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## A DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH MALI



### INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF EXPERTS ON THE SAFEGUARDING OF MALI'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

*UNESCO Headquarters, Room XII  
Paris, France*

#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 18 February 2013	
<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY: WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Ms Irina Bokova</b>, UNESCO Director-General</p> <p><b>Ms Aurélie Filippetti</b>, Minister of Culture and Communication of France</p> <p><b>Mr Bruno Maïga</b>, Minister of Culture of Mali</p> <p><b>H. E. Mr Solomon Jason Mbuzi</b>, Chairperson of UNESCO Africa Group and Ambassador Permanent Delegate of Zambia to UNESCO</p>
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	<p><b>FIRST SESSION: STATUS OF MALI'S CULTURAL HERITAGE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Damage to the rich and unique cultural heritage of Mali</b> Mr Ali Ould Sidi, Chief of Timbuktu Cultural Mission, Ministry of Culture, Mali</li> <li>• <b>Impact on the preservation of manuscripts</b> Mr Abdoukadre Idrissa Maïga, General Director of the Ahmed Baba Institute of Higher Learning and Islamic Research in Timbuktu, Mali</li> <li>• <b>Impact on the preservation of cultural objects</b> Mr Samuel Sidibe, Director of National Museum of Mali</li> <li>• <b>Discussants</b> Mr Abdel Kader Haidara, Director of Mama Haidara Manuscripts Library Ms Kirsti Kovanen, Secretary-General of ICOMOS Mr Stefano De Caro, Director –General of ICCROM Ms Christiane Baryla, Representative of IFLA Mr Luis Monreal, General Manager of Aga Khan Trust for Culture</li> </ul>

<p><b>14:30 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>SECOND SESSION: UNESCO AND ITS PARTNERS STRATEGIC RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overview of actions carried-out by UNESCO</b> Mr Lazare Eloundou, Chief of the Africa Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Centre</li> <li>• <b>Action undertaken by the Government of Mali</b> Mr Klessigue Sanogo, Director for Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture, Mali</li> <li>• <b>Actions undertaken by the Government of France</b> H.E. Mr Daniel Rondeau, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of France to UNESCO</li> <li>• <b>Discussants</b> Mr Hamady Bocoum, Director of Cultural Heritage of Senegal Mr Samuel Kidiba, Director-General of Heritage and Archives of Congo Mr Souayibou Varissou, Head of Programmes for the African World Heritage Fund Mr Yves Dauge, France-UNESCO Convention Mr Julien Anfruns, Director-General of ICOM, and President of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) Mr Thierry Joffroy, President of CRAterre-ENSAG</li> </ul>
<p><b>15:30 – 17:00</b></p>	<p><b>THIRD SESSION: ACTION PLAN FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Draft Action Plan</b> Mr Kishore Rao, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre Mr Janis Karklins, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Communication &amp; Information</li> <li>• <b>Discussants</b> Mr Komlan Agbo, Director of Culture of West African Monetary and Economic Union Mr Bruno Favel, Ministry of Culture and Communication, France Ms Alida Boye, Advisor to Norway Embassy in Bamako, Norway Mr Alexio Motsi, Head of the National Library, South Africa (<i>tbc</i>) Ms Adele Cesi, Ministry for Cultural Properties and Activities of Italy Mr Baba Keita, Director of the School of African Heritage (EPA)</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:00 – 17:20</b></p>	<p><b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Mr Daniel Rondeau</b>, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of France to UNESCO <b>Mr Francesco Bandarin</b>, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture</p>
<p><b>17:20 – 17:30</b></p>	<p><b>CLOSING: THE WAY FORWARD</b></p> <p><b>Mr Bruno Maïga</b>, Minister of Culture of Mali</p>