

## ICH Meeting Report

Venue	Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO (SLNCU), Ministry of Education, “Isurupaya”.
Date	06.09.2019
Time	10.00 am
Chaired and Welcome Remarks	Mr. Premalal Ratnaweera, Secretary General, SLNCU
Attendants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Sec. of the Min. of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs- Mr. Wijitha Nanda Kumar</li> <li>• Prof. Pandula Endagama</li> <li>• Prof. K.D. Paronavithana</li> <li>• Prof. B.D. Nandadeva</li> <li>• Prof. Devika Jayatilake</li> <li>• Prof. Yasanjali Jayatilake, Head of Dept. of Anthropology, Uni. of Sri J’ Pura</li> <li>• Dr. Danister L. Perera</li> <li>• Ms. Himali Jinadasa, UNESCO Focal Point in New Delhi</li> <li>• Mr. W.Sunil –Director General, National Library and Documentation Services Board</li> <li>• Mr. Udaya Cabral – Assit. Director, National Library and Documentation Services Board</li> <li>• Mr. A.A. Jayantha Jayasiri, Sr. Lecturer</li> <li>• Ms. Buddhika Wijesinghe, Min. of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs</li> </ul> <p><b>(Attendance Sheet attached)</b></p>
Important Points & Areas Discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The S.G. of SLNCU welcomed all committee members presented at the first-ever ICH Meeting held and hosted by the SLNCU which was followed by self- introduction of all the attendees.</li> <li>• The importance of the preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritages in the country was discussed and the regular meeting is being intensely recommended by all the participants.</li> <li>• Forming a National Plan, a National Inventory and safeguarding data related to ICH were suggested and highly recommended by the members.</li> <li>• Sustainability of ICH Committee and its working plans have been encouraged by the members and proposed to proceed with the same scope of work regardless of the changing environment of the advisory body/ Ministry.</li> </ul>

- Cultural Ministry (Min. of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs) was appointed as the Focal Point for ICH related matters.
- Addl . Sec. of the Min. of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs and the S.G. of SLNCU were recommended as the Co-chairs of the ICH Committee enabling to have successful meetings starting from the next gathering.
- Composition of ICH Committee revised and confirmed.( **attached**)
- Prof. Nandadeva requested to collate all files and folders kept in the computers of Cultural Ministry into a single location and this request was accepted by the Addl Sec. of the Min. of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs, Mr. Wijitha Nanda Kumar.
- Committee members urged to request for more funds from the government to safeguard ICH and the participation for the Inter-governmental Committee Meetings to be held in future. Highlighted the importance of the participation of Sri Lankan representatives.
- S.G., SLNCU suggested to request funds from Dalada Maligawa for uplifting the ICH in the country.
- All attendees recommended and approved to prepare a TOR for committee members of ICH.
- Mr. Udaya Cabral, Asst. Director of NLDSB appointed as Convener of the ICH Committee.
- Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Premalal Ratnaweera, S.G. SLNCU.