



ARAB WORLD HERITAGE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM

*Empowering youth to build peace through the
protection and preservation of heritage*

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ACTION PLAN

As drafted by the 32 participants of the Arab World Heritage Young Professionals Forum, on 6 December 2019, in Tunis, Tunisia

Within this Action Plan for creating a future of peace in the Arab States region through the protection and preservation of heritage, we recommend:

Through EDUCATION,

- Prioritizing cultural heritage awareness using innovative approaches, at three levels; State, Institutions, and Civil Society;
- Providing content and experiences on heritage in different formats, including new technologies, to create accessible and attractive experiences;
- Creating an Arab network of young heritage professionals and fostering cooperation between the Arab countries in the education sector;
- Encouraging of youth by civil society and educational institutions, to be creative in addressing actions, not only to protect cultural heritage but also to promote it as a tool for preventing violent extremism;

Through POLICY,

- Updating and/or developing of the legal frameworks through providing incentives and local community engagements;

- Promoting laws relevant to cultural heritage (on regional, national and international levels);
- Acknowledging local communities and youth as key stakeholders in the policy making process:
 - Creation of policies for capacity building to support local heritage professionals, youth, and local stakeholders;
 - De-centralization of heritage management through local institutions in collaboration with local communities and private sectors;

Through SOCIAL COHESION,

- Fostering inter-cultural dialogue;
- Integrating vulnerable groups in cultural heritage programs through cultural institutions.

Through COMMUNICATIONS,

- Ensuring of transparency from the State by making information publicly available and accessible;
- Encouraging and fostering communication through technology to enable the dissemination of information;
- Utilizing the role of civil society organizations to bridge the gap between the State and local community;
- Strengthening and raising awareness of the media on the role of peacebuilding and preventing violent extremism;
- Popularizing, vulgarizing and making accessible, the language of communication (terminologies/ jargons, language, and sign language) pertaining to heritage;
- Advocating the establishment of collaboration among cultural civil society organizations.

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