

UNESCO adopts Saudi Atlas initiative to preserve food methods

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has endorsed Saudi Arabia's Atlas initiative that aims to preserve food methods, according to the Saudi Press Agency.

Saudi Arabia's Culinary Arts Commission developed the initiative, called "The International Food Atlas and Digital Platform for Preserving, Promoting and Transmitting Foodways to Tomorrow's Generations."

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The initiative will be officially launched during the 18th session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Botswana in December.

Cultural heritage plays a vital role in the identity of local communities as it reflects their historical roots and showcases the cultural diversity among different groups.

The initiative is the result of collaborative efforts between the Ministry of Culture, the Saudi Fund at UNESCO, and the Culinary Arts Commission. Together, they aim to establish a digital platform in partnership with UNESCO.

The platform will facilitate the registration of traditional foods from local communities in member states, following the principles and standards outlined by the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The ultimate goal is to share and disseminate the Kingdom's experience in documenting traditional foods, customs, and practices, making it accessible to member states.