



SUB-REGIONAL MEETING

"SAFEGUARDING OF INTANGIBLE

CULTURAL HERITAGE IN CENTRAL ASIA:

ENHANCING ICH RESEARCH AND

NETWORKS FOR COMPREHENSIVE

HERITAGE SAFEGUARDING"

25–26 September 2025
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

PROGRAMME

(Venue: Tashkent, Uzbekistan, IBC – Centre, A. Temur Str. 107 B, Block A, 10 Floor)

DAY 1: Thursday, 25 September 2025	
9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00–10:40	Opening Remarks Sara Noshadi, UNESCO Representative in Uzbekistan, Head of UNESCO Office in Uzbekistan Avazxon Tadjixanov, First Deputy Minister of Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan Daisuke Machida, Director-General, International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region Gyuri Park, Acting Director-General, International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region
10:40–10:55	Photo Session
10:55–11:10	Coffee Break
Discussion on ICH Research in Central Asia: Based on IRCI's Collection of Research Information (15-minute presentation + 5-minute Q&A per report)	
11:10–11:30	Introduction Le Yu, Associate Fellow, International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region
11:30–11:50	Kazakhstan Rustam Muzafarov, Vice-Chairman, Kazakhstan National Committee for Intangible Cultural Heritage Yerkezhan Ali, Principal, Fond of the Rarities, Central Academic Library of National Academy of Science
11:50–12:10	Kyrgyzstan Aiza Abdyrakhmanova, Project Coordinator, 'Aigine' Cultural Research Center Meerim Aitkeeva, National Partner, National Library of the Kyrgyz Republic
12:10–12:30	Mongolia Altansukh Badam, Executive Director, Council for Cultural Heritage Networking and Communication Ankhsanaa Ganbold, Head, Department of Rescue and Risk Studies, National Center for Cultural Heritage
12:30–14:00	Lunch Break

14:00–14:20	Tajikistan Abdulfalttohi Aminzoda, Director, Research Institute of Culture and Information Zafardzhon Kholmurodov, Senior Researcher, ICH Center, Research Institute of Culture and Information
14:20–14:40	Uzbekistan Lutfiya Mirzayeva, Director, Center for Promotion of Culture and Art of Uzbekistan ‘Umrboqiy Meros’ Mehrinigor Akhmedova, Associate Professor, Bukhara State University
14:40–15:30	Discussion on ICH Research and Safeguarding in Central Asia * Overall research landscape and pressing issues in Central Asia * Regional topics related to ICH and its safeguarding * Opportunities for future sub-regional research collaboration
15:30–17:30	Visit to Akbar and Alisher Rakhimov’s Ceramic workshop

DAY 2: Friday, 26 September 2025

Discussion on Synergies between Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage

10:00–10:20	Introduction Boyoung Cha, Director, Office of Cooperation and Networking, International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region Min Kyoung Yun, Programme Specialist, Office of Cooperation and Networking, International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region
10:20–10:40	Presentation of Four Case Studies Kazakhstan Rustam Muzafarov, Vice-Chairman, Kazakhstan National Committee for Intangible Cultural Heritage
10:40–11:00	Kyrgyzstan Cholponai Usubalieva-Gryshchuk, Expert of UNESCO Fund Supported Projects, National Commission for UNESCO
11:00–11:20	Tajikistan Zafardzhon Kholmurodov, Senior Researcher, ICH Center, Research Institute of Culture and Information
11:20–11:40	Uzbekistan Urazali Tashmatov, Head, Department of Traditional Music, State Institute of Arts and Culture



11:40-12:00	Presentation from Regional Perspective Evren Rutbil, Director, International Institute for Central Asian Studies
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	Final Discussion
14:30-16:30	Visit to Madina Kasimbaeva Embroidery workshop