

ARCHE Seminar Series

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“Cultural heritage in a changing climate: links to the Global Goal on Adaptation and cultural heritage indicators”

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Abstract

Dr Youssef Nassef is the Director of the Adaptation Programme at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). He has led the UNFCCC’s adaptation workstreams since their inception, bringing over 30 years of experience in diplomacy and international environmental policy, and is a seconded diplomat from the Egyptian Foreign Service.

Throughout his career at the UNFCCC, he has led support for major global adaptation initiatives, including:

- National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA)
- National Adaptation Plans (NAP)
- The Nairobi Work Programme, a major international knowledge hub for climate impacts, vulnerability and adaptation
- The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage

He recently created the Resilience Frontiers initiative, which applies foresight approaches to help achieve post-2030 resilience.

Dr Nassef is a frequent contributor to international conferences on resilience, adaptation, and their links to sustainable development, with a focus on developing countries. He holds a Doctoral degree in International Technology Policy and Management and a Master’s degree in International Environmental Policy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, as well as a Master’s degree in Middle East Studies and a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and Physics from the American University in Cairo.

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