

1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between King's Digital Lab (KDL), Hashemite University (HU), Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL), Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa (EAMENA), the Department of Antiquities of Jordan (DoA), and the Jordan Open Source Association (JOSA) defines the nature of the parties' working relationship as requested by the Department of Antiquities.

2. Project Name

The project is named MaDiH (مديح): Mapping Digital Cultural Heritage in Jordan.

3. Funding

The project is funded by £250,000 from the United Kingdom Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC), for the Newton Khalidi funding initiative. Other in-kind contributions are provided by participating partners, as detailed in letters of support (see Appendix A).

4. Responsible Parties

All parties to this MoU are responsible for their listed activities. The UK (James Smithies) and Jordan (Fadi Balaawi) Principal Investigators have overall responsibility for the success of the project. The responsibilities of other parties are detailed in separate letters of support, included in the Appendices to this MoU.

5. Objectives

Full details of the project are available in the funding documentation submitted to the UK Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC). It is scheduled to run for two years, from February 2019 - February 2021. The project will contribute to the long-term sustainable development of Jordan's digital cultural heritage, identifying key systems, datasets, standards, and policies, and aligning them to government digital infrastructure capabilities and strategies. Defining a robust technical and operational architecture for digital cultural heritage will assist the Department of Antiquities in their planning processes, help product development teams develop their systems, facilitate the aggregation of valuable datasets held in disparate repositories, and ensure data generated from research activity is properly stored and widely accessible. Analysis will also result in the identification of infrastructural gaps and opportunities for further development, including system development, data aggregation, online learning, and expansion to support refugee studies. Practical prototyping will ensure analysis and lessons learned are cost-effective and aligned to real-world scenarios, and a series of workshops with stakeholders from the cultural heritage, research, government, and technology sectors, will ensure the project fulfils the needs of the local community. A hackathon, led by the Jordanian Open Source Association will ensure analysis and lessons learned are aligned to educational and commercial opportunities. Key outputs from MaDiH (مديح), which will be made available online, will include: