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International Bioethics Committee (IBC)  
and the  
Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)*

*Paris, 30-31 October 2008*

*UNESCO Headquarters – Room IV (Fontenoy building)*

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# Programme

## THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2008

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8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

*Registration of participants*

**10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Opening of the joint session with**

*Mr George N. Anastassopoulos,*  
President of the thirty-fourth session of the General  
Conference of UNESCO

*Mr Adolfo Martinez Palomo,*  
Chairperson of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

*Mr Jude Mathooko,*  
Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Bioethics  
Committee (IGBC)

*Mr Pierre Sané,*  
UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and  
Human Sciences  
Representative of the Director-General

**10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

**Commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights:  
Bioethics and Human Rights**

*Chaired by*  
*Mr Pierre Sané,* UNESCO Assistant Director-General for  
Social and Human Sciences

**10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

*Keynote Conference by*  
**Prof. (Mrs) Sheila McLean,**  
International Bar Association Professor of Law  
and Ethics of Medicine,  
University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

**11:00 a.m. – 11:20 p.m.**

Discussion

**11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.**

***Coffee Break***

**11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.**

**Progress report on UNESCO bioethics programme: Promotion and dissemination of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights and capacity-building activities**

- *Overview of on-going activities*
- *Presentation of the UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum*
- *Launch of the Global Ethics Observatory (GEObs) Database on Resources in Ethics*

**by Mr Henk ten Have,**  
Director of the Division of Ethics of Science  
and Technology of UNESCO

**12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Overview of the follow-up to the recommendations of the fifth session of IGBC (Paris, July 2007)**

*With the intervention of*

*Mr Jude Mathooko, Chairperson of IGBC*

*Mr Henk ten Have, Secretary-General of IBC*

*Mr Adolfo Martinez Palomo, Chairperson of IBC*

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**2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**On-going work on human cloning and international governance: Progress report and discussion**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Progress report by Prof. (Mr) Toivo Maimets, Chairperson of the IBC Working Group on human cloning and international governance*

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

*Discussion*

**3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

***Coffee Break***

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Discussion and conclusion*

**5:40 p.m.**

***Reception offered by the Director-General of UNESCO***

## FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2008

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**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**      **On-going work on social responsibility and health: Progress report and discussion**

09:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.      *Progress report by Prof. (Mr) Adolfo Martínez Palomo, Chairperson of the IBC Working Group on social responsibility and health*

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.      Discussion

**10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**      ***Coffee Break***

11:15 a.m. - 12 noon      Discussion and conclusion

**12 noon - 12:30 p.m.**      **Conclusions and closure of the joint session of IBC and IGBC**

with

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Chairperson of IBC

*Mr Jude Mathooko,*  
Chairperson of IGBC

*Mr Henk ten Have,*  
Secretary-General of IBC  
Director of the Division of Ethics of Science and  
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