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Celebration of the 35th anniversary of UNESCO Silk Roads Programme

Thursday 6 April 2023, UNESCO HQ

– TENTATIVE AGENDA –

Ministerial Session

International Forum on *Silk Roads, Diversity, Dialogue and Peace*

9:30 – 12:45 – Room II

09:30-10:00 Official Opening

- Ms **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, (moderator and first speaker)
- Mr **Federico Mayor Zaragoza**, Former Director-General of UNESCO (Video Message)
- H.E. Mr **Askhat Razdykovich Oralov**, Minister of culture and sport of Kazakhstan
- H.E. Mr **Salim bin Mohammed Al Mahrouqi**, Minister of Heritage and Tourism of the Sultanate of Oman (TBC Online)
- H.E. Mr **CHEN Jie**, Vice-Minister of Education, Chairperson of the National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO
- H.E. Ms. **Saadat Yusifova**, Deputy Minister of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Mr **Battogtokh Dorjgotov**, Director-General of Department of Science and Technology Policy, Innovation Development and Coordination of Policy Implementation, Ministry of Education and Science of Mongolia

10:15 – 11:15 Plenary session (Part I)

*Moderator: Ms **Darina Saliba Abi-Chedid** (Lebanon), Director, International Center for Human Sciences (CISH–UNESCO Byblos), UNESCO Category II Centre*

- Mr **Doudou Diène** (Senegal), former Chair of UNESCO Silk Roads Steering Committee 1988-1997

- Mr **Jacques Legrand** (France), former Member of UNESCO Silk Roads Steering Committee 1988-1997 – Former president of INALCO
- Mr **Jiang Bo** (China), Shandong University, Vice President of ICOMOS
- Mr **Peter Frankopan** (United Kingdom), UNESCO Chair of the Silk Roads Studies, King's College, Cambridge
- Mr **Muati Al Muati** (Oman), Ministry of Heritage of Sultanate of Oman
- Ms **Himalchuli Gurung** (UNESCO), Chief of Unit CLT/WHC/APA Asia and the Pacific

11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:30 **Plenary session (Part II)**

*Moderator: Mr **Peter Frankopan** (United Kingdom), UNESCO Chair of the Silk Roads Studies, King's College, Cambridge*

- Ms **Christine Bernabeu** (France), Author, President of the Association Héra-Transcontinentale
- Mr **Shahin Mustafayev** (Azerbaijan), President of the Turkic Academy, Astana
- Ms **Yi Na** (China), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Mr **Rocco Rante** (Italy/France), Senior curator, Louvre Museum
- Mr **Turbat Tsagaan** (Mongolia), Director of Archaeology Research Centre of the Mongolian National University
- Mr **Dmitriy Voyakin** (Kazakhstan), International Institute for Central Asian Studies

12:30 – 12:45 **Conclusion, closing remarks**

Official presentation of the “Youth Eyes on the Silk Roads” and the Silk Roads artifacts masterpieces exhibitions

12:45 – 13:00 – Foyer des Conférences

Opening speech by H.E. Mr **Jin YANG**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate, Permanent Delegation of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO, on behalf of the Member States organizing

Ms **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO

Dr **Li Rouhong** (China), Chairman of *Beijing International Peace Culture Foundation*

Film Screening

14:30 – 15:30 – Room II

Documentary Film **“How the Silk Roads Made the World”**

Blue Ant Media TV Production Company, New Zealand

International Symposium
Silk Roads Youth Research Grant

15:30 – 18:00 – Room II

- Welcome and opening remarks
Ms **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO
- Opening speech
H.E. Mr **Jin YANG**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate, Permanent Delegation of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO

Moderator: TBC

Presentation of the results of the Granted Research Projects of the first edition of the
“Silk Roads Youth Research Grant”

- Ms **Mariyam Said Mubarak Al Bartamani** (Oman)
‘The Maritime Silk Road from the 11th – 15th Century and its Role in the Civilizational Omani Chinese Rapprochement through the Voyages of Abdullah Al Sohari and Zhèng Hé’
- Ms **Raizel Pauline Albano** (Philippines)
‘Trade, Credit, and Documentation: The Legacy of the Silk Road on Maritime Southeast Asia’
- Mr **Aibek Baiymbetov** (Kyrgyzstan)
‘Comparative Analysis of Islam and the Pre-Islamic Belief Systems of the Contemporary Kyrgyz and Tajiks Living along the Historical Silk Roads’
- Mr **Abdurrahman Bello Onifade**, and Mr **Umar Olansile Ajetunmobi** Mr **Akinkunmi Ibrahim Oseni**, (Nigeria)
‘Knowledge Diffusion along the Silk Road: Chinese Paper, Indo-Arabic Numerals and Technological Development’
- Ms **Mariana Castro** (Portugal)
‘Turquoise Extraction and Exchange in Pre-Modern Central Asia’
- Ms **Yuan Gao** (China)
‘Samovar in Chaikhaneh: Tea Trade, Consumption, and Material Culture in Central Eurasia’
- Mr **Mohammad Daud Hamidi** (Afghanistan) and Ms **Asma Bachikh** (Morocco), and
‘The shared heritage of water management and allocation along the Silk Roads’
- Ms **Jinfang Li** (China)

'The Silk Tapestry Weave (kesi) Technique and Exchange Between China and Countries along the Silk Roads'

- Ms **Nomin-Erdene Ulambayar** (Mongolia)

'Use of Ghee in the Common Cultural Heritage and Dairy Products of Nomadic Countries along the Silk Road'

- Mr **Hashan Wijesinghe** (Sri Lanka)

'Searching for shared heritage in Batik culture for enhanced cooperation in the 21st Century (Comparative study of Sri Lanka and Indonesia)'

Roundtable with the Scientific Panel of the "Silk Roads Youth Research Grant"

- Ms **Xia Chen** – *Co-chair of the Silk Roads Youth Research Grant*, China
- Mr **Peter Frankopan** – *Co-chair of the Silk Roads Youth Research Grant*, United Kingdom
- Ms **Meenakshi Bharat**, India
- Ms **Aijarkyn Kojobekova**, Kyrgyzstan
- Mr **Jacques Legrand**, France
- Ms **Elena Paskaleva**, Netherlands
- Ms **Darina Saliba Abi-Chedid**, Lebanon

Concert

18:30 – 20:30 – Room I

Artistic performances from Kazakhstan, China, Azerbaijan.

This is agenda is tentative and can be subject to modifications.