United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNESCO Publications Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: 2 July 2014
Meeting time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 3.08, Building III (Japanese Garden), UNESCO Headquarters, Paris

Call to order

The Secretary, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed those Members and observers present.

Attendees

An attendance sheet was circulated for signatures. The following people were present:

Chair

Mr Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General, ERI was not present during the meeting and was represented by Mr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, CI/KSD

Members

Mr David Atchoarena, Director, ED/TH
Ms Anne Candau, Interim Director, SC/EO *[representing Mr Han Qunli, Director, SC/EES]*
Mr Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, FU/BGK, Member for Field Offices *[attending via teleconference]*
Ms Angela Melo, Director, SHS/HPD
Ms Vesna Vujicic-Lugassy, Chief/CLT/WHC/M/CEP *[representing Ms Mechtild Rossler, Deputy Director, CLT/WHC]*
Ms Estelle Zadra, Chief, Communication & Publications Unit, IIEP *[rep. Dir. IIEP, Member for Institutes]*

Ex Officio Members

Mr Cvetan Cvetkovski, ODG/GE *[representing Ms S. G. Corat, Dir. ODG/GE]*
Ms Vida Habash, AFR/EO
Ms Ranwa Safadi, BSP/PB
Mr Martin Wickenden, Chief/ADM/CLD/D/PMU *[representing Mr Rudi Swinnen, Chief, ADM/CLD/D]*

Secretary

Mr Ian Denison, Chief, Publications Unit, ERI/DPI/PBM

Observers

Ms Mimouna Abderrahmane, Publications Officer, SHS
Ms Jinchai Clarke, ERI/DPI/PBM
Ms Natalia Denissova, Publications Officer, CI
Ms Clara Dinety, Intern, ERI/DPI/PBM
Ms Françoise Girard, CLT/CCS
Mr Engin Koncagul, SC/HYD
Ms Akané Nozaki, Public Information Officer, FU/BGK *[attending via teleconference]*
Mr Arturo Rey Da Silva, CLT/HER/CHP
Ms Patricia Toigo, Publications Officer, ED
Ms Natalia Tolochko, Assistant Publications Officer, SC

Minutes Secretary

Ms Isabelle Nonain-Semelin, ERI/DPI/PBM

I. Item 1. Approval of minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the 4 June 2014 meeting.

II. Item 2. Review of publications proposals

10 proposals were presented to the Board. The Board approved 7 proposals, including 5 resubmissions and 2 proposals were returned for reconsideration, review and resubmission and one proposal was not approved as it required further discussion at higher level.

III. Item 3. A.O.B

The next meeting of the Publications Board will be held on Wednesday 6 August 2014.

IV. Item 4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Isabelle Nonain-Semelin, ERI/DPI/PBM

Annex 1 – Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the 4 June 2014 Publications Board meeting

2. Review of publication proposals

3. A.O.B.

4. Adjournment

Annex 2 – Overview of proposals reviewed

	Proposal No.	*Series*	*Title*	*Category*	*Decision*	*Estimated media impact*
1.	0714_ED01		**(Resubmission)** Estrategia Regional sobre Docentes en LAC. Temas críticos para formular nuevas políticas docentes en América Latina y el Caribe: el debate actual	3	Approved	-
2.	0714_CLT01		**(Resubmission)** Safeguarding World War I's Underwater Cultural Heritage. A Manual for Teachers	3	Approved	-
3.	0714_SHS01		**(Resubmission)** Handbook of Bioethics for Journalists - Manual de bioética para periodistas	3	Approved	-
4.	0714_CI01		**(Resubmission)** Memory of the World: Documentary Gems in Asia and the Pacific or Memory of the	2	Approved	-

			World: Documentary Treasures in Asia and the Pacific			
5.	0714_ED02		**(Resubmission)** Competencias en Educacion en Sexualidad: Desafiós y Oportunidades	3	Approved	-
6.	0714_SC01	The United Nations World Water Development Report	Water in a Sustainable World The United Nations World Water Development Report 2015	1	Approved	-
7.	0714_CLT02	Work on the Different Aspects of Islamic Culture	Volume VI, Islam in the World today	1	To be discussed by ADG/ERI and DG	-
8.	0714_SC02		Climate Change and Water Governance Capacity possible subtitle: Regional and Transboundary Overview	3	Approved	-
9.	0714_SHS02		Developing National Policies on Youth: A participatory and multi-stakeholders' process	tbc	Revise and resubmit	-
10.	0714_SC03	Science Policy	New technologies for responsible management of water resources in Lebanon. Science diplomacy and trans-boundary negotiations on the Orontes River	3	Revise and resubmit	-

