

Regional conference on

The use of AML/CFT in the investigation of Art and Antiquities Criminality

Mexico City, Mexico

OPENING CEREMONY

ALEJANDRA FRAUSTO GUERRERO

Minister of culture

Mrs Guerrero is a lawyer graduated from the Facultad de Derecho of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

She is a cultural promoter, specialised in generating cultural projects with a social impact. Since 1998, she has been dedicated to (i) cultural promotion and management in the public and private spheres; (ii) the production of large-scale events and; (iii) the development and implementation of public policies related to culture and human development, seeking to position culture as a crucial strategy for social development.

In the public sector, she has held various positions, such as: Director of Cultural Diffusion of the Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana; producer and curator of Laboratorio Plasmath de Investigación en Resonancia y Expresión de la Naturaleza A.C.; Coordinator of the Festival Circuit at the Ministry of Culture; Director of the Culture Institute in Guerrero; General Director of Popular Cultures of the Ministry of Culture. Within the private sector, she was Director of her own company "AF Proyectos", an agency in cultural management, public relations and event production and consulting.

In December 2018, she was appointed Minister of Culture.



PABLO GÓMEZ ÁLVAREZ

Head of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Mexico

Mr Álvarez holds a degree in Economics from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). He has carried out various political activities, including his participation in the Student Movement of 1968. He was a founding member of the Mexican Socialist Party, the Unified Socialist Party of Mexico (PSUM), and the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD); he was also general secretary of the PSUM and national president of the PRD. He has been federal deputy in several legislatures and Senator of the Republic. In the academic field, he has been professor of Political Economy, Politics and Economic History, and Sociology at UNAM.

Mr Álvarez is the author of several books: *Los gastos secretos del presidente; México 1988: Disputa por la Presidencia y Lucha Parlamentaria; 1968: La historia también está hecha de derrotas*, among others. In addition, he has been a columnist in various print and digital media.

Mr Álvarez was appointed Head of the FIU Mexico in November 2021.



ESTEBAN SERGIO FULLIN

Executive Secretary of GAFILAT

Esteban Sergio Fullin is an Argentinean lawyer, graduated from the University of Buenos Aires, with extensive experience in preventing and combating ML/TF at the regional and international level.

He became Executive Secretary of the Financial Action Task Force of Latin America (GAFILAT) in 2019. He has over 20 years of professional experience in the field of AML/CFT, having held various positions in national and international organisations, among which Regional AML/CFT Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Legal Department of the IMF; Representative to CFATF and GAFILAT; Executive Secretary of GAFILAT; Deputy Executive Secretary of GAFILAT; Member of the FATF Expert Groups in charge of proposing the modification of the FATF 40 Recommendations and their evaluation methodology; Member of the Expert Advisory Group in the revision of the AML/CFT evaluation processes in the FATF.

ANNE GIUDICELLI

Head of Global Threats Division - Expertise France

Anne Giudicelli has 20 years of professional experience in international relations, policy formulation and project management in the field of global security, risk assessment and geopolitical threat management. She is the Head of the Global Threats division within the Peace, Stability and Security Directorate of Expertise France, where she manages 50+ people mobilised on 20 projects worldwide. She founded and managed a strategic intelligence and global security consulting firm, focusing on the engineering and management of complex and sensitive projects for international institutions and private companies. Specialised in the Arab and Muslim world, Anne previously worked as an analyst at the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs on issues related to the region. She published numerous studies and books and participates in several think tanks on geostrategic topics.



CLOSING CEREMONY



GAUTIER MIGNOT

European Union Ambassador to Mexico

Gautier Mignot holds a management degree from ESSEC Business school and is an alumni of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA). He has been a Member of the French Diplomatic Service since 1995. In the first part of his career, he mainly worked on EU Affairs, coordinating in particular the French EU Council Presidency in Brussels in 2008. He was thereafter Deputy Head of Mission for France to Senegal and Deputy Director General for Global Affairs and International Cooperation at the Quai d'Orsay.

His Latin American experience includes a posting as junior diplomat at the French Embassy to Mexico (1998-2002) and another as French Ambassador to Colombia (2017-20). He joined the European External Action Service in 2021 to become EU Head of Delegation to Mexico.

DAVID HOTTE

Team Leader of the EU Global Facility

David Hotte has twenty five years of experience as an international expert on money laundering and terrorist financing, advising bodies such as the European Union, the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia.

In the private sector, David Hotte was a senior compliance manager for a French banking group and a consultant for a law firm on financial crime. He has served in the Gendarmerie Nationale. His work has covered Palestine, Sri Lanka, Turkey, China, Laos and Syria, among many others. David has extensive experience managing programmes of AML/CFT. He is the former Team Leader of the EU-funded project on AML/CFT in the Horn of Africa.

He holds a Masters degree in Public Law and Accounting from the University Pantheon-Sorbonne in Paris. He is the author of several books on financial crime.



DAYS 1 & 2 - SESSIONS

Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 May 2023



ALEJANDRO IBARRA PEÑA

Director for International Affairs at the FIU of Mexico

Mr Peña holds a B.A in International Relations by the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey.

Over the past years, he has participated as co-lead and member of several project teams of FATF Risk, Trends and Methods Group's projects, including the one on ML/TF from the Art and Antiquities Market. He has prior experience in Mexico's participation in national, regional and international AML/CFT fora. He holds a Certificate in Art History by the Academy of Realist Art Mexico (ARAM). He has been serving in the Financial Intelligence Unit since 2020.

ALEJANDRO CELORIO ALCÁNTARA

Legal Adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

Mr Alcantara serves as Legal Adviser at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a career diplomat in the Mexican Foreign Service, he has previously been appointed to serve as Deputy Legal Adviser; Head of the Hispanic and Migratory Affairs Section at the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C.; Head of the Consular Assistance Department at the Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento; and Head of the Political and Economic Affairs Department at the Embassy of Mexico in Paraguay. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from La Salle University; three Master's Degrees: Legal Sociology from the International Institute of Legal Sociology at Oñate, Spain; International Transactions and Comparative Law by the San Francisco University Law School; American Law by Houston University; and a Diploma in Public Administration from the Universidad Iberoamericana.



MATILDE MURA

Expert in Archaeology, Culture and Heritage

Matilde Mura is a researcher at Archaïos, where her research focuses on the dynamics of tells and their voluntary destruction. Her analysis mainly concerns Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

After obtaining her PhD at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, she joined the private company Archaïos.

Drawing on her field skills acquired during missions in France, Azerbaijan, Iraq and Afghanistan, she develops her research problems within several ongoing projects, mainly located in Iraq. A project entitled Statistics on the volume of looted artefacts (STAVOLA) is being developed under her direction. This innovative project will focus on building a tool allowing to calculate the number and types of objects extracted from a looted site based on field data and digital elevation models.



JESSICA GIRAUD

Expert in Archaeology, Culture and Heritage

Jessica Giraud is the CEO and founder of Archaïos, Archaeology, Culture and Heritage. Archaïos is a scientific research society specialised in the field of Heritage and Archaeology. Archaïos' mainly international projects are based on the multidisciplinary skills of its research team, notably their expertise on Archaeological Maps, Archaeological Excavations, Heritage conservation and promotion, Research and development of innovative tools for the excavation and promotion of archaeological sites, as well as training of professional archaeologists. Jessica is also a researcher at the CNRS and the French Institute of Near-East. She previously worked as a research fellow in Irak, on the topic of Oriental Archaeology and Landscape Archaeology. She holds a PhD in archaeology from Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

JAMES RATCLIFFE

Director of recovery & General Counsel at the Art Loss Register

James Ratcliffe is the Director of Recoveries & General Counsel at the Art Loss Register, the world's largest private database of stolen and looted art and antiquities. The ALR contains over 700,000 items subject to some form of claim and checks over 450,000 items against its database each year. James has led the ALR's team that assists in this recovery work for the past 9 years.

With a background in archaeology prior to qualifying as a solicitor, James has a particular interest in investigating the provenance of cultural property and its recovery where appropriate. He has worked with law enforcement agencies, museums, and claimant nation states around the world to secure the return of claimed piece. He has also advised on overall strategy in this area, with a particular focus on the practical resolution of claims. James's work has also involved advising on criminal activity in the art market relating to fraud and ML, pertaining to all sectors of the market from contemporary to old master paintings. James is a regular guest lecturer on university courses and at conferences.



FIONNUALA ROGERS

Solicitor and Expert on Art

Fionnuala Rodgers is a cultural property lawyer, Founder and Cultural Director of Canvas Art Law Ltd, a law firm dedicated to the arts, culture and heritage. The firm advises members of the art market on issues relating to art and cultural property including due diligence, import, export and trade, and compliance with regulation; government entities on new regulation and policy in relation to art and cultural property, including benchmarking best and worst practice and making recommendations for new legislation in heritage protection, art acquisitions, illicit trafficking and art market regulation. It also provides training to art market, academics and law enforcement on legislation and regulation relating to art crime and illicit trafficking. Fionnuala is the Chair of the UK Committee of the Blue Shield, an independent international NGO dedicated to the protection of cultural heritage in conflict and disaster. Furthermore, she is an art and cultural property law consultant.



DR DONNA YATES

Associate Professor, Criminal Law and Criminology at the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

Dr Donna Yates is an associate professor of Criminology and Criminal Law at Maastricht University. For the past twenty years she has conducted criminological, sociological, and archaeological research into the transnational illicit trade in cultural objects.

Her particular focus is on white collar crime, organisational crime, and offender motivations. Dr Yates is a founding member of the Trafficking Culture Research Consortium, which produces an evidence base for policy and practice interventions related to crimes against cultural objects and she is currently the Principle Investigator of the European Research Council-funded project TRANSFORM which studies the role that objects play in criminal networks.

Dr Yates has published numerous academic papers, books, and commissioned reports related to the illicit trade in cultural objects, and has consulted on this topic for a number of government agencies and intergovernmental organisations. Dr Yates is also a trained archaeologist.

