



# President of the General Assembly 79<sup>th</sup> Session



## High-Level Interactive Dialogue on Culture and Sustainable Development

### “Connecting Cultures in the Digital Era”

Wednesday, 21 May 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

### PROGRAMME

10:00am – 10:30am	<b>Opening Segment</b>  Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Philemon Yang</b>, President of the General Assembly</li><li>• <b>Mr. Ernesto Ottone</b>, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO (pre-recorded video statement)</li><li>• <b>Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris</b>, Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights and Head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York</li><li>• <b>Mr. Jordi Martí Grau</b>, State Secretary for Culture of Spain, Host, 2025 World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development (MONDIACULT)</li></ul>
10:30am – 1:00pm	<b>Plenary Segment</b>  Statements by Member States and Observers
1:00pm – 3:00pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>
3:00pm – 6:00pm	<b>Panel Discussion: “Connecting Cultures in the Digital Era”</b>  Moderator: <b>H.E. Mr. Osama Mahmoud Abdelkhalek Mahmoud</b> , Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Presiding Co-Chair of Group of Friends Culture

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Marie-Julie Desrochers</b>, Secretary General, International Federation of Coalitions for Cultural Diversity</li><li>• <b>Mr. Javier Tourné</b>, Founder and Executive Director of Tourné Gallery</li><li>• <b>Ms. Melody Capote</b>, Executive Director of Caribbean Cultural Center</li><li>• <b>Mr. Lance Weiler</b>, Professor of Professional Practice and founding member and Director of the Digital Story Telling Lab at Columbia University, School of Arts</li><li>• <b>Ms. Mariama Camara</b>, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mariama Fashion Production</li></ul>
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