

IV. Meetings on Intangible Cultural heritage

Annual events organized by the Ministry of National Heritage and Integration

Ministry itself is not an implementing agency rather it is through the professional institutions and departments working under the patronage of the ministry that different events are held. Mostly Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) and Lok Virsa are the agencies which are working on the ICH as their special mandate.

In Feb; 2011 Lok Virsa held a two days national conference on the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage.

And, PNCA held a five days workshop in collaboration with UNESCO on the 2003 Convention of Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage for the governmental organizations of Islamabad.

UNESCO events

Since last year UNESCO office of Islamabad, Pakistan has started a series of workshops for all of the regional cultural departments and agencies to help the relevant sections to better understand the 2003 Convention and its implications. They have already held two such workshops in Islamabad and Lahore (capital of Punjab) and third one is being organized in Peshwar, capital of Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa.

UNESCO also completed cultural mapping of six districts of Pakistan with the help of Norwegian Government