Protecting Cultural Property
International Conference on the 20th anniversary of the 1999 Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention

25-26 April 2019
Geneva, Switzerland

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 2019

08:30 – 10:00                 Registration
10:00 – 11:00                 Opening Ceremony

H.E. Ms Pascale Baeriswyl
State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Mr Ernesto Ottone Ramirez
Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO

Mr Balthasar Staehelin
Deputy Director-General, International Committee of the Red Cross

Mr Michael Møller,
Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

11:00 – 12:15                 Ministerial Panels

Keynote speech

Moderator:
H.E. Mr Frank Grütter
Ambassador, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

12:15 – 13:00                 Interventions by State representatives
Two minutes intervention for each State, kindly register in advance*

13:00 – 13:15                 Group photograph at the lobby of the Conference venue
13:15 – 14:30                 Lunch

* to register, kindly send an email request to geneva2019@unesco.org
14:30 – 15:45

**PANEL 1**
Historical perspectives: Relevance and the added-value of the 1999 Second Protocol

**Moderator:**
Ms Laurence Boillat
Cantonal Prosecutor, Swiss Commission for UNESCO, Switzerland

**Panellists:**
Mr Patrick Boylan
Professor Emeritus of Heritage Policy and Management, City University, London, United Kingdom

Mr Yaron Gottlieb
Visiting Professor at the International and European Law, University Jean Moulin Lyon III, France

Mr Jan Hladik
Culture and Emergencies, UNESCO

Mr Roger O’Keefe
Professor of International Law, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy

15:45 – 16:15

Coffee break

16:15 – 17:30

**PANEL 2**
National implementation: Successes and Challenges

**Moderator:**
Ms Justine Ferland
UNESCO Chair in the International Law of the Protection of Cultural Heritage and Art-Law Centre, University of Geneva, Switzerland

**Panellists:**
Mr Axel Berengier
Focal point on cultural heritage issues, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

Mr Rino Büchel
Head of Section for the Protection of Cultural Property, Federal Office for Civil Protection, Switzerland

Ms Sophio Chikhradze
Leading Specialist, Legal Department, National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation, Georgia

Mr Joseph King
Director of Sites Unit, International Center for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, ICCROM, Italy

Mr Gianpietro Romano
Lieutenant Colonel, Expert of Carabinieri Department for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, Italy

17:30 – 20:30

**Reception** (Sponsored by the Government of Switzerland)

Inauguration ceremony of the Palmyra’s Arch of Triumph at the Place des Nations
FRIDAY, 26 APRIL 2019

09:00 – 09:30
Presentation on human rights approach on the protection of cultural heritage

Video message by Ms Karima Bennoune, Special Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights

09:30 – 10:45
PANEL 3
The role of non-governmental actors in supporting the implementation the 1999 Second Protocol

Moderator:
Mr Nicolas Mathieu
Secretary-General of the Swiss Commission for UNESCO and Head of UNESCO Section, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Panellists:
Mr Benjamin Charlier
Legal Adviser and Head of the Advisory Service, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland

Ms France Desmarais
Deputy Executive Director, ALIPH Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland

Mr Karl von Habsburg-Lothringen
President, Blue Shield International

Ms Lisa Ott
Head “Dealing with the Past Program”, swisspeace, Geneva, Switzerland

Mr Frederik Rosen
Director, Nordic Center for Cultural Heritage and Armed Conflict, Copenhagen, Denmark

10:45 – 11:15
Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30
PANEL 4
Modern Armed Conflicts: Emergency response mechanisms

Moderator:
H.E. Mr Mounir Anastas
Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties to the Second Protocol Ambassador of the Permanent Delegation of Palestine to UNESCO

Panellists:
Mr Maamoun Abdulkarim
Former Director-General of Antiquities and Museums, Syria

Mr Lassana Cissé
Independent expert on Cultural Heritage Protection, Mali

Mr Lazare Eloundou
Director, Culture and Emergencies, UNESCO

Mr Peter Larsen
Independent expert on conservation and social justice

Mr Peter Keller
Director-General, International Council of Museums, Paris, France
12:30 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:15  PANEL 5  
**Protection of Cultural Property under International Criminal Law**

**Moderator:**  
Mr Benjamin Charlier  
Legal Adviser and Head of the Advisory Service, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland

**Panellists:**  
Mr Serge Brammertz  
Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr Gilles Dutertre  
Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mr Fausto Pocar  
President, International Institute of Humanitarian Law  
Professor Emeritus of International Law, University of Milan, Italy

Mr William Schabas  
Professor of international law, Middlesex University, London, United Kingdom

15:15 – 15:45  Coffee break

15:45 – 17:00  PANEL 6  
**The practice and future perspective of the institutional framework of the 1999 Second Protocol**

**Moderator:**  
Mr Jonathan Cuénoud  
Senior Legal Advisor on International Humanitarian Law at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

**Panellists:**  
Mr Nout van Woudenberg  
*Former Chairperson of the 1999 Second Protocol Committee (2010-2012)*  
Strategic Policy Adviser Kingdom Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands

Ms Artemis Papathanassiou  
*Former Chairperson of the 1999 Second Protocol Committee (2014-2016)*  
Attorney at Law and Senior Legal Advisor at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Greece

H.E. Ms Lorena Sol de Pool  
*Chairperson of the 1999 Second Protocol Committee (2018-2019)*  
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of El Salvador to UNESCO

Mr Benjamin Goes  
*Former Chairperson of the 1999 Second Protocol Committee (2012-2014)*  
Advisor at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Belgium

17:00 – 17:15  Chairs summary

**H. E. Mr Frank Grütter**  
Ambassador, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
17:15 – 17:30  

**Closing ceremony**

**Mr Ernesto Ottone Ramirez**  
Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO

**H. E. Ms Lorena Sol de Pool**  
Chairperson of the 1999 Second Protocol Committee  
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of El Salvador to UNESCO

**Mr Christoph Flury**  
Deputy Director, Federal Office for Civil Protection, Switzerland