1. Publication Proposal 0714_ED01 **Estrategia Regional sobre Docentes en LAC.Temas críticos para formular nuevas políticas docentes en América Latina y el Caribe: el debate actual (Resubmission 0614_ED03)**

The Member for ED presented the proposal:

- The proposal is a resubmission from the Santiago Office.
- The publication is part of a programme on teachers and is a regional initiative launched by the Santiago Office.
- The publication will be part of guidelines for teachers' policies.
- It will be published in English and Spanish.
- Most of the comments made by the Board during the 4 June meeting have been addressed:
  - Regarding the title, which needed to be revised according to the Board, the team responsible for the publication stated that they had discussed the issue with the partner, but the latter wishes to keep the title as it is.
  - The launch has been re-scheduled for World Teacher's Day (i.e. 5 October 2014, instead of 15 July 2014).
  - As for the descriptive nature of the publication, the Member for ED stressed that the very intention of the publication is to review the initiatives in relation to teachers' policies in the region.
  - Regarding the fact that no money had been allocated for evaluation and monitoring, the Sector explained that this aspect will be mainstreamed as part of the team's activity.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) thanked the Sector for taking the comments of the Board into account.
2. The Chair (*a.i.*) considered however that the title was exceedingly long.
   - The Member for ED called for the Board's understanding as the title has been endorsed by the partner who supported the publication.

   The Member for SHS pointed out that "el debate actual", the last part of the subtitle (i.e. "Temas críticos para formular nuevas políticas docents en América latina y el Caribe: el debate actual") seemed unnecessary.

   The Ex Officio Member for BSP stressed that the actual subtitle is different from the one indicated in the submission form and is in fact much better: "Emerging themes and successful experiences".
3. The Member for SHS asked whether the proposal had been reviewed by ODG/GE. The representative for ODG/GE said that the first reading of the submission had raised no particular problems.

4. The Board, considering that the proposal can be significant and deals with cutting edge policy, moved to approve it.

Estimated Media Impact: -

Proposal approved for print and web

2. Publication Proposal 0714_CLT01 **Safeguarding World War I's Underwater Cultural Heritage. A Manual for Teachers (Resubmission 0614_CLT01)**

The representative for CLT presented the proposal:

- The proposal is a resubmission.
- With regard to the comments made by the Board during its 4 June meeting, the following items were discussed or modified:
  - The title has been revised and now reads as follows: "Safeguarding World War I's Underwater Cultural Heritage. A Manual for Teachers" (instead of "Safeguarding Underwater Cultural Heritage from World War I. A Manual for Teachers").
  - Due to the fact that the initial proposal was a late submission, and as suggested by the Board, the publication has simply been announced during the scientific conference and commemorative event on safeguarding the world's underwater cultural heritage on the occasion of the centenary of World War I held on 26-28 June 2014, in Bruges (Belgium).
  - The diversity of the peer reviewers has been improved: there are six peer reviewers from all regions.
  - The authors' names and origins have been made more explicit: there is one author from South Africa and one from Australia, in addition to other authors from Belgium and to the editors who are UNESCO staff.
  - Regarding the gender perspective, it has been clarified that the work covers the role of women and men in the research on underwater heritage.
  - As suggested by the Board, peer reviewers from Africa have been added.

Comments from the Board:

1. The representative for ODG/GE confirmed that ODG/GE is now satisfied with the proposal.

2. The Ex Officio Member for BSP asked how the publication will be disseminated.

   - The Sector explained that it will be distributed through the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network (AspNet). The Sectors will also be working with Flanders (i.e. the donor) and their network of schools.

     The publication will be launched on 21 September 2014.

