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PRELIMINARY 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.

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Day 1 • Peace Palace

Welcome ceremony • 5-8pm

- Hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Day 2 • World Forum

Arrival and networking • 9-9.30am

- Networking Agora

Opening ceremony • 9.30-10am

Cultural intermezzo • 10-10.15am

High-level side event by the Netherlands • 10.15-11.30am

- 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

Parallel thematic sessions • 3-4.30pm

- **Session A:** Building military capacity on cultural property protection
- **Session B:** Criminal responsibility for the destruction of cultural property - combating impunity through international law
- **Session C:** New technologies and the protection of cultural property

Plenary session II • 4.45-6.15pm

- Protecting cultural property: a humanitarian imperative

Cultural showcase and reception • 6.45-9pm

- Visit to the Mauritshuis Museum



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Day 3 • World Forum

Arrival and networking • 9-9.30am

- Networking Agora

Plenary session III • 9.30am-12.00pm

- Shaping a peaceful future: innovations and collaborations in preservation of cultural heritage in emergencies

Wrap-up and closing ceremony • 12-1.30pm

