



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

“Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Palestine, Sudan, Lebanon and Libya”

Date:	28-29/05/2025
Time:	13:00 – 19:00 CET time zone (+01:00 GMT)
Location:	Virtual Zoom Platform
Moderator(s):	Heritage for Peace Organization
Registration link:	https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pa872k9SQDiTr-Y8um27Tw

Abstract

This conference will highlight the work of the Arab Network of Civil Society Organizations to Safeguard Cultural Heritage (ANSCH), showcasing its efforts to protect cultural heritage across the Arab region. It will focus on the experiences of civil society organizations in conflict-affected countries, with contributions from Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, and Sudan. Experts and funding agencies will also provide insights and recommendations. Heritage for Peace will present ANSCH's past projects and future strategies. The event will share findings from a recent survey assessing the needs and challenges of CSOs working in heritage protection, aiming to foster dialogue, partnerships, and capacity building in times of crisis and recovery.

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



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First day	Wednesday	28.05.2025	13:00-19:00 PM time zone (+01:00 GMT)
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Welcome and opening

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

Chair: Isber Sabrine, Heritage for Peace (H4P)

13:00 – 13:10

Plenary sessions

Speakers from Syria

13:10– 15:10

Dr. Anas Zaidan, Director of DGAM in Syria

13:10– 13:20

Eyad Ghanem, Friends of Museums and Archaeological Sites Association

13:20 -13:30

Luna Rajab, ICOMOS Syria

13:30-13:40

Khaled Alfaham, Syrian for Built Heritage Association
Ayman al-Nabou, Idlib Antiquities Center

13:40 – 13:50

13:50 – 14:00

Dr.Mahmoud Almasri, The Syrian Association for Preservation of Archaeology and Heritage

14:00 – 14:10

Thuraya Zureik , Sour Society

14:10 – 14:20

Mouhammad Hilal, Rafekatuna initiative (an initiative of Heritage for Peace)

14:20 – 14:30

Mohammad Abood Alkadro, Hiropolis initiative (an initiative of Heritage for Peace)

14:30- 14:40

Hasan Ali, Palmyrene Voices (an initiative of Heritage for Peace)

14:40– 14:50

Ristam Abdo, Orient Association for the Protection of Syrian Heritage

14:50 – 15:00

Lama Aboud, Turathuna Foundation

15:00 – 15:10



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Coffee Break

15:10– 15:20

Speakers from Palestine

15:20 – 16:10

Jihad Yaseen, General Director of Excavations and Museums in Palestine

15:20 – 15:30

Tahani Youssef Ghayyad, Mayasem Association for Culture and Arts

15:30 – 15:40

Fadel Alotel , Première Urgence International, Inteqal

15:40 – 15:50

Issam Juha Centre for Cultural Heritage Preservation - CCHP

15:50– 16:00

Shatha Safi, Riwaq- centre for architectural conservation

16: 00– 16:10

Speakers from Lebanon

16:10 – 16:50

Sarkis El-Khoury, Director General of Heritage and Archaeology in Lebanon (TBC)

16:10– 16:20

Mohammed Ayoub, Founder and director of NAHNOO

16:20– 16:30

Joanne Farchakh Bajjaly, Director of Biladi NGO

16:30– 16:40

Alia Fares, Founder and Director of Heritage Education Program

16:40– 16:50

Coffee Break

16:50– 17:10



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Needs Assessment of Civil Society Organizations

Presenting gaps, and assessment of needs

17:10– 17:25

Presentation: Isber Sabrine and Mariam Abdullatif, Heritage for Peace (H4P)

Funding agencies

Moderator: Gaiane Casnati

Freddie Thomson, Cultural Emergency Response	17:25– 17:40
Representative from International Alliance for the protection of cultural heritage in conflict areas (ALIPH). (TBC)	17:40– 17:45
Stephanie Grant, Cultural Protection Fund, British Council, UK	17:45– 18:00
Will Raynold, Program Director of Heritage Conservation Program	18:00 -18:15
Martin Perschler , Director of U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation	18:15 – 18:30

