

Heritage and Cultural Diversity at Risk in Iraq and Syria

Wednesday, 3 December 2014

UNESCO House, Room II, 125 Avenue de Suffren, 75007 Paris

Setting the Stage (14:30-15:30 pm)

Introduction by Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

- Mr Staffan de Mistura, UN Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria
- Mr Nikolay Mladenov, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq
- Hon. Sheikh Humam Hamoudi, First Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Iraq
- Ms Emily Rafferty, President, The Metropolitan Museum

Cultural Cleansing – Cultural Diversity under Attack (15:30-16:30 pm)

Panel Discussion followed by Q&A

Session Chair: H.E. Ambassador Pierre Morel, Director, Observatoire Pharos

Panelists (5 minutes statements followed by a discussion)

- Mr Adama Dieng, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide
- Prof Homi K. Bhabha, Director of the Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University
- Dr Antonella Caruso, Director, UN DPA Middle East and Western Asia Division
- H.E. Prof Adnan Badran, Representative of H.R.H. El-Hassan Bin Talal, Jordan

Protecting Cultural Heritage in Iraq and Syria : a Security Imperative (16:30-17:30 pm)

Panel Discussion followed by Q&A

Session Chair: Mr Benjamin Goes, Chair, 1954 UNESCO Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict

Panelists (5 minutes statements followed by a discussion)

- Prof Dr Markus Hilgert, Director, Ancient Middle East Museum Berlin
- Prof Dr Maamoun Abdulkarim, General Director of Antiquities, Syria
- Dr Richard Kurin, Under Secretary for History, Art, and Culture, Smithsonian Institution
- Ms Gautier, Expert, Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team - 1267 Committee, UN Security Council

Conclusion by UNESCO Representative

Special Guests

- H.E. Ambassador Ali Al Tarrah, Permanent Delegate of Kuwait to UNESCO
- Ms Julie Tenenbaum, Regional Legal Adviser at ICRC mission for Europe, Paris
- Dr Kathryn Spellman Poots, Associate Professor, Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations
- Mr Jonathan N. Tubb, Keeper, Middle East Department, The British Museum
- Mme Béatrice André-Salvini, Director, Oriental Antiquities Department, Musée du Louvre
- Mr Lakhdar Brahimi, former UN Special Envoy for Syria
- H.E. Ambassador Boutros Assaker, Permanent Delegate of the League of Arab States to UNESCO
- Mr Nadim Karkutli, Head of Operations, EU Delegation to Syria
- Dr Michael Danti, co-Director, ASOR Syrian Heritage Initiative
- Mr Bertrand du Vignaud, President, World Monuments Fund France
- Ms Alessandra Peruzzetto, World Monuments Fund
- Ms Annika Magnusson, Secretary-General, Cultural Heritage Without Borders
- Mr Marc Lebeau, Syrian Heritage in Danger - International Research Initiative and Network (SHIRIN)
- Ms Julia Brungs, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)
- Mr Gaozhang Zhu, Director of Compliance and Facilitation, World Custom Organization (WCO)
- Ms Anne-Catherine Robert-Hauglustaine, Director-General, International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- Mr Samir Abdulac, Vice President, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) France
- Ms Flora van Regteren Altena, Chair, Meeting of the State Parties to the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property
- Mr Mauricio Escanero, Chair, Subsidiary Committee of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property
- Mr Daniel Rondeau, United Nations University Representative to UNESCO
- Mr Fabrizio Panone, Criminal Intelligence Officer, Works of Art Unit, INTERPOL
- Prof Shmuel Moreh, Chairman, Association of Jewish Academics from Iraq
- Mr Antoni Yalap, Chairman, Comité de Soutien aux Chrétiens d'Irak (CSCI)
- Mr Surik Safoyan, Chairman, Union des Yezidis en France
- Mr Kendal Nezan, Chairman, Fondation Institut Kurde de Paris
- Mr Marc Knobel, Directeur des Etudes, Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France (CRIF)
- Ms Christa Meindersma, Director, Prince Claus Fund
- Ms Lyn Julius, Founder, Harif: UK Association of Jews from the Middle East and North Africa
- Ms Elizabeth Decrey Warner, President, Geneva Call
- Mr Philippe Leclerc, UNHCR Representative in France and Monaco
- Dr Hillary Wiesner, Director of Programmes, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID)
- Mr Yousif Al-Khoei, Executive Director, Al-Khoei Foundation
- Mr Hosham Dawood, Researcher, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)
- Mr Bakhtiar Amin, President, Foundation for the Future