The Challenge

The Iraqi-German Expert Forum on the Conservation of Archaeological and Historical Heritage acts in response to the increasing destruction of archaeological and historical monuments in Iraq. Its incentive is to focus on the preservation, conservation, and restitution of archaeological and historical building remains in Iraq as well as to promote modern techniques for their documentation and analysis.

Exchanging scientific approaches on Conservation of Archaeological and Historical Heritage
The Structure of the Programme

The programme starts with a 2-month capacity building unit in Berlin, proposing the following modules:

- Architectural documentation methods: from manual to digital survey methods.
- Architectural photography.
- Structure from motion photogrammetry.
- Building archaeology: thematic analysis and mapping of architectural elements and features.
- 3D scanning and 3D models.
- Emergency preparedness and public awareness.
- Geographic information systems (GIS).
- Damage mapping and assessment.
- Conservation and restoration of stone and earthen architecture.
- Historical classification and scientific relevance.
- International and national regulations for the protection of cultural heritage.
- Preservation of historical monuments: theory and practice.
- Public presentation.

Practical training in architectural documentation methods at the underground station Potsdamer Platz Berlin / Hamburger Wagen (3/4) on site / 4-5 weeks (3/4) in Berlin.

The Initiators, Partners and Sponsors

The Iraqi-German Expert Forum on the Conservation of Archaeological and Historical Heritage is an initiative of the German Archaeological Institute and its Baghdad branch. It is organized in connection with the University of Applied Sciences Berlin and with the support of the Technical University of Berlin, the Berlin Heritage Conservation Authority, the General Secretary of ICONOS-Germany and the State Board of Antiquities and Heritage in Iraq.

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Exchange of expertise in Iraq and in Germany / 6-7 weeks (3/4) in Berlin.
Building archaeology and damage assessment in Khir al-Rabha / 6-7 weeks (3/4) in Berlin.