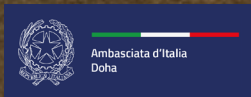




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The 4th Doha Conference on Combating
the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property

Crisis Preparedness and Cultural Heritage Protection: Prevention to Recovery

21 - 24 September 2025

Location: Auditorium, Second Floor, Qatar National Library, Doha

Day One: 21 September 2025

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration, Networking & Coffee
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Opening Ceremony: Welcome Remarks and Greetings from the Organizers
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Session 1: A Cultural Crisis: Case Studies of Illicit Antiquities and the Potential for Capacity-Building in the Middle East Dr. Christos Tsirogiannis , Head of Research on Illicit Antiquities, UNESCO Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage, Ionian University, Greece
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Networking & Refreshment Break
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Session 2: ICOM Ethical Standards, Institutional Guidelines and Tools for the Protection of Cultural Property Ms. Sophie Delepierre , Head of Heritage Protection Department, International Council of Museums (ICOM)
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Session 3: Cultural Heritage as a Tool for Political Stability Mr. Abdullatif Al-Jasmi , Director of Cultural Heritage Protection, Qatar Museums
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Session 4: The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention: A Legal Tool to Strengthen Crisis Response and the Recovery of Cultural Property Ms. Marina Schneider , Principal Legal Officer and Treaty Depository, UNIDROIT
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Session 5: The Protection of Cultural Heritage in the Event of Armed Conflict: A Critical Assessment of the International Legal Framework Dr. Alessandro Chechi , Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, Catholic University of Lille; Expert in Cultural Heritage Law and Policy
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Session 6: Cultural Heritage Protection in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Implementing the 1954 and 1970 Conventions Ms. Alaa Otain , Team Lead, UNESCO Conventions, Heritage Commission
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Open Discussion

Day Two: 22 September 2025

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Networking & Coffee
9:00 – 9:45 AM	<p>Session 7:</p> <p>Risk Assessment and Mapping of Cultural Assets</p> <p>Dr. Katharyn Hanson, Head of Research, Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative, Smithsonian Institution</p>
9:45 – 10:15 AM	<p>Session 8:</p> <p>AI-Driven Methods for Cultural Property Protection: Prevention, Monitoring, and Awareness</p> <p>Dr. Dante Abate, Researcher, ERATOSTHENES Centre of Excellence, Limassol, Cyprus</p>
10:15 – 10:45 AM	<p>Session 9:</p> <p>Scientific Documentation of Cultural Heritage Assets: A Tool for Prevention and Proactive Protection</p> <p>Dr. Fathi Jarray, Professor, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, University of Tunis</p>
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Networking & Refreshment Break
11:15 – 11:55 AM	<p>Session 10:</p> <p>The Lioness of Guennol: A Paradigmatic Investigation into the Illicit Trade in Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Prof. Marco Ramazzotti, Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology and Art History, Sapienza University of Rome, Department of Sciences of Antiquity</p>
11:55 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Session 11:</p> <p>Cultural Diplomacy and the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Crises: The Example of France</p> <p>Mr. Olivier Rouzeau, Policy Advisor for Cultural Heritage, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p>
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 – 2:15 PM	<p>Session 12:</p> <p>Reforming Cultural Heritage Laws for Modern Challenges and Regional Collaboration: The Caribbean Nations as an Example</p> <p>Prof. Ryan Rowberry, Janice C. Griffith Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law</p>

2:15 – 2:50 PM	Session 13: Fostering Integrated Cultural Heritage Protection: Launching an International Forum and Intersectoral Education Approach Dr. Zaki Aslan , Advisor, Culture Sector, Department of Culture and Tourism, Abu Dhabi; Professor of Practice, American University of Sharjah
2:50 – 3:30 PM	Session 14: Protecting Yemen’s Cultural Heritage: Challenges, Realities and the Urgent Need for Action Dr. Yasser Hashem Alhiagi , Associate Professor of Heritage Management at King Saud University, and Expert Consultant on the Protection of Yemeni Cultural Heritage
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Open Discussion
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Visit to the National Museum of Qatar

Day Three: 23 September 2025

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Networking & Coffee
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Session 15: Strategic Risk Management Approach for Cultural Heritage Ms. Aparna Tandon , Senior Programme Leader and Coordinator for Disaster Risk Management, ICCROM
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Session 16: Comprehensive Procedures of First Aid Response for Cultural Heritage in Disaster Times Mr. Abdelhamid Salah Al-Sharief , Chairperson, Egyptian Heritage Rescue Foundation
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Networking & Refreshment Break
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Session 17: The Role of INTERPOL in Protecting Cultural Heritage During Crises Mr. Tiziano Coiro , Head of Works of Art Unit, Criminal Networks Sub-Directorate, INTERPOL

