

WHEN WATERS SPEAK

TOWARDS AN OPEN MUSEUM OF WATER CULTURE

Wednesday 20th December 2023
3,00 - 4,45 pm CET



Abu Sawbat Heritage Boat Club, Chibayish, Iraq (Rashad Salim/© Safina Projects, 2023)

This webinar will bring together an international panel of artists and cultural activists, makers and scholars to discuss the Open Museum Initiative for Water Culture, an art-led project for the protection and revitalization of water heritage in the Fertile Crescent and Arabian Peninsula. From its hub in Basra, at the confluence of the Tigris-Euphrates river system and the Gulf, the Open Museum Initiative reaches out to connect regionally via the flow of the waters and their history and heritage of traditional practices, archaeological and geological remains, and archival records: visual, textual and oral.

Programme

Moderators: Lucrezia Gigante and Alice Chautard
15:00 - 15:05: Welcome and Introduction (Eriberto Eulisse)

Panel:
15:05 - 15:25: Rashad Salim and Hannah Lewis, [Safina Projects](#)
15:25 - 15:40: Nabil Musa, [Waterkeepers Iraq-Kurdistan](#)
15:40 - 15:55: Dr Muntather al-Hassani, *Al-Turath Al-Sha'bi* journal / Shanashil Foundation
15:55 - 16:00: Break

Discussion:
16:00 - 16:20: Roundtable Discussion with panel presenters and invited discussants, including Isber Sabine, [Heritage for Peace](#), [Prof. Daniel Potts](#), Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, and Maurizio Ulliana, [Museum of River Navigation](#), Battaglia Terme
16:20 - 16:40: Q&A with audience
16:40 - 16:45: Closing Remarks (Eriberto Eulisse)

This webinar is organised by IHE Delft in cooperation with the Global Network of Water Museums and [Safina Projects](#) (Iraq), with support of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, as part of the new series of webinars titled 'When Waters Speak'.