DANIEL VAZQUEZ

Chief Inspector in the Spanish National Police

Daniel Vazquez Llorens is a Chief Inspector in the Spanish National Police. He joined the National Police in 2002. His main expertise (for more than 15 years) is in the field of criminal police (investigation), mainly in money laundering and asset recovery investigations related to organised crime.

He also has a vast experience in international police cooperation matters related to financial and economic crime. He is a well experienced trainer at the police level, with more than 500 hours of courses delivered as trainer/instructor in different national and international training courses in financial crime and asset recovery. Mr Llorens has been a trainer in Mexico, Uruguay and Chile as well as in the UNODC Global Programme against Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism. He participated in technical assistance activities at the international level for police capacity building in Panama, Costa Rica and Uruguay. He has also been the national contact point for EMPACT CFMLAR, CARIN, AMON and GlobE. He holds a degree in Law and a Master in Public Security and Safety.

RUBEN SANCHEZ

Chief Inspector in the Spanish National Police

Rubén Sánchez is Chief Inspector at the Spanish National Police. He has 15 years of experience in the fight against terrorism and other radicalisms.

Mr Sánchez has held various positions of responsibility within the Central Anti-Terrorist Unit in the areas of counter-intelligence, counter-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and arms trafficking, fight against jihadist terrorism.

In the last six years, he has worked in the field of AML/CFT as head of financial intelligence exercising, among other responsibilities, as liaison officer and analyst of the area of analysis of terrorism of the Spanish FIU (SEPBLAC), developing and integrating new tools for greater collaboration and coordination between the relations of the police specialty with the FIU.

He is also a representative of the Spanish National Police and SEPBLAC in the RTMG-FATF, UN working groups and other international for a. Additionally, Mr Sánchez is a trainer and speaker in activities of the EU, GAFILAT, CEPOL, UN, etc.



ANTONIO ROMA

Spanish Prosecutor

Antonio Roma is a Spanish prosecutor specialised in international legal cooperation and crimes against cultural heritage. He has been a professor of Procedural Law at the University of A Coruña. He has published numerous books and articles on international legal cooperation, cultural crimes and archeology of the Middle Age, among others.

As a prosecutor, he has developed cases of high responsibility in different matters, including the illicit trafficking of cultural property called the “Patterson matter.” He has also integrated the Fiscal Council in the national level in Spain. From 2017 to 2022 he has been coordinator of the Cooperation component between judicial systems of the EL PACCTO Project of the EU, which achieved great results in the fight against transnational organised crime with 16 Latin American nations and international institutions in the Americas (supreme courts, councils of justice, public ministries or ministries of justice). Antonio Roma has a law degree and a PhD in archaeology.

CLAUDIO SANZÒ

Carabinieri Cultural Heritage Protection Unit

Claudio Sanzò is an officer of the Carabinieri Corps and Chief of the Italian Carabinieri for the Protection of Cultural Heritage Unit for the Lombardy region. He held a position within the Italian Central Directorate for Anti-Drug Services and was deployed in the South of Lebanon in the framework of UNIFIL in addition to other duties in Italy. Major Sanzò comes from the Nunziatella Military School of Naples and the Military Academy of Modena. He holds degrees in Law, Security & Safety and a Master’s in Geopolitics. He is also a trainer and speaker in the EU Twinning Project “Supporting the Royal Department for Environment Protection and Tourism in enforcing environmental and tourism laws effectively in Jordan” and in the “Project to support Operations in Lebanon on Cultural Heritage” as well as a representative of the Italian Carabinieri Corps in activities of the UNODC, EUROPOL, OPFA-CULT, G20.



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Funded by the European Commission since 2017, the EU Global Facility on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism aims to support third countries in their efforts to prevent money laundering and cut off access to funding for individual terrorists and terrorist organisations.

The project seeks to (i) strengthen the AML/CFT legislative, regulatory and policy framework; (ii) build AML/CFT institutional capacity in third countries; and (iii) increase national, regional and international cooperation on AML/CFT issues. Financed by the Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI), the project is implemented by Expertise France, in partnership with the GIZ and NI-CO.

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Mexico was created on 7 May 2004, with the purpose of contributing to the prevention and fight against the crimes of operations with resources of illicit origin - commonly known as money laundering - and the financing of terrorism. It is the central national body for (i) receiving reports of financial operations and warnings from those who carry out vulnerable activities; (ii) analysing financial and economic operations and other related information; and (iii) disseminating intelligence reports and other useful documents to detect operations probably linked to money laundering (ML) or the financing of terrorism (FT), and, where appropriate, submitting the corresponding reports to the competent authority.

The Latin American Financial Action Task Force (GAFILAT) is a regionally based intergovernmental organisation that brings together 18 countries from South, Central and North America. GAFILAT was created to prevent and combat ML, FT and the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, through a commitment to the continuous improvement of national policies against these scourges and the deepening of the various cooperation mechanisms between member countries.

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