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Supporting Documentary Heritage Preservation in the Arab Region

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Qatar National Library and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

have joined forces to support the preservation of documentary heritage in the Arab region by understanding the needs and challenges of heritage institutions in order to build their capacities and strengthen knowledge and information exchange.

This project is part of the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Center (PAC) for Arab Countries, managed by Qatar National Library, and within the framework of UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme.



إجراء قياس الحموضة على إحدى المخطوطات
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The Arab region is home to an extraordinary documentary heritage. Its historical manuscripts, maps, printed books, archives, audiovisual recordings and photos are a valuable contribution to the history of humanity, and are key to fostering dialogue between cultures. Preserving this heritage comes with challenges, including limited resources to prevent natural deterioration, lack of technical expertise, and threats from conflict and natural disasters.



مكتبة الخالدي بالقدس الشرقية
Khalidy library in East Jerusalem

BENEFICIARIES

Heritage libraries (public and private), cultural heritage institutions, museums and governments

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The project will increase research, capacity building and awareness by:

- Mapping documentary heritage institutions
- Surveying preservation needs
- Hosting a regional conference on documentary heritage preservation
- Training institutions on preventive conservation and disaster risk preparedness
- Holding events to raise awareness

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