



## Working Group (WG) Research meeting

Seventeenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Rabat 1 December 2022

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Main Meeting Room, Sofitel Hotel, 450 Quartier Aviation, Rabat, Morocco, (Western European Summer Time, WET, UTC+1, same as Western European Time, UTC +1)

# AGENDA

## Zoom link for online participation:

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### Opening Greetings

1. General mission of the WG. Presentation of some main points of the Mission Statement
2. Action Plan 2022
3. Teams, working groups and coordination, 2022
4. Invitation to strengthen the WG Research in 2023.
5. The experience of the web dossier on ICH and Sustainable Tourism. Results and perspectives
6. Results and perspectives of the Symposium on ICH, climate change and the environment
7. General Debate on 2023 Action Plan.

# 1. Guiding principles from the Mission Statement

The WG Research was established in Windhoek, Namibia, in 2015. Place where the following principles were established:

- **Communities, groups and individuals** are the essence of every safeguarding process.
- The **Ethical Principles** for safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage should be applied to research on ICH.
- **Diversity of research methodologies** is a key component for safeguarding ICH.
- **Cooperation and exchange** of knowledge, good practices and opportunities between the many actors of the safeguarding processes are strategic issues
- **Reflections emerging** from the different approaches related to research and/for/in/on ICH are crucial !

# General Mission of the WG

- Foster **knowledge exchange**, information sharing and promote wide accessibility of the outcomes of research findings among the members of the ICH NGO Forum.
- Promote **collaborative research** on topics relevant to bearers, practitioners, institutions and other stakeholders, offering support in safeguarding processes.
- **Strengthen the cooperation between different stakeholders** taking part in safeguarding processes.

# Some identified topics to work on...

- Ethics and research in the process of safeguarding ICH
- Collaborative research methodologies
- **ICH and tourism**
- ICH and politics
- ICH and emergencies
- Implications of the inscription of an element on the ICH Lists
- **Implications of safeguarding the ICH concerning nature, related to sustainability, climate change, adaptation and risk**
- Development of new adaptive strategies in situations of political, social, health and natural crisis
- Threats of over commercialization
- ICH in urban contexts
- Conflicts and controversies in the safeguarding process
- **ICH and sustainability challenges**
- Relation between ICH and tangible heritage
- ICH and youth cultures
- ICH, cultural rights and Intellectual property rights

## 2. Action Plan 2022

Objectives proposed in the “Action Plan for 2022” :

- 1) Creation of a toolkit on ICH and sustainable tourism
- 2) To work towards a conference on ICH, climate change and the environment.

# 3. Coordination team, 2022

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# Coordination of the Symposium on ICH, climate change & the Environment - 2022

- The 10 presentations of the symposium were comprised of one theoretical presentation and 9 case studies from the field.
- Tim Curtis provided introductory comments underlining that the theme is very important and timely for UNESCO and the world at this time of important climate change.
- The papers deal with an extraordinary wide range of geographical regions and cultures, as well as cultural practices used to detect climate change and adapt to its negative impacts. It is interesting to note that most of them revealed cases of ICH used to mitigate and recover from natural catastrophes, examining ICH as an active agent of adaptation and change.

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# Coordination of the Symposium on ICH, climate change & the Environment - 2022

- The papers stirred up some interesting discussion . Many of the participants were eager to give examples of how ICH was used in their countries and in their NGOs and contribute to the work on this theme.
- There was a consensus on the idea that ICH can really make an important role in helping populations around the world adapt to climate change.
- The paper presenters and other interested NGOs met on Tuesday evening to discuss future plans moving forward.
- The group decided to review the powerpoints, the video, the literature on the topic, as well as their own case studies, and to meet again in January to set a more definitive agenda and calendar.



# 4. Invitation to strengthen the WG Research, 2023

If you wish to participate in the activities of the WG Research, 2023. Please, **let us know** at the following email: [ichngoforum.research@gmail.com](mailto:ichngoforum.research@gmail.com)

Your participation is very important

Thank you

# 5. The WG on ICH and Sustainable Tourism – 2022

Jorijn Neyrinck and Martin Andrade Pérez

## Experience of the web dossier on intangible cultural heritage and sustainable tourism. Achievements and challenges.

11 MARCH	1st WG meeting
20 APRIL	Draft TEXT of ICH and sustainable tourism circulated to all WG members
20 MAY	2nd WG meeting
14 JUNE	3rd WG meeting
2 SEPTEMBER	4th WG meeting
<b>27 OCTOBER</b>	<b>LAUNCH OF TOOLKIT + ONLINE LAUNCH &amp; WEBINAR</b>
21 NOVEMBER	Follow-up meeting

**To be continued !**

[https://www.ichngoforum.org/web-dossier-on-intangible-cultural-heritage-and-sustainable-tourism /](https://www.ichngoforum.org/web-dossier-on-intangible-cultural-heritage-and-sustainable-tourism/)





# Web Dossier on Intangible Cultural Heritage and sustainable tourism

Welcome to this web dossier, designed to help you explore benefits and challenges when intangible cultural heritage (ICH) and tourism meet, and to develop sustainable living heritage tourism.

## 6. The Symposium on ICH, Climate Change & the Environnement

Laurier Tourgeon - Presentation of the results of the Symposium on intangible cultural heritage, climate change and the environment.

# 7. General Debate on the 2023 Perspectives

- Continuity of the WG activities on the Topics of ICH and Tourism
- Continuity of the WG activities ICH and Climate Change /Environment

Who and how?

- Others Topics and proposals
- Objectives to propose in the “Action Plan for 2023”