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Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions Masterclass

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Manama (Bahrain)



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Course Description

This intensive 1-week course explores the complex world of Traditional Knowledge TK and Traditional Cultural Expressions TCE. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of indigenous wisdom, its importance, and the challenges in preserving and protecting it. The course covers legal frameworks, ethical considerations, and practical strategies for working with TK and TCE.

Learning Objectives

- Understand the concepts and significance of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions
- Explore legal and ethical frameworks for protecting TK and TCE
- Learn documentation and preservation techniques for indigenous wisdom
- Develop strategies for community engagement and benefit-sharing
- Analyze case studies of TK and TCE in various contexts

Course Modules

Day 1: Introduction to TK and TCE

- Defining Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions
- Historical context and importance
- Types of TK and TCE
- Challenges in preservation and protection

Day 2: Legal Frameworks

- International treaties and conventions
- Intellectual property rights and TK/TCE
- Sui generis protection systems
- Case studies in TK/TCE legal disputes

Day 3: Documentation and Preservation

- Ethical considerations in documenting TK/TCE
- Digital preservation techniques
- Community-based documentation projects
- Balancing access and protection



Day 4: Community Engagement and Benefit-sharing

- Principles of free, prior, and informed consent
- Developing community protocols
- Benefit-sharing mechanisms
- Collaborative research models

Day 5: Practical Applications and Future Directions

- TK/TCE in environmental management
- Integration of TK in modern healthcare
- TK/TCE in education and cultural revitalization
- Emerging issues and future challenges

Practical Wins for Participants

- Develop a TK/TCE protection strategy for a case study community
- Create a draft community engagement protocol
- Design a TK documentation project outline
- Formulate policy recommendations for TK/TCE integration in a chosen field

