

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 (Video message)
- H.E. Ms. **Saadat Yusifova**, Deputy Minister of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- H.E. Mr **CHEN Jie**, Vice-Minister of Education, Chairperson of the National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO (Video message)
- 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 **Lazare Eloundou Assomo** (UNESCO), Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre
- Mr **Peter Frankopan** (United Kingdom), UNESCO Chair of the Silk Roads Studies, King's College, Cambridge
- Mr **Doudou Diène** (Senegal), former Chair of UNESCO Silk Roads Steering Committee 1988-1997
- Ms **Christine Bernabeu** (France), Author, President of the Association Héra-Transcontinentale
- Mr **Jiang Bo** (China), Shandong University, Vice President of ICOMOS
- Mr **Jacques Legrand** (France), former Member of UNESCO Silk Roads Steering Committee 1988-1997 – Former president of INALCO

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*

- Mr **Rocco Rante** (France), Archaeologist, Louvre Museum
- Mr **Shahin Mustafayev** (Azerbaijan), President of the Turkic Academy, Astana
- Ms **Yi Na** (China), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Mr **Muati Al Muati** (Oman), Ministry of Heritage of Sultanate of Oman
- 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 by Ms **Ângela Melo** (UNESCO), Director of Division for Research, Ethics and Inclusion, Social and Human Sciences Sector**

Official presentation of Silk Roads Masterpieces Exhibitions and the “Youth Eyes on the Silk Roads”

12:45 – 13:00 – Foyer des Conférences

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

Speech by H.E. Mr **YANG Jin**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO, as well as H.E. Mr **Elman Abdullayev**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Azerbaijan to UNESCO, on behalf of the Co-organizing Member States

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

Ms **Gala Vilarrasa Richard** (France), Young photographer of the 3rd Edition of the *Youth Eyes on the Silk Roads International Photo Contest* (Photo “Dreaming of the Silk Roads”, 2021)

Group Photo of Ministerial Representatives and Ambassadors of the Co-organizers

Film Screening

14:30 – 15:30 – Room II

Documentary Film **“How the Silk Roads Made the World”** and
presentation by the Film Director Steve Talley
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 **YANG Jin**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the People's Republic of China to UNESCO

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

Moderator: Mr **Mehrdad Shabahang** (UNESCO), Programme Specialist of the Silk Roads Programme

- 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** and Mr **Akinkunmi Ibrahim Oseni**, (Nigeria) – Online
‘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)
‘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 of the Scientific Panel of the “Silk Roads Youth Research Grant” and Experts

- 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**, Member of the Scientific Panel, India
- Ms **Aijarkyn Kojobekova**, Member of the Scientific Panel, Kyrgyzstan
- Mr **Jacques Legrand**, Member of the Scientific Panel, France
- Mr **Shahin Mustafayev**, Member of the Scientific Panel, Azerbaijan
- Ms **Elena Paskaleva**, Member of the Scientific Panel, Netherlands
- Ms **Darina Saliba Abi-Chedid**, Member of the Scientific Panel, Lebanon
- Mr **Doudou Diène** (Senegal), former Chair of UNESCO Silk Roads Steering Committee 1988-1997
- Mr **Jiang Bo**, Shandong University, Vice President of ICOMOS, China
- Mr **Henri-Paul Francfort**, Member of the *Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres*, France

Concert

18:30 – 20:30 – Room I

- Welcome and opening remarks
Ms **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO
- Opening speech
H.E. Ms **Gulsara Arystankulova**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to France,
Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Kazakhstan to UNESCO

Artistic performances from Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, China

Ensemble Turan,

Aktoty Raimkulova (piano), **Medet Chotabaev** (opera), **Talgar Talgatuly**, and

Dina Mirmanova (concertmaster)

Saida Zulfugarova (piano), **Agaragim Guliyev** (flute),

“A Timeless Era of Prosperity and Splendor” (Instruments avec choir),

“La route du temps Il Soie” (Instruments),

“Mon amour profond pour vous” (soprano),

“Nuit de lune et de fleurs sur le fleuve printanier”(Instruments)

Children's choir of the Centre Vivi Musique de Paris

Hanfu silk clothing fashion show

Reception



20:30 – 22:00 – Hall Ségur and Salle des Pas Perdus

By invitation only

This is a tentative agenda and is subject to modifications.