Photo: One of the photo winners of the UNESCO and Juventus Photo Contest on the power of football to overcome all forms of discrimination. The photos of the contest showcase the potential of football to overcome discrimination, promote social inclusion and celebrate diversity in their communities and beyond. From East Africa, this photo is from UGANDA. © UNESCO/Juventus - Joseph Mhza (Uganda) - Akagogo

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

I am back from Paris, France where I had the chance to participate in the Structured Financial Dialogue, meeting with private sector, existing and potential new donors, encouraging new partners to engage with UNESCO in their programs. I found particularly fruitful the Meeting of the Directors and Heads of the UNESCO Field Offices, where we discussed ways of further
cooperation to support the implementation of Agenda 2030, the intersectoriality of programmes, strategy developments and staffing for programme delivery, as well as we deepened the knowledge and the practicality of "UNESCO Strategic Transformation" and its four thematic areas: Operational Efficiency, Communication, Strategic Partnerships and Presence Worldwide, to make the organization more agile, effective and efficient. The Meeting of the Directors and Heads of UNESCO Field Offices was opened by UNESCO Director-General Ms. Audrey Azoulay, who expressed her willingness to reinforce synergies between work at Headquarters and the one in the field, in order to reduce the perceived distance and increase the Organization’s impact. "The teams, be they at headquarters or in the field, must work as one. You are us and we are you. We have a unique responsibility to bear, because UNESCO, through its commitment to education, culture and the sciences, is a response to the major challenges of the world. This is what makes our institution precious and undoubtedly more necessary now than ever".

This week we are organizing the 5th Africa Engineering Week and the 3rd Africa Engineering Conference, from the 17 to 21 September in the South of Kenya. The initiative aims to educate youth and the general public about engineering and how engineers are key players in the search for solutions to important global issues. The aim is to increase the visibility of engineering and its important role in sustainable development, to encourage students to study engineering, and to incite more African countries to participate so as to ensure the sustainability of these efforts. The event will include keynote speakers, outreach and mentoring activities, educational workshops, and public awareness events.

Moreover, this week we are celebrating International Day of Peace, on 21 September, whose theme of the year is "The Right to Peace - the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70"- The theme refers to the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document in the history of Human Rights. The Declaration was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

With this important document always in our minds, let us celebrate peaceful societies, where there is Justice and Equality for Everyone. Peace and Democracy are strongly linked. In the words of UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay, on the occasion of International Day of Democracy (15 September) "One of the defining features of the democratic spirit is the belief that more is obtained through dialogue, consultation and mediation than through coercion and arbitrary practices: in short, the law must prevail over the use of force. The democratic ideas is inextricably link to a commitment to the peaceful resolution of conflicts and an aspiration for peace. UNESCO
bears this aspiration like a standard•.
Peace in the minds of men and women, as our motto, will enable a sustainable environment to take
shape and will promote intercultural dialogue, respect for diversity and for a more gender equal
world, as well a world of non-violence and Global Citizenship.

Finally, we will have our Quarterly Review Skype meeting of UNESCO in Eastern Africa on
21 September, where we will evaluate the development and monitoring of activities and projects
in our Region.

I wish a Happy and Peaceful Week to all!

Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta

Meeting of the Directors and Heads of the UNESCO Field Offices in Paris, France 13 September
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Announcements

**Africities 2018, Call for Youth!**

Africities is the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa’s flagship pan-African event that is held every three years in one of the five regions of Africa. From November 20 -24, 2018, the Africities 8 Summit will be hosted in Marrakesh, with over 5000 participants. Imagine a Sustainable Future for Africa and its cities and territories for 2030 and 2063, enter the competition by registering [here](#). **Deadline for application:** 30 September 2018

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The AUKNASE programme targets young researchers, women scientists and all scientists in Africa. The Award aims at recognizing outstanding African scientists for their achievements and discoveries in science, technology and innovation, thus promoting scientific development in Africa and highlighting the importance of research in Science, Technology and Innovation. Rules of procedures, in [EN](#) and [FR](#). **Deadline for submission:** 10 November 2018. Consult the website for additional information [here](#).

