



Heritage at Risk

Assessing Flashpoints and Risk for Destruction of Places of Worship and Study

Terms of Reference

- Focus: **Places of Worship and Study**
- Question: **How do we engage key diplomats and legislators to implement laws, policies, and practices to protect sacred heritage and prevent violence against places of worship and study?**
- Products: **Research and Recommendation (15 pages, double-spaced)**

Research (10 pages)

Report

What places are common flashpoints for religion-related violence in the Mediterranean Basin? Why? Are specific types of places of worship and study more at risk than others? Consider both quantitative and qualitative evidence. When appropriate provide region-specific data-driven analysis.

Gaps in Policy and Implementation

What are the gaps in international, national, and regional policies and implementation related to the protection of places of worship and study?

Best Practices

What are the most successful policies and law for preventing and reducing religion-related violence against places of study and worship in the Mediterranean Basin? How can policies and law be used to preserve places of worship and study?

Influencer Map

With whom might Global Covenant partner? What role do these actors have in the field? Do they have particular strengths or liabilities? Who do they influence? Who belongs in their network? What actors might be potential implementing partners? Who are the most notable scholars in this issue area?

Bibliography

What should Global Covenant planners and implementers read to inform their work? What articles, reports, resolutions, etc. does this working group cite in its reports and recommendations?

Recommendations (5 pages)

Response

Propose research-driven pilot initiatives that engage key influencers dedicated to enhancing laws and policies enacted to reduce and prevent religion-related violence against places of worship and study. Religious actors, civil society organizations, and policymakers should co-create the recommendations for initiatives that enhance laws and policies. Remember to include the voices of women, youth, and conflict survivors.