



DRAFT PROGRAMME

***50th anniversary of the 1970 UNESCO Convention in the Africa Region:
An online regional dialogue on the fight against illicit trafficking on cultural property and
the return and restitution of cultural property in the Africa region
26 - 27 April 2021***

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Monday, 26 April 2021

| TIME | INTERVENTION | RESOURCE PERSON |
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| 3:00-3:10pm EAT | Welcoming remarks | Mr. Ernesto Ottone, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Culture H.E. Amira Elfadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union Commission |
| 3:10-3:30pm | Keynote Address | Prof. George Abungu (Kenya) Mr. Baba Keita (Mali) |
| 3:30-3:40pm | Taking stock of 50 years of fighting illicit trafficking of cultural property in the Africa region through the UNESCO 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property | Mr. Lazare Eloundou, Director of UNESCO Culture and Emergencies Entity |
| 3:40-3:50pm | 25 years of cultural property protection through the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects | Prof. Ignacio Tirado, Secretary General, UNIDROIT |
| 3:50-4:00pm | ICCROM support for the preservation of cultural heritage in Africa through training, information, research, cooperation and advocacy programmes | Dr. Webber Ndoro, Director General, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) |
| 4:00-4:10pm | Protecting cultural property in the Africa Region through the African Union Vision 2063 and the AU Charter for African Cultural Renaissance | Ms. Angela Martins, Director of Culture, African Union Commission |
| 4:10 -4:20pm | Actions underway by Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in the Africa Region: -ECOWAS 2019-2023 Action Plan for the return of African cultural property to their countries of origin - SADC adoption of Standard Operating Procedures | Mr. Mamadou TRAORE, Ag. Commissioner for Education, Science and Culture, ECOWAS Mr. Mubita Nawa, SARPCO Coordinator and Head of the INTERPOL Regional Bureau for Southern Africa |
| 4:20-5:00pm | Community Testimonials from the Africa region | Mr. John Baya Mitsanze, Kaya Community Elder, Kenya |

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| | | <p>Dr Ms. Bako Rasoarifetra, President of ICOM Madagascar</p> <p>His Imperial Majesty, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi, the Paramount Ruler/Palace of Ife Kingdom Museum, Nigeria</p> <p>Mr. El Hadji Malick NDIAYE Researcher-Historian of Art, Curator of the Theodore Monod Museum of African Art/IFAN, Senegal</p> |
| 5pm-5:25pm | Regional experiences, best practices and priorities with the fight against illicit trafficking, and return & restitution of cultural property in the Africa region | <p>H.E. Ms. Élise ILBOUDO/ THIOMBIANO, Minister of Arts Culture and Tourism, Burkina Faso</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Jomo Francisco Isabel de Carvalho Fortunato (JOMO FORTUNATO) – Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment, Angola</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Babalola Jean-Michel Hervé ABIMBOLA, Minister of Culture, Benin</p> |
| 5:25-5:30pm | Closing remarks | Mr. Lazare Eloundou, Director of UNESCO Culture and Emergencies Entity |

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| 3:00-3:05pm EAT | Welcoming remarks | Ms. Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Director of UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa |
| 3:05-3:15pm | Highlights of previous recommendations from national workshops and regional Ministerial meetings in the Africa region | Ms. Guiomar Alonso Cano, Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Regional Office for Western Africa |
| 3:15-3:35pm | Resources and priorities from UNESCO partners in the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property | <p>Mr. Franck Komlan Ogou Director of the African Heritage School (l'Ecole du patrimoine africain -EPA)</p> <p>Dr. Peter Keller Director General International Council of Museums (ICOM)</p> |

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| | | Mr. Corrado Catesi Coördinateur Works of Art Unit INTERPOL |
| 3:35-5:10pm | <p>Presentation and discussion on draft recommendations for priorities and capacity needs in the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property, and the return and restitution of cultural property based on recent recommendations and National Commissions inputs</p> <p>1. Preventive measures in the framework of the 1970 +1995 Convention and focus on interregional and international cooperation in the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of inputs received from UNESCO National Commissions • Discussion • Recommendations <p>2. Return and restitution of cultural objects and international cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of inputs received from UNESCO National Commissions • Discussion • Recommendations <p>3. The role of museums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of inputs received from UNESCO National Commissions • Discussion • Recommendations | <p>1. Preventive measures, presented and moderated by Ms. Khadiatou Lamarana Almaz Camara, National Culture Officer, UNESCO Regional Office for West Africa</p> <p>2. Return & Restitution presented and moderated by Mr. Jean Roland Onana Nkoa, National Culture Officer, UNESCO Regional Office for Central Africa</p> <p>3. Museums presented and moderated by Ms. Adele Nibona, Programme Specialist for Culture, UNESCO Regional Office for Western Africa</p> |
| 5:10-5:20pm | Recommendations and regional priorities for strengthening the fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property in the Africa region | Mr. Lazare Eloundou, Director of UNESCO Culture and Emergencies Entity |
| 5:20-5:30pm | Closing remarks | Mr. Ernesto Ottone, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Culture |