

UNESCO SECOND HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON MUSEUMS
“Facing Post-Pandemic Challenges through Innovation and Inclusiveness”

23-24 September 2021, online

Sponsored by Shenzhen Zhizheng Art Museum, China

PROGRAMME

23 September 2021, 12:00 to 17:30 (CET), online

Opening ceremony

12:00-13:00

Moderator: Dorine Dubois, Chief of Executive Office of the Culture Sector, UNESCO

Welcome remarks

- Ernesto Ottone R., Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO

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- Qun Li, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism, Administrator, National Cultural Heritage Administration, China
- Qin Weizhong, Mayor, Shenzhen Municipal Government, China
- Fuqing Wu, Director General, Shenzhen Zhizheng Art Museum, China

Welcome words

- Webber Ndoro, Director General, International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)
- Alberto Garlandini, President, International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- Amira El Fadil, Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union

A Conversation between

- Doudou Diène, Former Director of the UNESCO Division for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue
- Françoise Vergès, Political scientist and co-founding member of "Décoloniser les arts"

Introduction to the Forum by the moderator

23 September 2021, 12:00 to 17:30 (CET), online

Panel 1 – *Museums' development since 2017 and the challenges of the pandemic*

13:00-14:30 Moderator: María Isabel Baldasarre, National Director of Museums, Ministry of Culture of Argentina, Argentina

Discussion among five panellists:

- Barbara Jatta, Director, Vatican Museums, Holy See
- Alissandra Cummins, Director, Museum and Historical Society, Barbados
- Hang Nisay, Director, Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, Cambodia
- Altayeb Abbas, Assistant Minister for Antiquities Affairs, Egypt and Heba Khairy Metwaly, Project and Exhibition Coordinator, The Grand Egyptian Museum, Egypt
- Anne-Marie Maïla Afeiche, Director General, General Council of Museums Lebanon, Lebanon

Panel 2 - *Social inclusion and equality in the pandemic context*

14:30-16:00 Moderator: Pap Ndiaye, Director General, Palais de la Porte Dorée, France

Discussion among six panellists:

- Hervé Barbaret, Director General, Agence France Muséums, France
- Peter Keller, Director General, International Council of Museums (ICOM)
- Nick Merriman, Director, Horniman Museum and Gardens, United Kingdom
- Silvie Memel-Kassi, Director, Musée des Civilisations de Côte d'Ivoire, Côte d'Ivoire
- Tamara Nikolić Đerić, Program Manager, Batana Eco-Museum, Croatia
- Xudong Wang, Director, The Palace Museum, China

Panel 3 - *Museums in the digital era*

16:00-17:30 Moderator: Suse Anderson, Assistant Professor of Museum Studies, George Washington University, United States of America

Discussion among five panellists:

- Mikhail Piotrovskiy, General Director, The State Hermitage Museum, The Russian Federation
- Antonio Saborit, Director, National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico
- Manal Ataya, Director-General, Sharjah Museums Authority, United Arab Emirates
- Shengliang Zhao, Director, Dunhuang Research Academy, China
- Manuel Rabaté, Director, Louvre Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

24 September 2021, 12:00 to 15:00 (CET), online

Panel 4 - *Diversity of museums and their challenges: the role of private museums*

12:00-13:00 Moderator: François Mairesse, Professor, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, UNESCO Chair for the Study of Museums Diversity and its Evolution, France

Discussion among three panellists:

- Lucia Duran, Executive director, Museum of Pre-Columbian Art Casa del Alabado, Ecuador
- Flaubert Taboué, Director, Museum of Civilizations of Dschang, Cameroon
- Fuqing Wu, Director General, Shenzhen Zhizheng Art Museum, China

Panel 5 - *Museums in crisis and conflicts*

13:00-14:30 Moderator: Lazare Eloundou, Director, Culture and Emergencies, UNESCO

Discussion among four panellists:

- Alexander Kellner, Director, National Museum Brazil, Brazil
- Mohammad Fahim Rahimi, Director, The National Museum of Afghanistan, Afghanistan
- Samuel Sidibé, Former Director, National Museum of Mali, Mali
- Zaid Ghazi Saadallah, Director, Mosul Museum, Iraq

Closing Ceremony

14:30-15:00 **Closing remarks**

- Lazare Eloundou, Director, Culture and Emergencies, UNESCO