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**Funded PhD Opportunity Maritime Cultural Heritage and Sustainability in East Africa**

As part of the Global Challenges Research Fund/Arts and Humanities Research Council project titled, Rising from the Depths: Utilising Marine Cultural Heritage in East Africa to help Sustainable Social, Economic, and Cultural Benefits, **Ulster University is offering a fully-funded PhD studentship in Maritime Cultural Heritage and Sustainability in coastal eastern Africa.** This is an international studentship for suitability qualified applicants from Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique and Madagascar. To read more and apply, follow the link [here](#).
Investigative Journalism for Justice and Human Rights in Madagascar

Last week’s events

UNESCO Better Education for Africa’s Rise (BEAR II) Project Meeting with Ministry of Education of Kenya

13 September 2018

UNESCO, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education- State Department of Technical, Vocational Education and Training, organized a two-day meeting with the key purposes of providing induction of the newly appointed members of the project technical committee and, at the same time, review the proposed work plan. The technical committee is one of the key structures responsible for the project management process. The Better Education for Africa’s Rise Project (BEAR II) project is a five-year initiative supported by the Republic of Korea. In line to the UNESCO TVET strategy, 2030 Education Agenda and the African Union Agenda 2063, the project will contribute to strengthening the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) systems in Kenya under three result areas; Relevance, Quality, Perception and attractiveness of TVET.
Piloting of the 1st electronic-assessment system in 10 Rwandan schools, within the framework of the UNESCO-Korean Funds-in-Trust project

Various locations in Rwanda, from 27 August to 17 September 2018

A selection of photos from the Rwandan schools piloting the 1st electronic-assessment system!
UNESCO partnered with the Université de Geneva, InZone and UNHCR to co-teach the Université de Geneva's first Summer School session in Kenya in collaboration with the Kenyatta University and UNHCR. The topic was Higher Education in emergencies and crises. Participants comprised largely of professionals from different UN Agencies and International NGOs emanating from: Afghanistan, Burundi, Canada, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Germany, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, South Sudan, the United States of America. A few refugees pursuing higher education also participated.
Creation of a cyber-school in Madagascar

15 September 2018, Madagascar

TELMA Foundation, the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training in Madagascar, with the support of UNESCO CapEd programme, established a partnership for the creation of a cyber-school whose main aim is to train young people in the jobs of "micro-operator of ICTs or manager of multi service of ICTs", as well as other typologies of jobs on the island of Nosy Be. This cyber school is hosted at the Vocational Technical High School of Dzamandzar, one of the pilot schools chosen in the framework of the implementation of the National Policy on Employment and Technical and Vocational Training, and of the sectorial strategy for the development of competencies in ICT.

Upcoming Events

5th Africa Engineering Week and the 3rd Africa Engineering Conference
17 to 21 September 2018
Mombasa, Kenya

Kenya National Commission for UNESCO 3rd National Cultural Celebrations, under the theme "Enhancing National Cohesion, Identity and Pride’
19 to 23 September 2018
Kisumu, Kenya
Meeting discussing partnership in the development of a mobile application for disseminating health-related information to students
20 September 2018
Nairobi, Kenya

Preparatory Meeting to mark the International Day for Universal Access to Information (celebrated each year on 28 September) organized by EU Delegation in Rwanda. UNESCO will contribute in a panel to exchange on the theme "Where do we stand in implementing SDG 16.10 to ensure public access to information?"
20 September 2018
Kigali, Rwanda

Quarterly Review meeting of UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa
21 September 2018
Nairobi, Kenya

UNESCO International Days

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Radio Miraya, the United Nations Radio in South Sudan, Interview with UNESCO Culture in South Sudan, Mr. Becu Thomas, and UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa Culture Programme Specialist, Ms. Karalyn Monteil
Listen to: Experts converge in Juba to discuss listing of Boma-Bandinglio Migratory Landscape as World Heritage Site, September 7, 2018

Radio Miraya, the United Nations Radio in South Sudan, Interview with Ms. Alice Ochanda, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa Listen to: Africa Engineering Week Kicks off with Major conference in Mombasa September 17, 2018

Missions

Alice Ochanda
17 to 21 September 2018
5th Africa Engineering Week and the 3rd Africa Engineering Conference

Mika Odido
18 September 2018
5th Africa Engineering Week and the 3rd Africa Engineering Conference

Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta & Judith Ogana
Kenya National Commission for UNESCO 3rd National Cultural Celebrations
Ms. Ndong-Jatta 19 September 2018
Ms. Ogana 18 to 20 September 2018

Rahel Teferra Belay & Saba Bokhari
UNESCO Antenna Retreat Madagascar
18 to 21 September 2018
Publications

Enhancing Teacher Education for Bridging the Education Quality Gap in Africa


Journalism and Disinformation
We deeply regret the passing away of His Excellency Mr George Imbanga Godia, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Delegate of Kenya to UNESCO from October 2014 to June 2018. He will be remembered for his outstanding and restless efforts to strengthen the relationship between the Country of Kenya and UNESCO. He devoted his efforts towards improving the expansion of access, quality and relevance of education at all levels in his country, as well as beyond Kenya. Moreover, he facilitated the process of nomination of His Excellency Mr Mwai Kibaki, Third President of Kenya, as UNESCO Special Envoy for Water in Africa; his action in this regard takes on a particular merit and stands as a fine example.