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PROGRAMME



CULTURAL HERITAGE & PEACE

Building on 70 years of the UNESCO Hague Convention for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict

13-15 May 2024
Peace Palace & World Forum
The Hague, the Kingdom of the Netherlands

The **1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict** was the first international legal framework entirely dedicated to the protection of movable and immovable heritage, setting a precedent for the preservation of heritage in international humanitarian law. **Seven decades on**, the Convention has steadily gained a global significance, having been ratified by 135 States Parties.

Protecting cultural property, whether during peacetime or an armed conflict, means safeguarding the memories of peoples and societies, and passing down the diverse fabric of humanity to the generations to come. Instruments such as the 1954 Convention contribute to building and cementing a foundation of peace.

The major UNESCO International Conference in The Hague will bring together diverse stakeholders involved in the protection of cultural property, to take stock of the achievements, challenges and lessons learned in the pursuit of culture for all - regardless of who they are, where they may be.

Anniversary website

bit.ly/hague-70



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Welcome ceremony • 5-8.15pm

Master of ceremony: Barbera Wolfensberger, Director General Culture and Media of the Ministry of Culture of the Netherlands

- **Jan van Zanen,** Mayor of The Hague
- **Hanke Bruins Slot,** Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
- **Ernesto Ottone R.**, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture
- Music provided by **the Orchestra of the Royal Netherlands Air Force** and **Shirma Rouse**

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Arrival and networking • 9-9.30am

- Networking Agora

Opening ceremony • 9.30-10am

Room Amazon

- **Ernesto Ottone R.**, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture
- **General Onno Eichelsheim**, Chief of Defense of the Netherlands

Cultural intermezzo • 10-10.15am

- Spoken word contribution by **Munganyende**

High-level side event by the Netherlands • 10.15-11.15am

Reinforcing cultural heritage's contribution to peace, social cohesion and reconciliation through the 1954 Convention

Plenary session I • 11.45am-1pm

Peacebuilding through cultural heritage and the importance of cultural diplomacy

Room Amazon

Moderator: Krista Pikkat, Secretary of the 1954 Hague Convention & its two Protocols (1954 & 1999), UNESCO

- **Alexandra Xanthaki,** UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights
- **Katariina Leinonen**, Head of Division, Integrated Approach for Peace and Security, European Union
- **El-Boukhari Ben Essayouti**, Head of Timbuktu Cultural Mission
- **Amra Hadzimuhamedovic**, Director of the Centre for Cultural Heritage, International Forum Bosnia
- **Debra Kay Palmer**, Director, World Heritage and Cultural Conventions at the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport of Jamaica
- **Omar Mohammed**, Founder of Mosul Eye

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Parallel thematic sessions • 3-4.30pm

Session A: Building military capacity on cultural property protection
Room Mississippi

Moderator: Captain Ankie Petersen, Staff Officer Cultural Property Protection in the Royal Netherlands Army

- **Major Anna Kaiser**, Cultural Property Protection Officer for the Austrian Armed Forces, and Professor at Krems University
- **Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Purbrick**, Former Commander of the British Army's Cultural Property Protection Unit
- **Laurie Rush**, Cultural Resources Manager Fort Drum, the United States Army
- **Brigadier General Youssef Haydar**, Commander of the Independent Works Regiment of the Lebanese Armed Forces
- **Colonel Aliou Bagayoko**, Training Director of the Peacekeeping Center in Bamako

Session B: Criminal responsibility for the destruction of cultural property - Combating impunity through international law
Room Amazon

Moderator: Ana Filipa Vrdoljak, Professor at the University Technology Sydney

- **Kristin Hausler**, Director of the Centre for International Law of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law
- **Andrea Cayley**, Executive Director of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University
- **Nataraj Muneesamy**, Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Mauritius
- **Roger O'Keefe,** Professor of International Law, Bocconi University
- **Farida El Khamlichi**, President of the National Commission on International Humanitarian Law, Morocco

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Session C: New technologies and the protection of cultural property
Room Yangtze 1

Moderator: Corine Wegener, Director, Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative

- **Olivier van Damme**, Chief, Strategic Planning and Coordination Section, United Nations Satellite Centre (UNITAR/UNOSAT)
- **Yang Wang**, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- **Timo Schless**, Advisor and Developer for the Whiteflag Foundation
- **Major Salvatore Rapicavoli,** Officer of the Carabinieri Department of the Protection of Cultural Heritage (Comando CC TPC)

Plenary session II • 4.45-6.15pm

Protecting cultural property: a humanitarian imperative
Room Amazon

Moderator: Ammar Azzouz, Research Fellow at the School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford

- **Nour A. Munawar**, Research Fellow at the University of Amsterdam
- **Joanne Farchakh Bajjaly**, Founder and Manager of Biladi NGO
- **Lynn Meskell**, Professor of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania
- **Svjetlana Jovic**, Senior Civil Affairs Officer, United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)

Cultural showcase and reception • 6.45-10pm

- Visit to the Mauritshuis, Royal Picture Gallery

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Arrival and networking • 9-9.30am

- Networking Agora

Plenary session III • 9.30-10.30am

Panel 1: Shaping a peaceful future: Collaborations in preservation of cultural heritage in emergencies
Room Amazon

Moderator: H.E. Mariusz Lewicki, Chairperson of the Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the 1954 Hague Convention

- **Teresa Patrício,** President of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- **Peter G. Stone**, President of the Blue Shield
- **Elke Selter**, Programs Director of the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH)
- **Sanne Letschert**, Director of Cultural Emergency Response (CER)
- **Aparna Tandon,** Senior Programme Leader, First Aid and Resilience for Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis Programme, the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)



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Plenary session III • 11.00am-12.00pm

Panel 2: Shaping a peaceful future: Innovations in preservation of cultural heritage in emergencies
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Moderator: Samuel Fernando Franco Arce, Executive Director at Cultural Rescue Center

- **Rita Tjien Fooh,** Director of the National Archives of Suriname
- **Mariko Fujioka,** Associate Professor at the Kokugakuin University
- **Mutanu Kyany'a,** Head of Programs and Outreach, African Digital Heritage
- **Mauro Vignati,** Adviser Digital Technologies of Warfare, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Wrap-up session • 12-1.00pm

Closing ceremony • 1-1.30pm

- **Ernesto Ottone R.,** UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture
- **Fleur Gräper-van Koolwijk**, State Secretary for Culture and Media of the Netherlands
- Performance by **HIIIT**

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