



Supporting Documentary Heritage Preservation in the Arab Region

1 – 2 December 2019
Qatar National Library, Doha, Qatar

Conference Program

1 December 2019

Opening remarks

9:00 – 9:15 AM

- *Dr. Sohair Wastawy, Executive Director, Qatar National Library*
- *Dr. Anna Paolini, UNESCO Representative to the Gulf States and Yemen*

Keynote

9:15 – 9:45 AM

- *Christine Mackenzie, President, IFLA*
- *Saif Mohammed Al-Ashkar, Secretary-General, Mosul University Libraries, Iraq*

Documentary Heritage Fostering the SDGs: Advocating for Access to Information

9:45 – 10:30 AM (Panel discussion)

Moderator: Aysha Al Ansari, Head of Heritage Collections, Qatar National Library.

- *Christine Mackenzie, President, IFLA*
- *Dr. Fackson Banda, Head, UNESCO Memory of the World Programme*
- *Stephane Ipert, Director, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library*

Coffee break

10:30 – 11:00 AM

What is the Status of Documentary Heritage Preservation in the Arab Region?

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Panel discussion)

Moderator: Hazem Jamjoum, Gulf Audio Curator and Cataloguer, British Library Qatar Foundation Partnership Project

- *Dr. Ibrahim Osman, Director, Sudan National Library*
- *Dr. Alaa Abu Al Hassan Al Allaq, Director, Iraq National Library and Archives*
- *Dr. Nidal Mohammed Al Ahmad, Director, National Library of Jordan*

- *Gelnar Atoui, Executive Director, Lebanon National Library*
- *Sidi Ould Habib, Director, Mauritania National Library*
- *Wael Al-Roomi, Manager, Arabic Heritage Department, National Library of Kuwait*
- *Dr Mohammed El Ferrane, Director, Morocco National Library*

UNESCO-Qatar National Library Project: Presentation of Survey Report and Experiences

12:00 – 1:15 PM (Presentation by *Nada Itani*, followed by panel discussion)

Moderator: Maxim Nasra, Specialist, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library

- *Marion Desmurger, Senior Programme Assistant, UNESCO*
- *Dr. Nada Itani, Director, Daralhayat Information Centre, Lebanon*
- *Dr. Saleem Zoughbi, Consultant, Palestine*
- *Dr. M'hammed Moulay, Professor at Adrar University, Algeria*
- *Dr Ridha Tlili, Director, Fondation Ahmed Tlili, Tunisia*

Lunch break

1:15 – 2:30 PM

Introducing the Declaration to Support Preservation of Documentary Heritage in the Arab Region

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Disaster Risk Prevention and Response: Focus on Countries in Conflict

2:45 – 4:15 PM (Presentations)

Moderator: Nil Baidar

- *Jeanne Drewes, Chairperson, IFLA Preservation and Conservation Committee, US*
- *Amar Hussein, Technical Support Manager, Library and House of Manuscripts of Al-Abbas Holy Shrine, Iraq*
- *Dr. Leila Hussein Mostafa, Associate Professor, University of Illinois, US*
- *Fareed al Shishani, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library*
- *Arafat Al Hadrami, Head of Conservation, Zabid Manuscript Center, Yemen*
- *Feryal Sharfeddin, Head of Technical Affairs, Department of Antiquities, Libya*
- *Dr. Youssef Kanjou, Researcher, Institute for Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Germany, and Former Director, National Museum of Aleppo, Syria*

Coffee break

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Combatting Illicit Trafficking of Documentary Heritage

4:30 – 5:30 PM (Panel discussion)

Moderator: Stephane Ipert, Director, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library

- *Maurits Beltgens, World Customs Organization, Belgium*
- *Thomas Leclaire, Central Office for Combating Trafficking in Cultural Property, France.*
- *Scott Morrison, Lawyer and expert in the restitution of cultural artifacts, UK*
- *Arda Scholte, Member of ICA Expert Group Against Theft, Trafficking and Tampering, Netherland*

