

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

- *The beginnings of the French diplomatic and commercial presence in Oman and the Truda/ Coast Emirates*.
  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