

**State of Heritage Preservation Practice in Iraq:
The Convening of the International Grantmakers in Cultural Heritage
Preservation (G-CHeP)**

**University of Kurdistan, Hewlér, Erbil, Iraq
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Agenda

9 – 9:30	Welcoming Remarks
	Dr. Keith Sharp, President, University of Kurdistan Hewlér Dr. Ali Obaid Shalgham, Director General of Iraqi State Board of Antiquities and Heritage Kaifi Ali, KRG Directorate General of Antiquities and Heritage Will Raynolds, G-CHEP Network
9:30 – 10:30	Reflections on the past decade of Conservation 2014 – 2024
9:30 – 9:40	Mr. Mohammed Ako, General Directorate of Antiquities and Heritage: State of Heritage Conservation Practice in Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
9:40 – 9:50	Mr. Zaid Saadallah, Director of Mosul Museum: Mosul Museum Recovery
9:50 – 10:00	Dr. Luma al Douri, Director General of Iraqi Museums: Protecting collections and connecting them to the public
10:00 – 10:10	Maria Rita Acetoso, UNESCO Senior Project Manager: Urban heritage and the long path to recovery
10:10–10:30	Discussion - Moderator: Lanah Haddad
10:30–11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00–12:00	Current Challenges in Heritage Protection in Iraq
11:00 – 11:10	Mr. Nihad Qoja, Head of the High Commission for Erbil Citadel Revitalization: Ongoing challenges confronting large, Long-term conservation projects at the Citadel of Erbil and its challenges.
11:10 – 11:20	Mr. Abdel Rahman Alhajjar, Project Manager at Al Nouri Mosque: Technical challenges of Al Hadba Restoration, Mosul.
11:20 – 11:30	Mr. Ruwaid Allyla, Director of SBAH Nineveh: Assessing priorities following large scale destruction in the Nineveh region.

11:30 – 11:40	Ms. Nour Jasim Qader, UKH: The disconnection of contemporary architecture from local architectural heritage.
11:40 – 12:00	Discussion - Moderator: Ranjdar Kamaran
12:00–13:30	Lunch in UKH Cafeteria
13:30–14:30	Collaboration for Heritage Protection
13:30 – 13:40	Dr. Hassan Qasim, KAO : Prospects for collaboration between government and civil society for heritage protection
13:40 – 13:50	Mr. Erfan Osman Ahmed, RKHO: International collaboration with local NGOs for more inclusivity in heritage protection and practices.
13:50 – 14:00	Dr. Rozhen Mohammed-Amin, Nahrein Network: Collaboration between members of the Iraqi Academy and international peers to increase heritage protection
14:00 – 14:10	Mr. Mustafa al Husiny, Director of SBAH Basra: Collaboration with international heritage organizations
14:10 – 14:30	Discussion - Moderator: Lanah Haddad
14:30–15:30	New Horizons for Iraqi Heritage
14:30–14:40	Ms. Amanda Long, TARI : New Horizons: Developing through Dialogue.
14:40–14:50	Dr. Sahar al Qaisi, Koya University: Safeguarding Memory: Students, Professionals and Heritage.
14:50–15:00	Kaldo Ramzi Oghanna, Syriac Culture and Arts: Syriac heritage museum: preserving endangered culture with modern technology and community support.
15:00–15:10	Mr. Ayoob Thanoon, Mosul Heritage Foundation: The role of youth in preserving cultural heritage after the war, the Mosul Heritage Foundation as an example.
15:10 – 14:30	Discussion - Moderator: Ranjdar Kamaran
15:30 – 16:30	Concluding Responses and Remarks from Funders British Council Cultural Protection Fund Cultural Emergency Response (CER) US Ambassador’s Fund Whiting Foundation J.M. Kaplan Fund