UNESCO’s Actions in Mali
Engaging in Resilience and Reconstruction
UNESCO’s cooperation with MINUSMA

- Established by the UN Security Council Resolution 2100 (2013).

- Mandate to assist “Malian authorities, as necessary and feasible, in protecting from attack the cultural and historical sites in Mali, in collaboration with UNESCO”.

- UNESCO provides training to civil, police and military personnel of MINUSMA: more than 3000 personnel benefited from a training on the protection of Malian cultural heritage.
UNESCO’s cooperation with State Party

• **Cooperation** is ensured through the **Ministry of Culture and the national museums**.

• **Support** is provided by local **ICOM Committee**.

• An **illustrated map** with information on location of cultural sites and a **Passeport pour le patrimoine** (Heritage Passport) were distributed in 2013 to raise armed forces’ awareness on illicit trafficking and sites to be protected during military operations.

• UNESCO provided **140,000 USD from its Emergency Fund for immediate emergency actions** including strengthening museum security and fighting illicit trafficking of cultural objects.
UNESCO mobilizes partners and regional organizations to prevent illicit trafficking of cultural property.

A workshop organized in Timbuktu on 17 and 18 February 2017, brought together around 20 local experts and security forces from Gao, Bamako, Djenné, Bandiagara and Timbuktu, to strengthen actions against illicit trafficking.

Objectives:
1. Strengthen local experts and security officers’ capacities
2. Enhance common actions and discuss proposals to eradicate illicit trafficking of Malian cultural property
• UNESCO’s Pedagogical Supports on the African Cultural Heritage in Post-Conflict Situation, a #Unite4Heritage initiative to raise awareness on the prevention of illicit trade of ancient manuscripts.

• Launched in November 2016, 20,000 school notebooks promoting heritage have been distributed to pupils in Mali.
International Conference on the Challenges and Issues Related to the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Conflict Zones
Bamako, 14-15 March 2017
Importance of the ICOM Red List of West African Cultural Objects at Risk which encompasses a Mali "Emergency" section.
Support Mali in its efforts for reconstruction, reconciliation, consolidation of peace and social cohesion.
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