

Paris, 19 June 2019

Official Launch of the German translations of the ICOM *Red List of West African Cultural Objects at Risk – Emergency Mali* and the ICOM *Emergency Red List of Cultural Objects at Risk – Yemen*

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The International Council of Museum (ICOM) is delighted to inform you that the official launch of the German translations of ICOM *Red List of West African Cultural Objects at Risk – Emergency Mali* and ICOM *Emergency Red List of Cultural Objects at Risk – Yemen* will take place on Thursday, 11 July 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at The Museum Rietberg, in Zürich, Switzerland.

ICOM considers the fight against illicit traffic in cultural goods to be a central element of its public service missions, placing it at the core of its programmes actions. ICOM Red Lists are practical tools that support the work of law enforcement and of all those concerned with the protection and preservation of cultural heritage. The Red Lists assist in identifying the types and categories of cultural objects that are particularly vulnerable to smuggling and illicit trafficking.

The translations of the Red Lists in different languages are essential to the proper distribution of this very important tool all over the world, in order to increase their diffusion and usefulness.

These two translations were developed with the valuable assistance of a team of national and international experts, and the generous support of the United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Swiss Confederation and the West African Economic and Monetary Union.

If you would like to participate in the event, please reply to the email address on the invitation card.

We look forward to seeing you at the launch.

Sincerely,



Peter Keller
ICOM Director General