Estimated Media Impact: -

Proposal approved for print and web

3. Publication Proposal 0714_SHS01 **Handbook of Bioethics for Journalists - Manual de bioética para periodistas (Resubmission 0414_SHS02)**

The Member for SHS presented the proposal:

- The proposal is a resubmission.
- The Sector tried to address the issues raised by the board during the 1 April meeting:
    - The Board had been confused by the proposal, which seemed to have a Latin American focus but to be written for an international audience. The Member for SHS stated that this issue was clarified in Items 26 and 27 of the submission form, which clearly indicates that the publication will be the first in the region on the subject of bioethics that is produced by and addressed to journalists in partnership with LAC outstanding international bioethicists. The publication targets journalists, the academic community and ministries in the region.
    - The Board, initially not sure whether the proposal would target an international audience, had underlined the potential limited impact of the publication due to the fact that it will be in Spanish. The Member for SHS said that efforts would be made to publish an English version of the work, but given the topic and the target audience, the Spanish language is appropriate.
    - The budget, which had been considered to be too low (4,000 USD), had been revised to reach 8,000 USD.
    - Regarding the gender perspective, the representative for ODG/GE had expressed his support for the proposal, which had seemed very promising. The Member for SHS confirmed that the publication will include chapters dealing specifically with gender.
    - Widening the publication so that it could be used elsewhere, including in Africa, will not be possible due to lack of resources. However, the Member that there will be more material to make this possible in two years when comments made during the production of the publication can be taken into account.
    - The Member confirmed the fact that the satisfaction survey, mentioned in Item 38 of the submission form and which is to be used as a qualitative indicator to monitor the impact of the proposal, will be included as a PDF in the publication.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) said that a lot of issues had been addressed by the Sector, however, the budget was still considered to be really low (especially given the fact that the publication will include illustrations, graphic materials, maps, etc.). The Chair (*a.i.*) recommended that the Sector try to increase the budget.

   The Chair (*a.i.)* also explained that CI is developing an Open Educational Resources Platform. This type of platform is better than PDFs for making the publications available because, once on the platform, publications can be modified more easily, and adapted to the local context for example.

- The Member and the Publications Officer for SHS both said that it will not be possible to increase the budget. The Publications Officer also explained that the photographs and illustrations will be provided for free by the authors.

The Chair (*a.i.*) asked whether the funds come from UNESCO's headquarters of from the Field Office, and highlighted the fact that, within CI, HQ often helps Field Offices in terms of providing additional funds, when possible.

The Ex Officio Member for BSP said that 4,000 USD for writing and editing seemed too low, and might give the impression that the contributions are not of such high quality.

- The Member and the Publications Officer for SHS explained that the authors are really qualified and of high quality; they work for free, mainly for recognition purposes.

The Ex Officio member for BSP said that, where authors work for free, this should be indicated in the submission form.

The Member for ED pointed out that photographs and illustrations may not be crucial for this publication.

In response to the suggestion of the Member for SHS, the Chair (*a.i.*) said that, before taking off all photographs and illustrations, the Sector should clarify what they are about and whether they are crucial. Then, the Chief of Publications should be informed so that the quality could be checked.

2. The Chair (*a.i.*) stressed that one issue still remained with regard to the proposal: the names of the peer reviewers have to be provided. The Secretary confirmed that the names of the members of the committee doing the peer review have to be supplied.

   - The Member for SHS assured that the names will be provided.

3. The representative for ODG/GE stated that ODG/GE was very satisfied with the proposal since gender equality is taken into account in all issues and Chapter III focuses specifically on women-related issues from a gender equality perspective. ODG/GE considered that the proposal constitutes a very good example on how to promote gender equality in a technical publication

4. In view of the comments above, the Board moved to approve the proposal with 2 caveats: the issues of the budget and the illustrations.

Estimated Media Impact: -

Proposal approved for web

4. Publication Proposal 0714_CI01 **Memory of the World: Documentary Gems in Asia and the Pacific or Memory of the World: Documentary Treasures in Asia and the Pacific (Resubmission 0614_CI01)**

The Member for Field Offices presented the proposal:

- The proposal is a resubmission.
- The Sector will share the manuscript with colleagues from CLT in Bangkok.
- The issues raised by the Board during the 4 June meeting have been addressed.
- The names of the authors and reviewers have been provided and their roles clarified.
- The budget has been increased.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) wanted to know why the budget for photographs had decreased.