Tour of Qatar National Library

5:30 – 6:30 PM

2 December 2019

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| <p>Wrap-up of Day 1</p> <p>9:00 – 9:15 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Stephane Ipert, Director, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library</i> |
| <p>Mapping and Protecting Heritage: Initiatives Around the Region</p> <p>9:15 – 10:15 AM (Presentations)</p> <p>Moderator: Marion Desmurger, Senior Programme Assistant, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mohammed Hameed Al Slaimi, Head of Conservation, National Records and Archives Authority, Oman</i>- <i>Hazem Jamjoum, Gulf Audio Curator and Cataloguer, British Library Qatar Foundation Partnership Project</i>- <i>Peter Herdrich, Project Manager, Digital Library of the Middle East, US</i>- <i>Amed Demirhan, Co-Director, Digitizing the Kurdish Heritage Institute, Iraq</i>- <i>Yoube Mohammed Abdellah, General Director, Mauritania Institute for Research and Training in the Field of Heritage and Culture</i> |
| <p>Coffee break</p> <p>10:15 – 10:45 AM</p> |
| <p>Strengthening coordination between memory institutions at the national level</p> <p>10:45 – 11:30 AM (Panel discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: Patrice Landry, Chief Librarian & Deputy Executive Director, Qatar National Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Khalid Aich, Head of Documentary Research Division, National Archives, Morocco</i>- <i>Amani Youssif El Bashir, Shikhan Museum, Sudan</i>- <i>Khader Salameh, Director, Institute for Palestine Studies, Palestine</i>- <i>Aicha Chebl, Head of Private Collections, National Library of Tunisia</i> |
| <p>Best Practices in the Area of Conservation and Preservation of Documentary Heritage</p> <p>11:30 AM – 12:45 PM (Panel discussion)</p> <p>Moderator: Stephane Ipert, Director, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Sheikha AlKharsan, Head of Restoration and Preservation, Center for Research and Studies on Kuwait, Kuwait</i>- <i>Fr. Youssef Dergham, Director, Beit Gazo Heritage Research and Conservation Center of the Churches of the Orient, Lebanon</i>- <i>Khalid Alian, Heritage Foundation, Palestine</i>- <i>Noshad Rokni, Director of the Documentation and Conservation Department, Malek National Library and Museum, Iran</i> |
| <p>Lunch break</p> <p>12:45 – 2:00 PM</p> |
| <p>Awareness-Raising and Capacity-Building: Building Momentum to Protect Documentary Heritage</p> <p>2:00 – 3:00 PM</p> <p>Moderator:</p> |

- *Said Bouterfa, Journalist, Algeria*
- *Hussein al-Hadi, Secretary-General, Al-Ahqaf Library for Manuscripts, Yemen*
- *Abeer Al Kuwari, Director, Research and Learning Services, Qatar National Library*
- *Fr. Joseph Moukarzel, Director of Library, Museum and Phoenix Center for Lebanese Studies, USEK University, Lebanon*

Strengthening Regional Efforts to Mobilize Partnerships

3:00 – 4:00 PM (Panel discussion)

Moderator: *Scott Morrison, Lawyer and expert in the restitution of cultural artifacts, UK*

- *Daniel Reid, Executive Director, Whiting Foundation, US*
- *Davidson Maclaren, Director, Islamic Manuscript Association, Germany*
- *Dr Maja Kominko, Director of cultural programs, ARCADIA*
- *Maxim Nasra, Specialist, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library*
- *Jose Luiz Pedersoli, Project Manager, ICCROM*

Coffee break

4:00 – 4:15 PM

Presentation of Declaration to Support Preservation of Documentary Heritage in the Arab Region

4:15 – 4:45 PM

Closing remarks

4:45 – 5:15 PM

- *Dr. Sohair Wastawy, Executive Director, Qatar National Library*
- *Dr. Anna Paolini, UNESCO Representative to the Gulf States and Yemen*