventory of ICH of Uzbekistan”
3) Duration	One day; 24 December 2012
4) Venue	Tashkent, Uzbekistan

5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan, National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	ICH experts, scholars and employees of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of regions and Republic of Karakalpakstan
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	R. Abdullaev, A. Khakimov, M. Joraev, A. Ashirov, S. Mallakhanov and representatives from regions
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	the results of the field studies and scientific expeditions carried out in 2012; issues of inventory-making; future plans about expeditions.
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

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1) Name of the meeting	National scientific and practical seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Making Inventory of ICH on local level”
3) Duration	One day; 4 April 2013
4) Venue	Boysun, Surkhandarya region, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan, khokimiyats (municipalities) of Surkhandarya region and Boysun district, Administration for Cultural and Sports Affairs of Surkhandarya region
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	ICH experts, scholars and employees of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of Jizzakh, Samarkand, Kashkadarya and Surkhandarya regions

affiliation)	
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	R. Abdullaev, U. Tashmatov, G. Abdullaeva, K. Toqsonov, Kh. Khursandov (Surkhandarya region), S. Abdukadirova (Samarkand)
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	The results of field studies and scientific expeditions carried out in the Zarafshan Oasis and south of Uzbekistan
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National scientific and practical seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Documenting ICH of Uzbekistan”
3) Duration	One day; 18 April 2013
4) Venue	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan, National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	ICH experts, employees of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of regions and of Republic of Karakalpakstan
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	R. Abdullaev, U. Tashmatov, M. Joraev, G. Abdullaeva, S. Mallakhanov and representatives from regions
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation	Not Applicable

sheet	
10) Points of discussion	Elaboration of National and local lists (inventories) of ICH objects (elements); Possibilities of inscription of important and valuable elements.
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Regional results of making inventory of intangible cultural heritage”
3) Duration	One day; 26 July 2013
4) Venue	Khiva, Khoresm region, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports, khokimiyat (municipality) of Khoresm region and Khoresm city, regional and district administrations for cultural and sports affairs
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	ICH experts, scholars and employees of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of Bukhara, Navoi and Khoresm regions, and of Republic of Karakalpakstan (more than 50 people).
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	R. Abdullaev, G. Abdullaeva, U. Khakimov, A. Ayazbekov, D. Ibragimov and others
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	The results and findings of the field studies and scientific expeditions carried out in 2013.
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up	Not Applicable

activities	
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Making Inventory of ICH of Uzbekistan and developing National ICH Inventory”
3) Duration	One day; 27 July 2013
4) Venue	Nukus, Republic of Karakalpakstan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	Ministry of Culture and Sports of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, branch of the Academy of Sciences in the Republic of KarakalpakstanS
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	ICH experts, scholars and representatives of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of Bukhara, Kashkadarya regions and of Republic of Karakalpakstan
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	R. Abdullaev, G. Abdullaeva, S. Sharopov (Bukhara), A. Ayazbekov (Karakalpakstan) and scholars of the Institute of Literature of the Academy of Sciences
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	Experience of the ICH center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan in developing local lists and inventories of ICH (local ICH list), whi currently contains 67 elements; sixty-volume work of “Folk Art of Karakalpakstan”; issues and challenges in inventory-making.
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	National seminar (workshop)
2) Theme	“Community-Based Inventory-Making of the

	Intangible Cultural Heritage”
3) Duration	Seven days; 7-15 October 2013
4) Venue	Ferghana, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	UNESCO Tashkent Office, Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	Scholars and specialists of ICH, representatives of administrations for cultural and sports affairs of regions and the Republic of Karakalpakstan, bearers of traditions of performing arts and artistic crafts as well as representatives of UNESCO Office in Tashkent.
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Mr Rieks Smeets, Ms Sabira Soltongeldieva
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	community-based inventory-making of the intangible cultural heritage, including the identification of intangible cultural heritage elements according to the basic principles of the 2003 Convention
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material (e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	Rountable
2) Theme	“Promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage for Educators to Reinforce Education for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region”
3) Duration	One day; 28 May 2014
4) Venue	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	UNESCO Office in Tashkent, the Ministry of Public Education and the Ministry of Culture and Sport of the Republic of Uzbekistan
6) Participants (numbers,	Scholars and specialists dealing with ICH, coordinators of the project in Uzbekistan,

organizational affiliation)	representatives of HEIs and pedagogs of secondary schools as well as representatives of the UNESCO Office in Tashkent.
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Not Applicable
8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	Results of the project at the national level; the ways and means of further incorporating the intangible cultural heritage into the formal and informal education in Uzbekistan
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material (e.g.) reports	Not Applicable

1) Name of the meeting	Fifth Central Asia Sub-regional Network Meeting on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage
2) Theme	“Safeguarding the Creative Value of ICH in Central Asia, Focusing on Oral Traditions and Epics”
3) Duration	Three days; 11-13 September 2014
4) Venue	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
5) Organisers (person in charge and their contact information)	International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHCAP), International Institute for Central Asian Studies (IICAS), National Commission of Uzbekistan for UNESCO and Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Uzbekistan
6) Participants (numbers, organizational affiliation)	Scholars and specialists of ICH from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.
7) Speakers list (detailing keynote speaker, presenters, discussants and their affiliations)	Rustambek Abdullaev (Uzbekistan), Eunkyung Oh (Korea), and other representatives of Central Asian countries and Mongolia.

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8) Main context	Not Applicable
9) Presentation sheet	Not Applicable
10) Points of discussion	Evaluating the three-year project; discussing development of the future cooperative projects
11) Questions raised during the meeting	Not Applicable
12) Action plan adopted	Not Applicable
13) Follow-up activities	Not Applicable
14) Reference material e.g.) reports	Not Applicable