   - The Publications Officer from the Bangkok Office explained that the photographs are taken from the nominations files submitted by the Member States, because they do not represent extra-costs.

   The Secretary underlined that these photographs are sometimes not of the best quality, and said that he had assumed that the partner would help to source other options for photographs.

   The Chair (*a.i.*) insisted on having assurance from the Bangkok Office regarding the quality of the photographs (i.e. that it will be checked).

   - The Bangkok Office replied that they would do their best in that sense, and added that the partner wishes to cover the costs.

2. The title, although revised, still raised questions as one alternative title had been suggested in the revised submission: possibly "Memory of the World: Documentary Gems in Asia and the Pacific" instead of "Memory of the World: Documentary treasures in Asia and the Pacific".

   - The Publications Officer from the Bangkok Office explained that a second title had been suggested since the one originally planned was too close to the original Memory of the World publication.

   The Secretary asked to be kept informed of the discussions related to the title.

   The Member for ED said that the word "treasures" may be preferable to the word "gems".

   The Chair (*a.i.*) suggested that "heritage" be used instead. The title would thus read as follows: "*Memory of the World: Documentary Heritage in Asia and the Pacific*".

3. The Chair (*a.i.*) said that the Board should be informed of the title finally chosen before printing, and the Secretary requested to see the cover design as well (in order to check that it is not too similar to the one of the publication co-published with HarperCollins).

4. The Board moved to approve the proposal.

Estimated Media Impact: -

Proposal approved for print and web

5. Publication Proposal 0714_ED02 **Competencias en Educacion en Sexualidad: Desafiós y Oportunidades (Resubmission 0614_ED04)**

The Member for ED presented the proposal:

- The proposal is a resubmission from the Santiago Office.
- During the previous meeting of the Board on 4 June, the Board had not reviewed the proposal entirely because the list of peer reviewers was not included. The Member explained that the submission now lists three specialists for the external peer review.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) inquired whether the publication will be an e-publication with 300 copies printed.
    - The Member for ED confirmed.
2. The representative for ODG/GE stated that the additional information provided regarding gender was satisfactory.

Estimated Media Impact: -

Proposal approved for web and print

6. Publication Proposal 0714_SC01

Water in a Sustainable World - The United Nations World Water Development Report 2015

The representative for SC presented the proposal:

- The submission is for the 6th edition of the UN World Water Development Report.
- It is a flagship publication.
- The series started in 2003 and became an annual publication with the 2014 edition.
- UNESCO leads with UN Water, and around 30 UN agencies are involved.
- It is an assessment report.
- It will seek to inform decision-makers on the interconnections between water and sustainable development in the context of post-2015. It presents the challenges in areas such as energy, urbanization and industry, and provides responses. The report includes case studies for the 5 UN regions.
- The publication will provide an update of WWDR indicators to monitor key trends and report on how changing water resources endowments affects countries and regions.
- The publication includes a Case Studies Volume.
- The publication targets primarily policy-makers, stakeholders, but also scientists, researchers, etc.
- The lead author is Richard Connor from UNESCO-WWAP. Engin Koncagul (UNESCO-WWAP) is the author of the Case Studies Volume, and of the indicators annex. The chapters are led by the different UN agencies.
- The peer review is done internally by SC/HYD as well as by the UN agencies and partners.
- The report will be in English, with the Executive Summary published in 2 other UN languages. The Overview of Key Messages and the Fact and Figures brochures will also be produced in at least 2 UN languages.
- ODG/GE has been very involved in the process, but no sex-disaggregated data were available to be included in the report.
- Priority Africa has been taken into account by making sure that Africa is represented in examples given throughout the report.
- There will be 2,000 printed copies and 5,000 CD-ROMs.
- The report will be available in Open Access.
- It will be launched on World Water Day, on 22 March 2015.
- There is an extensive distribution plan, detailed in the submission form.
- It is funded through extra-budgetary funds from Italy.

