

Supporting Documentary Heritage Preservation in the Arab Region

Mapping needs, understanding priorities
and supporting capacities



دعم الحفاظ على التراث الوثائقي في المنطقة العربية

تحديد الاحتياجات وفهم الأولويات ودعم القدرات

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

1 – 2 December 2019
Qatar National Library, Doha, Qatar [Auditorium]

PROGRAMME

DAY 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

Keynotes

9:15 – 9:45 AM

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

SESSION 1

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

9:45 – 10:30 AM (Panel discussion)

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

- Abdullatif Al-Jasmi, Director of Culture Heritage Department, Qatar Museums
- Dr Mohammed El Ferrane, Director, Morocco National Library
- Dr. Alaa Abu Al Hassan Al Allaq, Director, Iraq National Library and Archives
- Dr. Nidal Mohammed Al Ahmad, Director, Jordan National Library
- Gelnar Atoui, Executive Director, Lebanon National Library
- Sidi Ould Habib, Director, Mauritania National Library
- Wael Al-Roomi, Manager of Arabic Heritage Department, Kuwait National Library

Coffee break

10:30 – 11:00 AM

SESSION 2**Documentary Heritage Fostering the SDGs: Advocating for Access to Information**

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

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

- *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*
- *Abdullah Salim Said Al-Hinaai, Vice President of Oman Libraries Association & Member of the Executive Bureau of the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information*

SESSION 3**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 Officer, 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

SESSION 4**Disaster Risk Prevention and Response: Focus on Countries in Conflict**

2:45 – 4:15 PM (Presentations)

Moderator: Peter Herdrich, Project Director, Digital Library of the Middle East, US

- *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*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Fareed al Shishani, IFLA Regional Preservation and Conservation Center, Qatar National Library</i> - <i>Arafat Al Hadrami, Head of Conservation, Zabid Manuscript Center, Yemen</i> - <i>Feryal Sharfeddin, Head of Technical Affairs, Department of Antiquities, Libya</i> - <i>Dr. Youssef Kanjou, Researcher, Institute for Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Germany and Former Director, National Museum of Aleppo, Syria</i>
Coffee break 4:15 – 4:30 PM
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Combatting Illicit Trafficking of Documentary Heritage</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 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>Maurits Beltgens, World Customs Organization, Belgium</i> - <i>Capt. Thomas Leclaire, Central Office for Combating Trafficking in Cultural Property, France.</i> - <i>Scott Morrison, Lawyer and expert in the restitution of cultural artifacts, UK</i> - <i>Arda Scholte, Member of ICA Expert Group Against Theft, Trafficking and Tampering, Netherland</i>
Tour of Qatar National Library 5:30 – 6:30 PM

DAY 2: 2 December 2019

<p style="text-align: center;">Wrap-up of Day 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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> - <i>Marion Desmurger, Senior Programme Officer, UNESCO</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mapping and Protecting Heritage: Initiatives Around the Region</p> <p>9:15 – 10:15 AM (Presentations)</p> <p>Moderator: Maria Njeim, Project Officer, 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 Director, 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>

Coffee break

10:15 – 10:45 AM

SESSION 7**Strengthening coordination between memory institutions at the national level**

10:45 – 11:30 AM (Panel discussion)

Moderator: Patrice Landry, Chief Librarian & Deputy Executive Director, Qatar National Library

- *Dr. Syed Nazim Ali, Director of Research Division, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar Foundation*
- *Khalid Aich, Head of Documentary Research Division, National Archives, Morocco*
- *Amani Youssif El Bashir, Shikhan Museum, Sudan*
- *Khader Salameh, Director, Institute for Palestine Studies, Palestine*
- *Aicha Chebl, Head of Private Collections, National Library of Tunisia*
- *Warda Al Jaradi, Director of Administrative Affairs, Manuscripts House Sana'a, Yemen*

SESSION 8**Best Practices in the Area of Conservation and Preservation of Documentary Heritage**

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM (Panel discussion)

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

- *Sheikha AlKharsan, Head of Restoration and Preservation, Center for Research and Studies on Kuwait, Kuwait*
- *Fr. Youssef Dergham, Director, Beit Gazo Heritage Research and Conservation Center of the Churches of the Orient, Lebanon*
- *Khalid Alian, Heritage Foundation, Palestine*
- *Noshad Rokni, Director of the Documentation and Conservation Department, Malek National Library and Museum, Iran*
- *Jose Luiz Pedersoli, Project Manager, ICCROM*

Lunch break

12:45 – 2:00 PM

SESSION 9**Awareness-Raising and Capacity-Building: Building Momentum to Protect Documentary Heritage**

2:00 – 3:00 PM (Panel discussion)

Moderator: Marion Desmurger, Senior Programme Officer, UNESCO

- *Said Bouterfa, Journalist, Algeria*
- *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*
- *Dr. Humaid Nofli, Director of Culture Sector, National Commission for Education, Culture and Science, Oman*

SESSION 10

Strengthening Regional Efforts to Mobilize Partnerships

3:00 – 4:00 PM (Panel discussion)

Moderator: Claire McGuire, Policy and Research Officer, IFLA

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

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 – 5:00 PM

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