- Jeanne Crampett, Project Coordinator of the Heritage Protection, ICOM 18:30 – 18:45

Wrap up Day 1

- Professor Juan José Ibáñez, Spanish National Research Council 18:45 – 19:00
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Second day Thursday 29.05.2025 1:00-19:00 CET time zone (+01:00 GMT)

Welcoming and introduction

Isber Sabrine, The Milá and Fontanals Institute for Humanities Research (CSIC), Heritage for Peace
13:00 – 13:10

Plenary sessions

Speakers from Libya 13:10– 14:00

Dr.Saleh Alqab Abdulah, Ambassador of Libya to UNESCO 13:10– 13:20

Dr.Ahmed Issa Farag, Rpresentive of Heritage Authority in Libya 13:20– 13:30

Yassin Saeed Abdullah, Apollonia Organization for Heritage and Culture 13:30– 13:40

Kasem Yosha, Ghadames Association for Heritage and Manuscripts 13:40 – 13:50

Dr. Muhammad Omar Abd Rabbo, Pentapolis Heritage Organization 13:50 – 14:00

Speakers from Iraq 14:00 – 14:50

Dr. Jafar Aljotheri, Alqadisyha University (TBC) 14:00 -14:10

Ali Rahim Al-Jubouri, Sumerian Descendants Team 14:10– 14:20

Omar Jassam Fadel, Lamassu Cultural Organization 14:20– 14:30

Baraa Yasir Hamza, Mosul Heritage 14:30 – 14:40

Saqr, BytnaFoundation for Culture, Arts and Heritage 14:40– 14:50

Coffee Break 14:50 – 15:00



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Speakers from Yemen	15:00 – 16:00
Dr.Mohamad Jumei , Ambassador of Yemen to UNESCO	15:00 – 15:10
	15:10 – 15:20
Ramzi AL-Doumini, Director of Museums at Directorate of Heritage in Taiz	
Mazen Sharif, Aden Again	15:20 – 15:30
Yasser Hashem Alhiagi , Yemeni Center for Heritage and Tourism (MYTS)	15:30 – 15:40
Anis Yasser Ghilan , Waey organization for heritage and development	15:40 – 15:50
Ahmed Karama Saleh Bahmala, Al-Ranad Foundation for Cultural	15:50 – 16:00
 Speakers from Sudan	 16:00 – 16:50
	16:00– 16:10
Dr.Ghalia Jar Alnabi, Director General of National Corporation for Antiquities and Museums (NCAM).	
	16:10- 16:20
Dr.Ikhlās Abdulatif, Director of Museums at NCAM	
Dr.Salah Mohamed Ahmed, Former Director General of NCAM	16:20-16:30
Dr.Ismail Alnour, Sudan Heritage Protection Initiative	16:30-16:40
Dr.Artur Obluski, University of Warsaw, Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, Director (TBC)	16:40 – 16:50
Coffee Break	16:50 – 17:00





Practical recommendations from International Institutions

Moderator: Xavier Casanovas

Expert discussion: Challenges and Opportunities **17:00 - 18:20**

Dr. Emma Cunliffe, Blue Shield International 17:00 –17:10

17:10– 17:20

Richard Dwerryhouse, Turquoise Mountain

Kristen Hopper, EAMENA project 17:20– 17:30

17:30-17:40

Dr. Imad Sawla, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization

17:40-17:50

Dr-Bilel chebi , Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)

Represented of Europa Nostra Hub in the Mediterranean 17:50-18:00

Darren Ashby, Director of Heritage initiative at ASOR 18:00-18:10

Muhsen Albawab, Petra National Trust 18:10 – 18:20

Group discussion

18:20- 19:00

Presenting ANSCH's future proposal to empower Civil Society Organizations

Open plenary discussion



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