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Highlights

The 198th session of the Executive Board will take place on 20 November 2015 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.) in Room X.

The "Mosaic of Change" will be illuminated for the last time on the exterior facades of UNESCO's Headquarters at 6:00 pm this evening until midnight.

Today, Wednesday 18 November 2015

- This afternoon, the 38th session of the General Conference will be closing in a plenary session at 3:00 p.m. in Room I with the adoption of the report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions and the Appropriation Resolution for 2016-2017. The ceremony will be closed by the UNESCO Choir, conducted by Mr Jorge Lozano-Corres.
- The 20th session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention will be held today. The venue of the morning session is Room XII, whereas the afternoon session, as well as the sessions of 19 and 20 November will be in Room II. The session will be called upon to replace the outgoing members of the World Heritage Committee and determine the amount of the contributions of States Parties to the World Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the World Heritage Convention.

The elections of members of the World Heritage Committee will take place today from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Rooms VI and VII. The ballot papers will be distributed today in Room II at the beginning of the afternoon session of the 20th session of the General Assembly of States Parties at the start of the election process (Item 6 of the provisional agenda).

Yesterday, Tuesday 17 November 2015 - Second Day of the Leaders' Forum

The following **Heads of State and Senior Government Officials** addressed the plenary after unanimously expressing their solidarity with all the victims of last Friday's attacks, condemning the heinous crimes perpetrated by terrorists:

- H. E. Ms Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of the Republic of Malta;
- H.E. Mr Miroslav Lajcak, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic;
- H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- H.E. Ms Crystal Nix-Hines, Permanent Delegate of the United States of America read the speech of H.E. Mr Barack Obama, President of the United States of America.
- H.E. Mr François Hollande, President of the French Republic;
- H.E. Mr Nurul Islam Nahid, Minister of Education of Bangladesh.

Videos of the speeches given during the General Policy Debate will be available [here](#).

Election of the new Members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and Caribbean (IESALC)

On 5 November 2015, the plenary meeting of the Heads of Delegations of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC), in the framework of the 38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO, elected the new Members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and Caribbean (IESALC) for the period 2015-2019. The meeting, chaired by El Salvador, as president of GRULAC to UNESCO was attended by all the Delegates participating in the General Conference, in the presence of the Deputy Secretary of the General Conference, as representative of the Director-General. The countries elected unanimously for a period of four years are the following:

For Latin America: Dominican Republic

For CARICOM: Jamaica

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2015

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions 3.4 - Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) 3.3 - Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2016-2017	II
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting Report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2016-2017 Closure of the General Conference	I

The Delegates' Information Bureau wishes
you a safe homeward journey and
looks forward to seeing you at the
39th session of the General Conference of UNESCO