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April 23

Day 1: Hands-on experiences from other conflicts.

09.00: Registration

10.00 – 10.40: Welcome.

First Session:

10:40 – 11:10

Asaad Seif, Coordinator of Archaeological Research and Excavations, Directorate General of Antiquities, Lebanon. **Promoting the safeguard of the Syrian Heritage from Lebanon: taking measures and suggesting advices.**

11.10-11.20: Questions & Answers

11. 20 – 11.50: Coffee break

Second Session:

11.50 – 12.20:

Amra Hadzimuhamedovic, International University of Sarajevo, Chair Commission to Protect National Monuments, Bosnia and Herzegovina. **Bosnia-Herzegovina as a case study of Heritage management in conflict situations.**

12.20 – 12.50

Abdel Hamid Salah Sayed, co-founder of the Egyptian Heritage Rescue Team, Egypt. **NGOs in action: Building the Capacity of the Egyptian Heritage Rescue Team.**

12.50-13.10: Questions & Answers

13.30 – 14.30: Lunch

Third Session:

16.30 – 17.00

Amir Doshi, Writer and Activist in cultural heritage from Iraq. **Sumer from looting to Digging.**

17.00 – 17.30

Hafed Walda, Libyan Heritage Management Research Fellow, King's College London, UK and advisor to the Libyan Department of Antiquities. **Libyan Heritage during the conflict and subsequent political instability: lessons to take in account.**

17.30-17.50: Questions & Answers

17.30 – 18:00 Discussion with all speakers.

April 24

Day 2: The Syrian perspective.

Fourth Session:

9.00 – 9.30

Emma Cunliffe, Durham University, archaeologist and author of the report 'Damage to the Soul: Syria's Cultural Heritage in Conflict' (read by Rene Teijgeler, secretary Heritage for Peace). **The damage of Syrian heritage since the crisis.**

09.30 – 10.00

Michel AlMaqaddisi, archaeologist, former Director of Archaeological Excavations in the Syrian General Direction of Antiquities. **L'Archéologie syrienne, frappée par l'« imprécation » des dieux de la guerre.**

10.00 – 10.30

Lina Kutiefan, Director of Site Management and Foreign Cooperation. General Direction of Antiquities of the Syrian Arab Republic. **The Syrian Directorate of antiquities and the preservation of the Heritage during the conflict: measures, capacities and limits.**

10.00-10.30: Questions & Answers

10. 30 – 11.00: Coffee break

Fifth Session:

11.00 – 11.30

Bassem Hatahet, Syrian Heritage consultant. **Heritage in conflict zones, checking the facts.**

11.30 – 12.00

Mahmoud Misry, former Director Awqaf Library, Aleppo. **The protection of the document collections during conflicts: the collections of the Awqaf Library, in Aleppo, as a model.**

12.00 – 12.30

Amr al Azm, Shawnee State University (USA), former Director of Scientific and Conservation Laboratories in the Syrian General Direction of Antiquities and former Head of the Centre for Archaeological Research at the University of Damascus. **The Role of Cultural Heritage in Assisting Post Conflict Stabilization and Reconciliation in Syria.**

12.30-13.00: Questions & Answers

13.30 – 14.30: Lunch

Sixth Session:

16.30 – 17.00.

Frank Braemer, Archaeologist, Directeur de Recherche, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique. **Towards a global database of Syrian archaeological sites for heritage safeguarding: how foreign teams can cooperate.**

17.00 – 17.30

Isber Sabrine, Heritage for Peace, chair. **Heritage for Peace, a chance to act.**

17.30-18.00: Questions & Answers

18.00 – 19:00: Roundtable Syrian and international speakers

April 25

Day 3: Expert workshop

12:00 Declaration and closing session

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