



Heritage at Risk

Assessing Flashpoints and Risk for Violence at Pilgrimage Sites

Terms of Reference

- Focus: **Access to Pilgrimage Sites**
- Question: **How do we engage religious actors to protect sacred heritage and prevent violence against pilgrims and holy sites?**
- Products: **Research and Recommendation (15 pages, double-spaced)**

Research (10 pages)

Report

What pilgrimage sites are common flashpoints for religion-related violence in the Mediterranean Basin? Why? Are specific types of pilgrimage sites more at risk than others? Consider both quantitative and qualitative evidence.

Gaps in Policy and Implementation

What are the gaps in initiatives by religious leaders and communities related to the prevention and reduction of religion-related violence at pilgrimage sites?

Best Practices

What are the most successful efforts led by religious leaders and communities for preventing and reducing religion-related violence at pilgrimage sites in the Mediterranean Basin? How can religious leaders and communities preserve pilgrimage sites?

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 religious influencers and others concerned with reducing and preventing religion-related violence at pilgrimage sites. Religious actors, civil society organizations, and policymakers should co-create the recommendations for proposed religious leader-led initiatives. Remember to include the voices of women, youth, and conflict survivors.