

**International Conference**  
**"The fight against illicit trafficking in cultural property: for a strengthened global dialogue"**

in partnership with the European Union

**14 September 2021, 12:00 to 18:00 (CET), online**

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**Draft programme**

**Opening**

- 12:00 – 12:30** – **Opening speeches**
- Moderator: Catherine Fiankan-Bokonga (France 24 correspondent)
- Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO
  - Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President of the European Commission
  - Angela Martins, Representative of the African Union Commission
- Introduction**
- Ernesto Ottone R., Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO

**Panel 1 - Considering regional priorities  
in the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property**

- 12:30 – 14 :00** – **Discussions between 6 panellists:**
- Moderator: Catherine Fiankan-Bokonga (France 24 correspondent)
- George Abungu, Archaeologist, Emeritus Director-General National Museums of Kenya
  - Alejandro Celorio Alcantara, Legal Advisor to the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
  - Maged Mosleh, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for International Specialized Agencies, Egypt
  - Roberto Riccardi, Brigadier General, Commander of the Carabinieri for the protection of Cultural Heritage, Italy
  - Dayan Wen, Deputy Director General of the Department of Foreign Affairs, National Cultural Heritage Administration, China
  - Mamadu Jao, Commissioner for Education, Science and Culture, ECOWAS



<b>Panel 2 - Due diligence of professionals in the fight against the trafficking of cultural property</b>	
<b>14 :00 - 15 :30</b>	<p>Moderator: Tom Mashberg (New York Times newspaper)</p> <p><b>Discussions between 6 panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kate Fitz Gibbon, Editor of "Cultural Property News"</li> <li>• Alexandre Giquello, President of Drouot Patrimoine, France</li> <li>• Alessia di Gregorio, Deputy Head of Unit "Proximity, Social Economy &amp; Creative Industries", DG Grow, European Commission</li> <li>• Laith M. Hussein, Deputy Minister of Culture, Head of the National Commission for Antiquities and Heritage, General Director of Museums Directorate, Iraq</li> <li>• Emmanuel Kasarhérou, President of Quai Branly–Jacques Chirac Museum, France</li> <li>• Marina Schneider, Principal Legal Officer and Treaty Depository of UNIDROIT</li> </ul>
<b>Panel 3 - Challenges regarding new technologies in the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property</b>	
<b>15 :30 – 17 :00</b>	<p>Moderator: Tom Mashberg (New York Times newspaper)</p> <p><b>Discussions between 6 panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrado Catesi, Coordinator, Works of Art Unit, Interpol</li> <li>• Marcelo El Haibe, Head of the Cultural Heritage Protection Department of the Federal Police, Argentina</li> <li>• Vincent Michel, Archaeologist and Orientalist, Professor at University of Poitiers</li> <li>• Henri Paul, President of the French Auction Market Authority, Conseil des ventes volontaires de meubles aux enchères publiques</li> <li>• Katie Paul, Co-founder of the ATHAR Project</li> <li>• Wolfgang Weber, Global Head of Regulatory Policy, eBay</li> </ul>
<b>Closing panel – Setting a common agenda of priorities In the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property</b>	
<b>17 :00 – 18 :00</b>	<p>Moderator: Catherine Fiankan-Bokonga (France 24 correspondent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director, Culture and Emergencies, UNESCO</li> <li>• H. E. Véronique Roger-Lacan, Ambassador of France to UNESCO</li> <li>• Ramiro Silva Rivera, Minister Counselor, Charge d'Affaires of the Permanent Delegation of Peru to UNESCO</li> <li>• Evelyn Cancino Centurion, Director of Recoveries of the Ministry of Culture of Peru</li> </ul> <p><b>Wrap-up and closing by Ernesto Ottone R., Assistant Director-General for Culture of UNESCO and representative of the European Union, Catherine Magnant, Head of Cultural Policy Unit, European Commission</b></p>