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Session 18: The Role of U.S. Law Enforcement in Protecting Global Cultural Heritage Mr. Jacob Archer , Special Agent, FBI Art Crime Team
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Session 19: Transforming Cultural Heritage Inventories: The Cultural Heritage At Risk Database and Tools Against the Illicit Mr. Will Korner , Founder & Chair, Cultural Heritage At Risk Database (CHARD Foundation)
12:30 – 1:30PM	Lunch Break
1:30 – 2:15 PM	Session 20: The French Approach to Combating Trafficking in Looted Archaeological Artefacts: Feedback and Sharing of Best Practices Ms. Estelle Stamm , Deputy Head, OCBC (Central Office for Fight Against Traffic of Cultural Goods), French National Directorate of Judicial Police
2:15 – 2:40 PM	Session 21: Object Identification and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration: The Role of the Cultural Property Experts On Call Program (CPEOC) in the Recovery of Trafficked Cultural Property Ms. Kayla Kane , Associate Director of Programs, Penn Cultural Heritage Center, University of Pennsylvania Museum
2:40 – 3:10 PM	Session 22: Civil Society Organizations and the Development of the Emergency Response System for Cultural Heritage in Conflict Areas Dr. Isber Sabrine , Senior Researcher, Milá and Fontanals Institute for Humanities Research (CSIC); President, Heritage for Peace
3:10 – 3:40 PM	Session 23: Crisis Preparedness in Museums: From Prevention to Response Dr. Ech Cherki Dahmali , President, Arab Regional Alliance of Museums – ICOM Arab; Member, Advisory Council & Strategic Plan Committee, ICOM
3:40 – 4:00 PM	Open Discussion
7:30 – 10:30 PM	Conference Dinner

Day Four: 24 September 2025

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Networking & Coffee
9:00 – 9:45 AM	<p>Session 24:</p> <p>UNESCO’s Efforts for the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Sudan Amid the Conflict, Including a Presentation of UNESCO’s Emergency Action Plan for Sudan and its Fight Against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Properties</p> <p>Mr. Junaid Sorosh-Wali, Head of UNESCO Office in Sudan</p>
9:45 – 10:30 AM	<p>Session 25:</p> <p>The Legal and Legislative Framework in Egypt: A Key Tool for Recovering Looted Cultural Property from Abroad</p> <p>Dr. Shaaban Abdelgawad, Head, Central Administration for Ports, Seized Antiquities and Repatriated Artifacts, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Egypt</p>
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Networking & Refreshment Break
11:00 – 11:30 AM	<p>Session 26:</p> <p>From Rubble to Revival: Community Response for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Post-Conflict Mosul</p> <p>Mr. Ayooob Yunus, President, Mosul Heritage Foundation</p>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>Session 27:</p> <p>Yemen Cultural Heritage Protection Program: Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of Yemen Cultural Heritage Property – Creating a Sustainable Yemeni Anti-Trafficking Law Enforcement Unit</p> <p>Dr. Zaid Zaydoon, Senior Cultural Heritage Adviser, Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC)</p>
12:00 – 12:30 PM	<p>Session 28:</p> <p>Supporting Heritage in Times of Crisis: CER’s Role, Impact, and Pathways to Collaboration</p> <p>Ms. Romana Delaporte, Project Coordinator, Cultural Emergency Response</p>
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break

1:30 – 2:10 PM	Session 29: Researching Provenance of Ancient Coins at the Bibliothèque nationale de France: Due Diligence and Actions Dr. Vincent Drost, Curator of Roman and Iron Age Coins, Bibliothèque nationale de France
2:10 – 2:50 PM	Session 30: Provenance Research and Museums: the Role of Curators in Documenting the Collection and its History Mr. Maxence Garde, Curator, Antiquities Collection, Calouste Gulbenkian Museum, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
2:50 – 3:30 PM	Final Remarks: Mr. Maxim Nasra, Head of Preservation and Conservation, Qatar National Library
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Final Networking & Coffee Break

Opening Session MC

Ikhlas Ahmad, Engagement Specialist, Distinctive Collections, Qatar National Library

Sessions Chairpersons

- Ahmad Naddaf, Programs Specialist, National Collections and Special Initiatives, Qatar National Library
- Dana Al Ghafri, Director of General Collection, Qatar Museums
- Dr. Eiman AlShamari, Head of National Collection, National Collections and Special Initiatives, Qatar National Library & Manager of IFLA MENA Regional Office
- Maxim Nasra, Head of Preservation and Conservation, Qatar National Library
- Tan Huism, Executive Director of Qatar National Library