



National Library & Archives  
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Exhibition & Symposium

## 50 YEARS OF SHARED HISTORY: CELEBRATING UNITED ARAB EMIRATES-FRANCE FRIENDSHIP

### AGENDA:

#### EXHIBITION

9.30 am – 11.20 am

**9.30**

Arrival and welcome coffee

**10.30 am**

Opening ceremony

**10:45 am**

Short video commemorating the key UAE-France friendship milestones.

**10:50 am**

Opening Speeches: Dr Yann Rodier – Master of Ceremony

- Prof Nathalie Martial-Braz, Vice Chancellor, SUAD
- HE Abdulla Majed Al Ali, Director General, National Library & Archives
- HE Nicolas Niemtchinow, Ambassador of France to the UAE

**11:15 am**

Gifts Exchange

**11:20 am**

Keynote speech by

- HE Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh, Cultural Advisor to the President of the UAE, Chancellor of the UAEU and former Minister of State for Cultural and Public Diplomacy.



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11.30 am – 12.45 pm

### Panel 1: UAE-France relations through historical archives

Guest Speakers

- *Franco-Emirati relations through history and archives*  
**Hamad Al Mutairi**, National and Library Archives in the UAE, Director of the Archives department.
- *France-UAE cultural relations: a perspective through history of art.*  
**Ms. Sofia Issaikina**, Sorbonne University in Paris, PhD student
- *Franco-Emirati relations through the lens of the creation and operation of the Arab World Institute in Paris.*  
**Ms. Melisa Tedafi**, CEFREPA – Koweit, PhD student

Moderated by **Prof. Makram Abbès**, Director of CEFREPA (French Research Institute for the Arabian Peninsula)

### Panel 2: UAE-France diplomatic and cultural relations (open discussion)

Guest Speakers

- *Convergences of French and Emirati Diplomacies*  
**Prof. William Gueraiche**, Abrahamic Family House, previously Professor at the University of Wollongong in Dubai.
- **Dr. Mohammed Omair**, Executive Director of the Infrastructure Development Sector.

Moderated by **Dr Majed Al Khemeiri**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Administrative & Financial Affairs, SUAD