

2022 WORLD FORUM FOR INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Traditional Knowledge, Thoughts and Practices Concerning Nature and Humanity

September 21 ~ 23, 2022 (3 days)
14:00~16:00 (KST)

Over the course of history, humanity has always developed systems of knowledge about natural and social environments and skills and technologies related to everyday life and passed this knowledge down to younger generations. Knowledge, value systems, and customs are living heritage accumulated over generations, and they strengthen social connections, support response to crises, and enable sustainable development. For example, women of the Kikuyu community in Kenya have accumulated knowledge about cultivating and storing a wide range of beans. This knowledge has become a valuable resource buffering the community from the ills of monoculture farming. Samoans use traditional knowledge about the ecological cultivation of pandanus, raw material for textiles, producing eco-friendly textile products that contribute to environmental sustainability. Thus, traditional knowledge as intangible cultural heritage not only contributes to the development of ways of life that ensure the survival and prosperity of the community but also the sustainability of humanity as a whole.

Traditional knowledge is intangible cultural heritage containing the wisdom of humanity that has adapted to changing environments with limited resources. Within intangible cultural heritage, we find production knowledge allowing the community to sustain itself, knowledge on nature and the universe accumulated in the process of adaptation to the ecosystem, and knowledge on traditional medicine to improve human health. Such knowledge covers the full range of the community's values, customs, technologies, rituals, and language. Traditional knowledge as living heritage contributes not only to inclusive economic and social development but also to environmental sustainability, taking humanity to the next stage of progress. However, the value of traditional knowledge has not received the attention it deserves amidst the stunning development of modern science and rapid changes in society. At the 2022 World Forum for Intangible Cultural Heritage, we aim to shine new light on the value of traditional knowledge, which is under siege due to rapid societal developments, through the perspective of intangible cultural heritage. We invite you to join us on this occasion, during which we will share case studies on traditional knowledge from around the world, rediscovering the value and affirming the role of traditional knowledge as intangible cultural heritage in the sustainable development of humanity.

Day 1

Date	Time	Programs	
9.21. (Wed.)	14:00-14:10	Opening Ceremony	Opening Speech Director of the NIHC
			Welcoming Speech Director-General of UNESCO ICHCAP
			Congratulatory Messages UNESCO, Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea, City of Jeonju, etc.
	14:10-14:40	Keynote Presentations	The Values and Significance of Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge as Intangible Cultural Heritage Laurajane Smith Professor and Director of the Centre of Heritage and Museum Studies, Australian National University
			The Role of Traditional Knowledge in Modern Society Kyung-koo Han Secretary-General of Korean National Commission for UNESCO
	14:40-15:40	Session 1: Safeguarding and Transmitting Traditional Knowledge as Intangible Cultural Heritage	
		Presentation 1	Cultural Heritage, Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Rights: An Analysis of the Convention For the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage Paul Kuruk Professor, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University
		Presentation 2	Safeguarding and Transmitting Traditional Knowledge: a Grassroots Perspective on Kenya and the East African Region Lucy Mulenkei Executive Director of the Indigenous Information Network
		Presentation 3	Resource Conservation and Utilization through Indigenous Knowledge in a Tribal Community in Odisha, India Deepak Kumar Behera Vice-Chancellor, Kalinga Institute of Social Science
		Presentation 4	Protecting Traditional Knowledge: Current Approaches and Challenges towards a Sustainable Future Peter Strasser Head of the Center for Cultural Property Protection, University for Continuing Education Krems
15:40-16:00	Panel Discussion		

Day 2

Date	Time	Programs	
9.22. (Thu.)	14:00-14:30	Special Lecture 1	Understanding Traditional Knowledge as Intangible Cultural Heritage Hahn-Sok Wang Professor Emeritus, Seoul National University
	14:30-15:30	Session 2: Traditional Knowledge and Sustainable Water Management	
		Presentation 1	TBD Yama Yoshiyuki Professor of Kwansai Gakuin University
		Presentation 2	Implementation of Tri Hita Karana Philosophy for the Sustainability of the Subak Irrigation System in Bali, Indonesia Wayan Windia Professor and Head of Subak Research Centre, Universitas Udayana
		Presentation 3	The Performance of Water Governance as Cultural Heritage in Peru Michelle Nicholson-Sanz Research Fellow, Leverhulme Trust
	Presentation 4	Indigenous Knowledge of Farming Practices and Water Management in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka K.W.G. Rekha Nianthi Professor, Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya	
	15:30-16:00	Panel Discussion	

Day 3

Date	Time	Programs	
9.23. (Fri.)	14:00-14:30	Special Lecture 2	Beyond Biomedicine: Traditional Medicine as Cultural Heritage John Schofield Professor and Director of Studies in Cultural Heritage Management, University of York
	14:30-15:30	Session 3: Understanding and Developing Traditional Medicine as Traditional Knowledge	
		Presentation 1	Restoring Faith in Native Healing: Guma Yo'ante Zita Pangelinan Co-Founder, Håya Cultural and Heritage Preservation Foundation
		Presentation 2	Traditional Healing Practice in India: Ayurveda as Intangible Cultural Heritage Sanjeev Sharma Director of National Institute of Ayurveda
		Presentation 3	Advances and Challenges in Safeguarding Traditional Medicine in Curacao Richenel Ansano Facilitator for the 2003 UNESCO Convention for Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage
	Presentation 4	Kallawaya: A Secret Language for Medicinal Knowledge David Harrison Associate Professor of Swarthmore College	
	15:30-16:00	Panel Discussion and Closing Ceremony	