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**Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda: PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Document</b>
1	<b>Opening by the Chair of the ICC</b>	
2	<b>Opening remarks by the Representative of the Director-General of UNESCO</b>	
3	<b>Report by the Chair of the ICC</b>  In his report, the Chair informs the Council of specific activities/initiatives he had contributed towards the implementation of the MAB Programme and other aspects of WNBRC activities since the 26 <sup>th</sup> session of the MAB-ICC.	
4	<b>Adoption of the agenda and timetable</b>	SC-15/CONF.227/1 SC-15/CONF.227/2 SC-15/CONF.227/3
5	<b>Report by the Secretary of the MAB Programme</b>  The Secretary provides an overview on actions and activities undertaken by the MAB Secretariat since the 26 <sup>th</sup> session of the MAB-ICC. The report will include, <i>inter alia</i> , information on MAB thematic and regional networks.	SC-15/CONF.227/4 SC-14/CONF.226/15
6	<b>Reports on actions undertaken by Member States / regional and thematic MAB Networks in the context of MAB</b>  MAB National Committees will be given the opportunity to provide brief reports on their activities since the last MAB Council session	SC-115/CONF.227/5
6 bis	<b>Interim report of the audit conducted by UNESCO Office of external auditors of the governance of</b>	SC-15/CONF.227/18

**UNESCO and dependent funds, programmes and entities**

This document presents the initial results related to the MAB Programme of the interim report of the audit of UNESCO and dependent funds, programmes and entities.

The MAB ICC is invited to take note of the external audit interim report related to the MAB Programme and to share views on the initial results as appropriate.

**7 Report on MAB communication and branding project (EuroMAB pilot study) and next steps** SC-15/CONF.227/6

This document presents the status of implementation of the MAB communication and branding project piloted through EuroMAB network.

The MAB Council is invited to provide comments on the work achieved so far including the Tool Kit, and to provide guidance on next steps of this project in connection with the development of the MAB Strategy (2015-2025).

**8 Update on status of implementation of the Exit Strategy** SC-15/CONF.227/7

This document presents the status of implementation of the exit strategy adopted by the MAB Council at its 25<sup>th</sup> session.

The MAB ICC is invited to comment on the progress made and to provide its recommendations on the way forward.

**9 Draft MAB Strategy for 2015-2025 and Development of MAB Action Plan (2016-2025)** SC-15/CONF.227/8

The MAB Secretariat informs the MAB-ICC on the process behind the preparation of the Draft MAB Strategy (2015-2025) and presents the Draft MAB Strategy document prepared by the MAB Strategy Group (MSG) with inputs from Member States, notably through their MAB National Committees, Regional MAB Networks, Biosphere Reserves, and the Roster of Experts.

The MAB ICC is invited to examine and to discuss the Draft MAB Strategy and to decide on its approval.

The ICC is also invited to discuss the process for the development of the MAB Action Plan (2016-2025) for the implementation of the MAB Strategy with a view of its

adoption by the ICC at its session in 2016.

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| 10 | <p><b>Proposals for new biosphere reserves and extensions/modifications to biosphere reserves that are part of the WNBR</b></p> <p>This document contains the recommendations on proposals for new biosphere reserves and extensions/modifications to existing biosphere reserves considered by the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves in February 2015.</p> <p>The MAB ICC is invited to consider those recommendations as well as the additional information received by the Secretariat since February 2015 and to decide on the complete list of new sites that will be designated as biosphere reserves in 2015 and extensions or changes to biosphere reserves that are already part of the WNBR.</p> | SC-15/CONF.227/9  |
| 11 | <p><b>Periodic review of biosphere reserves and follow up of recommendations</b></p> <p>This document contains the recommendations concerning the periodic reviews on individual biosphere reserves considered by the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves (IABCR) in February 2015.</p> <p>The MAB-ICC is invited to consider the IABCR's recommendations, and to provide guidance on the periodic review process.</p>   | SC-15/CONF.227/10 |
| 12 | <p><b>Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserves Management</b></p> <p>The document announces the 2015 winner of the Michel Batisse Award.</p>  | SC-15/CONF.227/11 |
| 13 | <p><b>MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme</b></p> <p>This document announces the 2015 winners of the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme as suggested by the Bureau of the MAB-ICC.</p> <p>The Council is invited to consider and approve the proposed winners of the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme of 2015.</p>   | SC-15/CONF.227/12 |
| 14 | <p><b>Intersectoral/interprogramme panel: exploring joint actions/projects within Post 2015 Agenda</b></p>   | SC-15/CONF.227/13 |

This document informs the Council on the objective and expected outcomes of the panel aiming at fostering collaboration of MAB with UNESCO Education, Culture, Sciences and Communication and information programmes. Panellists will be gathered from UNESCO programmes or UNESCO related programmes.

The Council is invited to participate in discussions and to provide guidance on improvement of collaboration between MAB and other UNESCO relevant programmes and to outline possible joint actions/projects in the Organization pertaining to the MAB programme within Post 2015 Development Agenda, the MAB strategy (2015-2025) and the forthcoming MAB Action Plan (2016-2025).

15 **Panel on MAB – Private sector partnership: exploring new opportunities and concrete actions**

SC-15/CONF.227/14

This document informs the Council on the objective and expected outcomes of the panel aiming at fostering collaboration between MAB and Private sector. Panellists will be gathered from MAB community and private sector.

The Council is invited to participate in discussion and to provide ideas and suggestions for formulation of partnerships between MAB and the private sector.

16 **Information on the IUCN project “ improving the integrated management system of protected areas with multiple international designations”**

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This document presents the current IUCN project entitled “Improving the integrated management system of protected areas with overlapping designations” with a view to implementing the Resolution WCC-2012-Res-052 which calls for the establishment of an integrated management system for international designated areas, i.e. Biosphere Reserves, natural World Heritage sites and Global Geoparks and Ramsar sites.

The MAB International Coordinating Council is invited to take note of this ongoing IUCN Project. Moreover, the MAB Council may wish to provide advice on how management of sites with multiple international designations may be improved at the site level as well as at the national and global levels.

17 **Proposition for developing biosphere reserves application guidelines**

SC-15/CONF.227/16

This document presents the proposal from the MAB Secretariat to develop biosphere reserves application guidelines which will be a technical tool to complement the existing official documents.

The MAB ICC is invited to decide on the desirability of developing biosphere reserves application guidelines and if so, to provide guidance for its development.

18 **Information on the 4<sup>th</sup> World congress of Biosphere Reserves**

SC-15/CONF.227/17

This document presents the draft agenda of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Biosphere Reserves, A New Vision: UNESCO'S Biosphere Reserves for Sustainable Development, to be held in March 2016 in Lima, Peru.

The MAB ICC is invited to comment on this agenda and to provide inputs to finalize it.

19 **Date and venue of the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the MAB-ICC**

The Council is requested to decide dates and venue for the convening of the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the MAB-ICC.

20 **Other matters**

21 **Adoption of the report**

22 **Closure of the session**

