



Conference “Securing archives at risk”

Thursday, 1 October 2015, Hotel National, Bern, Switzerland

TIME	WHAT & BY WHOM	PURPOSE
08:30-09:00	Arrival	
09:00-9:30	WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS Andreas Kellerhals (Director, Swiss Federal Archives) Elisabeth Baumgartner (Head, Dealing with the Past Program, swisspeace)	✓ The Swiss Federal Archives and swisspeace give their welcoming remarks and share their views and visions on the conference's topic
09:30-09:45	INTRODUCTORY NOTE The importance of protecting, securing and giving access to archives at risk for dealing with the past Pablo de Greiff (UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence) <i>(by video)</i>	✓ <i>Explaining the importance of the protection, security and access to archives at risk for dealing with the past processes nationally and internationally</i>
09:45-10:30	KEYNOTE SPEECH Protecting, securing and giving access to archives for dealing with the past: challenges and lessons learnt from Syria Mohammad Al Abdallah (Executive Director, Syria Justice and Accountability Centre)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Explaining the importance of the protection, security and access to archives at risk on the example of Syria</i> ✓ <i>Sharing the challenges, opportunities, needs, good practices and lessons learnt when it comes to protecting, securing and giving access to human rights archives in Syria</i>
10:30-11:00	Break (coffee and tea)	

11:00-12:30	<p>SESSION I Protecting, securing and giving access to archives at risk: setting the scene</p> <p>Trudy Huskamp Peterson (Archivist and Chair, International Council of Archives' Human Rights Working Group) Anne-Marie La Rosa (Lawyer and Senior Diplomacy Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross) Marie Liouliou (Project Coordinator, Memory of the World Programme, UNESCO) Elke Selter (Consultant, Emergency Preparedness and Response, UNESCO)</p> <p>Moderation: Elisabeth Baumgartner (Head Dealing with the Past Program, swisspeace)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Identifying the current nature of risks and threats in terms of protection, security and access to archives</i> ✓ <i>Identifying the national and international legal standards for the protection, security and access to archives at risk in the respective countries and abroad</i> ✓ <i>Identifying good practices, lessons learnt and the way forward</i>
12:30-14:00	Break (lunch)	
14:00-15:30	<p>SESSION II Protecting, securing and giving access to archives at risk: local and national solutions</p> <p>Mohammad Al Abdallah (Executive Director, Syria Justice and Accountability Centre) Ahmed Atef (Co-founder of "Wikithawra" project) Wendy Betts (Director of eyeWitness, International BAR Association) Saad Eskander (Former Director, Iraq National Library and Archives) Andreas Nef (Archivist, Docuteam)</p> <p>Moderation: Trudy Huskamp Peterson (Archivist and Chair, International Council of Archives' Human Rights Working Group)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Identifying the institutions involved in protecting, securing and giving access to archives at local and national levels</i> ✓ <i>Identifying solutions to protect, secure and give access to archives at local and national levels</i> ✓ <i>Identifying the challenges and opportunities of these different solutions</i> ✓ <i>Identifying how countries can apply a preventive lens in protecting and securing archives before they are even at risk</i> ✓ <i>Identifying the good practices, lessons learnt and the way forward</i>
15:30-16:00	Break (coffee and tea)	
16:00-17:30	<p>SESSION III Protecting, securing and giving access to archives at risk: complementary solutions</p> <p>Monika Borgmann (Board Member, UMAM Documentation and Research, Lebanon) Cathy Collins (Endangered Archives Programme, The British Library) Shari Eppel (Executive Director, Peace Solidarity Trust) Gabriella Ivacs (Chief Archivist, Open Society Archives) Andreas Kellerhals (Vice-President, International Council of Archives and Director, Swiss Federal Archives)</p> <p>Moderation: Serge Rumin (Deputy Head, Task Force Dealing with the Past and Prevention of Atrocities, FDFA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Identifying ways in which actors can assist the countries in protecting, securing and giving access to archives at risk</i> ✓ <i>Identifying the challenges and opportunities of these different types of assistance</i> ✓ <i>Identifying the good practices, lessons learnt and the way forward</i>
17:30-18:00	<p>Wrap up and closing remarks</p> <p>Elisabeth Baumgartner (Head, Dealing with the Past Program, swisspeace) Mô Bleeker (Special Envoy, Task Force Dealing with the Past and Prevention of Atrocities, FDFA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and swisspeace give their concluding remarks</i>