THE CONTINENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE
RESTITUTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY AND
HERITAGE

INVITATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA

WHAT: THE CONTINENTAL EXPERTS’ WORKSHOP ON THE
RESTITUTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY AND HERITAGE

DATE: 30TH NOVEMBER – 2ND DECEMBER 2021

VENUE: DAKAR, SENEGAL

MEETING LINK: Join the conversation using #RestitutionJourney


OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Experts Workshop on the Restitution of Cultural Property and Heritage are to:

I. Develop a position paper on the Restitution of Cultural Property

II. Produce a Framework for Action on the Negotiations for the return illicitly trafficked Cultural Property from the Continent;

III. Support restitution policies for cultural property in Africa.

IV. Establish networks of African cultural experts, policy makers, dealers, auctioneers, museum curators and individual buyers among others, working in the area of combating illicit trafficking in cultural property
and heritage.

BACKGROUND

Cultural property in Africa have been plundered and acquired illegally through trafficking and mostly during wars and armed conflicts. Lack of mechanisms and systemic structures on how to protect them has been a fundamental challenge. In order to holistically protect and preserve cultural property in Africa, there should be mechanisms in which cultural property protection becomes the responsibility of citizens, communities, societies and states. One of the proposed mechanisms is to have a framework for action on the negotiations for the return of illicitly trafficked cultural property from the continent. The process of developing such a framework should be supported by a position paper which articulates the importance of restitution of cultural property.

JOURNALISTS ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT...

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