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## **WIPO-UNESCO REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE PROTECTION OF EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE FOR ARAB COUNTRIES**

organized by  
the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

and  
the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

with the assistance of  
the Government of Tunisia

**Tunis, May 25 to 27, 1999**

PROGRAM

*prepared by the International Bureau of WIPO*

Tuesday, May 25, 1999

OPENING SESSION

08:00 – 8:30

Registration

8:30 – 9:05

OPENING ADDRESSES BY THE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
TUNISIA

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE WORLD  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION  
(WIPO)

Mr. Richard Owens, Director, Global Intellectual  
Property Issues Division

OPENING ADDRESS BY THE UNITED  
NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)

Mr. Salah Abada, Chief, Chief of Section, Division  
of Creativity, Cultural Industries and Copyright

9:05 – 9:15

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

WORKING SESSIONS

9:15 – 10:15

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ON THE  
PROTECTION OF EXPRESSIONS OF  
FOLKLORE

Mr. Richard Owens  
Mr. Salah Abada

10:15 – 10:35

**TOPIC 1:**

PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE  
PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND  
PROTECTION OF EXPRESSIONS OF  
FOLKLORE IN ARAB COUNTRIES AND  
ELSEWHERE

**Speaker:**

Professor Ahmed Aly Morsi, Professor of Egyptian  
and Arabic Folklore, Cairo University, Cairo

10:35 – 11:15

Discussion

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

- 11:30 – 11:50                **TOPIC 2:**    OPTIONS FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS
- Speaker:                    Mr. Ousama Mikdadi, Director General, Arab Media Institute, Amman
- 11:50 – 12:30                Discussion
- 12:30 – 15:00                **TOPIC 3:**    NATIONAL EXPERIENCES WITH THE PROTECTION OF EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE
- Speakers:                   National delegations

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

- 08:30 – 9:30                **TOPIC 4:**    THE 1982 MODEL PROVISIONS ON THE PROTECTION OF EXPRESSIONS OF FOLKLORE
- Speakers:                   Mr. Salah Abada  
Mr. Richard Owens
- 9:30 – 10:15                Discussion
- 10:15 – 10:35                **TOPIC 5:**    INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS TOWARDS THE PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE
- Speaker:                    Mr. Ali Hussein Al-Lawati, Director, Department of Plant Production Research, Directorate General of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Muscat
- 10:35 – 11:15                Discussion
- 11:15 – 11:30                Coffee Break

- 11:30 – 12:00      **TOPIC 6:**      USE OF THE EXISTING INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY SYSTEM TO PROTECT FOLKLORE
- Speaker:      Mr. Ousama Mikdadi
- 12:00 – 13:00      Discussion
- 13:00 – 13:20      **TOPIC 7:**      INITIATIVES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION,  
DOCUMENTATION, PROTECTION AND USE  
OF FOLKLORE IN ARAB COUNTRIES: THE  
EXPERIENCE OF TUNISIA
- Speaker:      Dr. Hatem Touil, La Phonothèque Nationale  
Tunisienne, Centre des Musiques Arabes et  
Méditerranéennes, Sidi Bou Saïd
- 13.20 – 14.00      Discussion
- 14:00 – 14:20      **TOPIC 8:**      INITIATIVES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION,  
DOCUMENTATION, PROTECTION AND USE  
OF FOLKLORE IN ARAB COUNTRIES: THE  
EXPERIENCE OF THE GULF COOPERATION  
COUNCIL (G.C.C.) FOLKLORE CENTER
- Speaker:      Ms. Amna R. Al-Hamdan, Head, Research and Field  
Projects Section, The Gulf Cooperation Council  
(G.C.C.) Folklore Center, Doha
- 14:20 – 15:00      Discussion

Thursday, May 27, 1999

- 09:00 – 12:30      INFORMAL DELIBERATIONS BY COUNTRY  
REPRESENTATIVES
- 12:30 – 12:45      Coffee Break
- 12:45 – 13:45      CLOSING

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