

United against trafficking of cultural property: cooperation at the heart of the fight

Conference - UNESCO Headquarters - 23 May 2025

Programme

09.30am – 09.50am

Official opening

9.30am Ernesto Ottone R., Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO

9.35am Christian Sainte, National Director of the Judicial Police

9.40am Hubert Percie du Sert, Head of the Central Office against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property (OCBC)

9.45am OCBC video presentation

09.50am - 10.45am

Round Table I: 50 years of development of the OCBC, the establishment of a French synergy

Moderator: Estelle Stamm, Deputy Head of the OCBC

- The OCBC's response to illicit trafficking of cultural property over the last 50 years
Estelle Stamm, Deputy Head of the OCBC
- Presentation of the offences dealt with by the OCBC
Emmanuelle Murigneux, Head of the Operations Division, OCBC
- Illustration of criminal phenomena by the OCBC investigators
Olivier de Souza, Head of Investigating Group 1, OCBC
Stéphane Blumel, Head of Investigating Group 2, OCBC
Julien Fouet, Head of Investigating Group 3, OCBC
- Presentation of the National Action Plan to combat illicit trafficking of cultural property
Hubert Percie du Sert, Head of the OCBC

10.45am - 11am

Questions from the audience

11am – 11.15am

Break

11.15 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Round Table II: International cooperation in the fight against cultural property trafficking: strengthening ties for better collaboration

Moderator: Thomas Leclaire, Head of the Strategy Division at the OCBC

- UNESCO's role in the fight against illicit trafficking in cultural property
Krista Pikkat, Director of Culture and Emergencies, UNESCO
- Operational support agencies : INTERPOL and EUROPOL
Tiziano Coiro, Coordinator, Works of Art Unit, INTERPOL
Paul Exbrayat Seconded National Expert in Cultural Heritage Goods, EUROPOL
- Sharing best practice in international cooperation
Giuseppe Marseglia, Tutela Patrimonio Culturale, Italy
Rubén Sanz Lopez, Guardia Civil, Spain
Jean M., French Customs
Kelly Shannon, FBI, United States

12.15pm - 12.30pm

Questions from the audience

Lunch break

2pm - 3pm

Round Table III: The Role of Partners in Combating Cultural Property Trafficking – Highlighting Technical and Scientific Expertise

Moderator: Camille Blancher, Analyst and Provenance researcher at the OCBC

- Presentation of the OCBC Scientific Council
Thomas Leclaire, Head of the Strategy Division, OCBC
Vincent Michel, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Poitiers (HeRMA)
Vincent Négri, CNRS researcher at the Institut des Sciences Sociales du Politique (ISP)
- The role of experts in OCBC investigations
Emmanuelle Murigneux, Head of the Operations Division, OCBC
- Technological tools to combat trafficking
Axel Kerep, Project Manager
Thomas Leclaire, Head of the Strategy Division, OCBC

3pm - 3.15pm

Questions from the audience

3.15pm - 3.30pm

Break

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Round Table IV: Prospects for improvement: setting common objectives

Moderator: Noémie Gundogar, Legal Analyst at the OCBC

- Future legal innovations in the fight against trafficking of cultural property
Louise Malecot, Project Officer at UNESCO and Noémie Gundogar, Legal Analyst at the OCBC
- Restructuring the CULTNET network to improve European communication
Christine Casteels, Belgian Federal Police and Noémie Gundogar, OCBC for the CULTNET Secretariat
- The UNESCO Chair in International Law for the Protection of Cultural Property : its role and recent activities
Marc-André Renold, UNESCO Chair in International Law for the Protection of Cultural Property
- Exporting our expertise : supporting authorities in conflict zones
Estelle Stamm, Deputy Head of the OCBC
Sophie Beauvillain, Head of External Relations Group, OCBC

4.30pm - 4.45pm

Questions from the audience

4.45pm - 5pm

Closing remarks by Hubert Percie du Sert, Head of the OCBC

End of the day