REME SAKR

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• Damascus, Syria

- National Programme Director of the 'Living Heritage' programme at the Syria Trust for Development, a Syrian NGO accredited by UNESCO to provide advisory services to the Committee since 2012
- Vice Chair of the Syrian Handicrafts enterprise. Syrian Handicrafts works on developing cultural industries which assist in the socioeconomic development of ICH bearers. Various ICH elements are targeted through specific safeguarding programmes, such as programmes for the traditional silk production, hand-looming and traditional Aleppan soap
- Member of the National Steering Committee for the restoration of the Old City of Aleppo, a world heritage site.
- > Member of the National Creative Cities Committees for Damascus, Aleppo and Tartous
- > Member of the ICH NGO Forum Steering Committee
- Supported the Syria Trust for Development's 2-year term to the Evaluation Body for the 2015-2016 cycle.

ORGANISATION INVOLVEMENT

- 'Building Bridges in Times of Conflict': A project for the Australian Multicultural Foundation- a conflict resolution training programme to enhance social cohesion and respect between communities in Australia in the aftermath of the Syrian conflict. (Sydney, Australia)
- Syrian Women in War': Keynote speaker at the University of Sydney 2015 seminar providing insight into the plight of women in war. (Sydney, Australia)
- State of Play': Panel speaker at the Damascus University October 2016 conference, focusing on the role of the media in conflict. (Damascus, Syria)
- Values University (World Entrepreneurs Meeting) One of 20 participants selected to create a programme to combat community fragmentation through the spheres of culture, education, media and policy in May, 2017. Values University is a UNESCO partner.
- > Syrian youth representative at the Euro-Arab Dialogue meeting in UNESCO Paris, Dec 2016.
- Cultural Heritage & Identity- an Arab Youth Perspective (UNESCO): Participant and Speaker on the topic of Syrian Youth's engagement for heritage, dialogue and peace building in March, 2017. (Tunis, Tunisia)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TURIN- INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

Master of World Heritage for Development

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Journalism

Sub-major: Transnational Studies

INSEARCH: UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY

Diploma of Communication: Journalism

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRDIGE

Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)