



Empowerment of civil society for the protection of cultural heritage in conflict and post-conflict areas

“Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Libya”

Date:	3 - 4 March 2022
Time:	10:30 – 16:30 CET time zone (+01:00 GMT)
Location:	Virtual Zoom Platform
Moderator(s):	Heritage for Peace Organization
Registration link:	https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkfuigqzkuHdyMm7IHsvdceJmNQx7xmCMr

Abstract

This conference will present the Arab Network of Civil Society Organizations to Safeguard Cultural Heritage (ANSCH) projects concerning safeguarding cultural heritage resources in the Arab region, as well as negotiating challenges and opportunities facing emerging civil society organizations (CSOs) in wartime. Representatives of civil society organizations from Libya, Yemen, Iraq, and Syria will speak about their experiences in protecting cultural heritage in conflict and post-conflict zones. They will present scenarios of challenges and opportunities they encounter in protecting heritage. Furthermore, Heritage for Peace will discuss issues related to finished ANSCH projects, ANSCH’s future plans, needs assessment and potential support to the participants. Funding agencies and experts in the field of heritage preservation will contribute to the conference by giving support and further recommendations.

Note: Sessions will be held in English and translations in Arabic will be available.



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First day **Thursday** **03.03.2022** **CET time zone (+01:00 GMT)**

Welcome and opening

Presenting the conference agenda, ANSCH's projects, working methods and logistics

Chair: Isber Sabrine, Heritage for Peace (H4P) 10:30 – 10:45

Plenary sessions

Speakers from Yemen

Moderator: Asmhan Allalas

Salma Samar Damluji, Daw'an Architecture Foundation 10:45 – 11:00

Asmhan Allalas, Cultural Heritage and civil society in Aden 11:00 – 11:15

Fares Al-Towaity, YKRB Foundation for Heritage, Culture and Development 11:15 – 11:30

Warda Aljaradi, Rose Organization for Heritage and Development 11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break 11:45 – 12:00

Speakers from Libya

Moderator: to be decided

Abdelhafed Faraj Elmsalaty, Libyan Association for Heritage and Archaeology 12:00 – 12:15

Abdulmotaleb S. Abosalem, Tripoli Heritage Foundation 12:15 – 12:30

Ahmad A. F. Abdulkariem, World heritage union of the five Libyan municipalities (WHU5LM) 12:30 – 12:45

Kasem Yosha, Ghadames Society for Heritage and Manuscripts 12:45 – 13:00

Group discussion: questions and answers 13:00 – 13:15



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Lunch break	13:15 – 14:15
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Needs Assessment

Presenting gaps, and assessment of needs

Chair: Isber Sabrine, Yousef Awad, and Rene Teijgeler, Heritage for Peace (H4P)

14:15 – 14:30

Funding agencies

Moderator: Juan José Ibáñez

Vanessa Fraga Prol, Prince Claus Fund, Cultural Emergency Response 14:30 – 14:45

Alexandra Fiebig, International Alliance for the protection of cultural heritage in conflict areas (ALIPH) 14:45 – 15:00

Stephanie Grant, Cultural Protection Fund, British Council, UK 15:00 – 15:15

Coffee Break	15:15 – 15:30
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Keynote speakers

HRH Princess Dana Firas, UNESCO Goodwill ambassador and President of Petra

National Trust, Jordan 15:30 – 15:45

Naseer Shamma, Maestro & Oud Master, UNESCO artist for Peace 15:45 – 16:00

Wrap up Day 1

Chair: Isber Sabrine, Heritage for Peace (H4P)

16:00 – 16:30



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Second day Friday 04.03.2022 CET time zone (+01:00 GMT)

Welcoming and introduction

Chair: Isber Sabrine, Heritage for Peace (H4P) 10:30 – 10:45

Plenary sessions

Speakers from Syria

Moderator: Michael AL-Maqdissi

Mohamad Helal, Rafekatuna Project - Protection of Heritage in Raqqa 10:45 – 11:00

Lamis Bakjaji, Deir Az-Zor Heritage Library 11:00 – 11:15

Hasan Ali, Palmyrene Voices Initiative 11:15 – 11:30

Abdalrhman Alyhia, Syrian Center for Heritage Protection (Idlib) 11:30 – 11:45

Coffee break 11:45 – 12:00

Speakers from Iraq

Moderator: Jaafer Jotheri

Amer Abdalrazaq, Dhi Qar Antiquities Department 12:00 – 12:15

Saker Maan Alzakaria (Byatuna institution), Ayoob Thanoon (Mosul Heritage Organization) and Omar Jassam (University of Mosul) 12:15 – 12:45

Rashad Salim, Safina Projects 12:45 - 13:00

Lunch break 13:00 – 14:00



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Lessons learned

Moderator: Isber Sabine

Connections and relationships between applicants and donors: how funded projects will be implemented on the ground

14:00 – 14:30

Daniel Head, Cultural Protection Fund

Alexandra Fiebig, ALIPH

Vanessa Fraga Prol, Prince Claus Fund: Cultural Emergency Response

Practical recommendations from international heritage experts **Moderator:** René Teijgeler

Expert discussion: Challenges and Opportunities

Evangelos Kyriakidis, the Heritage Management Organization 14:30 – 14:45

Aparna Tandon, Senior Programme Leader, First Aid and Resilience for Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis, Digital Heritage 14:45 – 15:00

Birthe Hemeier, Looting from Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Libya 15:00– 15: 15

Stephane Ipert, Qatar National Library, Manuscripts protection in Arab region 15:15 – 15:30

Xavier Casanovas, RehabiMed Orgnization 15:30 –15:45

Coffee break 15:45 – 16:00

Group discussion 16:00– 16:15

A vision to foster ANSCH

Presenting ANSCH's proposal by Isber Sabine 16:15 – 16:30

Open plenary discussion 16:30 – 16:45



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Wrap up Day 2

Chair: Isber Sabine, Heritage for Peace (H4P)

16:45 – 17:00



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