



World Day for Cultural Diversity

workshop on

Together to preserve heritage by promoting cultural diversity

Culture connects us all

Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology
University of Warsaw

Cairo, May 21, 2026

Workshop Program

Time	Topic	Key speaker	Moderator
Opening Session 10:00 10:30	President of ICOMOS Sudan NC Representative of the Polish Center ICOMOS Sudan NC Secretary General Head of the Sub-Committee for Living Heritage Head of the Sub-Committee for Exhibition	Dr. Nouredin ELRAGIG Dr. Tomasz Kania Dr. Sara Abbo Dr. Adel Harbi Dr. Elfatih Husein	Dr.Sara Abbo
Paper 1 10:30-11:00	Cultural diversity in Sudan	Dr. Nouredin ELRAGIG President of ICOMOS Sudan A Sudanese architect and researcher known for his interest in African and Sudanese heritage and cultural studies, and issues of national identity.	
Paper 2 11:00-11:30	Blending modern architecture with traditional Sudanese and Nubian design elements	Dr. Jack Ishkanes A Sudanese architect renowned for developing a distinctive Sudanese architectural language that blends contemporary design with traditional	

		Nubian and regional Sudanese styles. His work significantly influenced debates about cultural identity in architecture, particularly in Khartoum during the late 20th century.	
Paper 3 11:00-11:30	Intangible cultural heritage as a fundamental pillar of cultural diversity and a guarantee for sustainable development	Dr. Ismail Ali Al-Fuhail He is a Sudanese academic, researcher, and writer, known for his interest in Sudanese culture, identity, and the social and intellectual history of Sudan. His name is associated with a number of studies and writings that address Sudanese society and its cultural and political transformations. He has also participated in intellectual seminars and academic activities both within and outside Sudan.	
Paper 4 11:30-12:00	The role of media in promoting cultural diversity	Dr. Sara Abbo The Secretary General of the ICOMOS Sudan A Sudanese academic and media professional known for her interest in media, communication, and women's empowerment issues, as well as her participation in discussions related to the role of media in development and social change in Sudan.	
Paper 5 12:00-12:30	School and university curricula and their role in promoting cultural diversity	Prof Mohd Bakr Treasurer of ICOMOS Sudan A Sudanese academic and architect, he is considered one of the prominent names in the field of architecture and urban planning in Sudan, and is known for his contributions to architectural education and scientific research related to Sudanese architectural identity and the local environment.	
12:30-13:00	Break		
Paper 6 13:00-13:30	Sudanese folk performing arts and dance - a tool for communication and peace	Dr. Adel Harbi Head of the Sub-Committee for Living Heritage Vice President of the General Union of Arab Artists and Head of the National Center - Former Dean of the College of Music and Drama at the University of Sudan - Theater Director and UNESCO Expert	

Paper 7 13:30-14:00	Features of folk singing and traditional instruments in Sudan	Dr. Elfatih Husein Head of the Sub-Committee for Exhibition Former Dean of the College of Music and Drama, Sudan University of Science and Technology Master's thesis entitled (Musical Customs and Traditions in Modern Sudan and the European Guitar)	
Paper 8 14:00-14:30	Diversity in visual arts in Sudanese culture	Mr. Adil Kebeda A Sudanese visual artist, photographer, and fine arts researcher. He is known for combining painting, photography, and mural art with themes related to Sudanese culture, urban life, and public space.	
Paper 9 14:30-15:00	The historical diversity of buildings in Sudan and their role in promoting cultural diversity	Dr. Maha Girgis Head of the Sub-Committee of Historic Building A Sudanese academic and researcher known for her interest in cultural, social, and intellectual issues, as well as her participation in academic and dialogue activities related to Sudanese society, women's issues, and culture.	
15:00-16:00	Lunch		
16:00-16:30	Discussion Q & A		
16:30 17:00	Closing Remarks and adoption of Recommendations		

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