Prevention and fight against illicit trafficking of Libyan cultural property

Closing Session

Tripoli, 30 April 2013 - Libya Museum

Agenda

Prevention and fight against illicit trafficking of cultural property is a national endeavour, at government and technical level, as well as calling upon responsible commitment of the civil society at large. The meeting closes a 3-day introductory workshop addressed to staff of various public institutions and bodies such as customs and police departments, as well as civil society tourist associations. It aims at offering a platform to enhance intra-sectorial partnerships, to foster national and international networking and action against illicit trafficking of Libyan cultural property, inter alia by exploring critical and potential contexts at risk, threats and challenges underpinning the enforcement of an efficient protection system, and assisting in designing vision, strategies and structure for an heritage police in the country, while learning from successful experiences in other countries.

9:00-10:00 Registration of participants

10:00-10:30 Opening remarks

Opening addresses by:
H.E. Al Amin El Habib, Minister of Culture
H.E. Giuseppe Buccino Grimaldi, Ambassador of Italy to Libya
Dr Lodovico Folin Calabi, UNESCO Representative in Libya

10:30-11:00 State of Libyan cultural property and national challenges
Moderator: Prof. Serenella Ensoli, Director of the Italian archaeological mission to Cyrene

Keynote speeches by:
Dr Saleh Agab, Chairman of the Department of Antiquities, Overview on the state of museums’ collections and sites
Dr Chiara Dezzi Bardeschi, UNESCO, Coordinator of Libya extra-budgetary projects for culture, Outcomes of the technical workshop (27-29 April 2013)

11:00-11:45 Fight against illicit trafficking: international framework and lessons learnt from other countries
Moderator: Marina Schneider, UNIDROIT

Keynote speeches by:
Mr Ahmed Abdelzaher Abdelaziz, General Management of Tourism and Antiquities Police of Egypt, The Egyptian context
Mr Fabrizio Panone, Criminal Intelligence Officer, Works of Art Unit, INTERPOL, Tracking missing property and networking
Mr Alberto Deregibus, Carabinieri Nucleo Tutela del Patrimonio (TPC), Lessons learnt and challenges in setting-up heritage police corps and working principles

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 Vision, strategies and way forward
Moderator: Dr. Tamar Teneishvili, Programme specialist for culture, UNESCO Cairo office

Roundtable discussion and adoption of recommendations

13:30-14:00 Closing remarks by:
Department of Antiquities