- It is one of SC's biggest publications.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) said that this is an excellent submission and indeed one of the Organization's flagships.

2. Regarding the peer reviewers, some of them will be from UN agencies; the Chair (*a.i.*) asked whether these persons had already been identified or whether they would be chosen by the agencies.

   - The Observer for SC in charge of the publication explained that there are 3 drafts produced during the process. Each draft is circulated to the 31 UN agencies and 36 partners. Everything is cleared until the last approval stage by the UN system.

3. The Chair (*a.i.*) asked whether the report is a UNESCO or a UN publication.

   - The representative for SC replied that this is a UNESCO publication (i.e. UNESCO is the publisher).

4. The Member for Field Offices, after pointing out that the report is indeed very well-known within the UN system, asked whether there would be a foreword signed by the Director-General.

   - The representative for SC confirmed that there would be a foreword by the Director-General, as well as by the UN Secretary General and by the Executive Director of the World Hydrological Organization.

5. The Member for Field Offices asked whether the report would be published in all UN languages, because it is feasible according to him.

   - The Observer for SC in charge of the publication replied that since the report is now published on an annual basis, there is no time left to produce other language editions. There is barely enough time, according to him, to produce the English version. The Observer for SC stressed that the Executive Summary will be published in French.

   The Board considered that it was not sufficient.

   - The Observer for SC in charge of the publication explained that the Chinese and Korean editions usually come at a later stage.

   The Chair (*a.i.*) replied that the Executive summary should be translated in the 6 official UN languages. The Member for Field Offices was of the same opinion.

   - The representative for SC agreed.

   The Member for ED emphasized that the report is a major publication and a UN report, therefore, resources should be mobilized to have other language versions.

   The Secretary added that the WWDR is really the flagship for UNESCO, along with the GMR. For the last two editions, it has been one of the most downloaded publications. The Secretary cited the GMR as an example because, despite the fact that it is a longer publication, the team manages to release 2, 3 or even more versions pretty quickly.

It is a matter of where the Sector chooses to put its resources. The Board stressed that if other elements were put in other languages, the report would be hugely successful.

The Board considered that the language issue was the real weakness of this submission.

Another example was cited: the Human Development Report for which people are mobilized ahead of time and translation is done along the way.

The Chair (*a.i.*) underlined that there are Category 2 Centres all around the world. As a contribution to UNESCO, they could do the translation. The Sector could also call out to Delegations.

The Chair (*a.i.*) insisted that the Executive Summary be published in the 6 languages.

6. The Chair (*a.i.*) wanted to know whether there had ever been any evaluation on how the CD-ROMs were used instead of the print copies of the report.

   - The Observer for SC in charge of the publication explained that the first 3 editions of the report had been 900 pages long. The Publication Board, as well as UN Water had recommended that the size of the report be reduced. The Sector decided to print fewer hard copies in order to produce more CD-ROMs, because readers prefer them (or the electronic version) over hard copies. For the 2014 edition, in three months, out of 2,000 copies, 1,400 were already distributed after 3 months. 2,700 CD-ROMs were distributed. CD-ROMs are less costly and are more environmentally-friendly.

     Regarding how the CDs were used, the Sector must check.

7. The representative for ODG/GE said that the ODG/GE had cooperated with the Sector at a very early stage, which worked very well. The representative for ODG/GE stressed that the importance of this approach since many UN agencies are involved, and it gives a good image of the Organization regarding gender.

8. The Member for SHS said that the proposal should be shared with SHS and ED.

   Similarly, the representative for CLT stated that there were possibilities for consulting other sectors, like CLT (that can provide illustrations regarding the traditional use of water in agriculture for example), and which has published case studies on how to use water. Even within MAB, within SC, should be involved.

9. The Ex Officio Member for AFR said that the proposal should be shared with the Nairobi Office, for internal review.

10. The Ex Officio Member for AFR also stressed that Category 1 publications are subject to corporate periodic evaluation, however the submission form foresees nothing in terms budget for evaluation.

    - The representative for SC and the Observer for SC in charge of the publication explained that IOS is currently conducting a comprehensive review from 2007 to 2013 (or 2014). In addition, there has been a consultation of stakeholders. 95% of the participants voted for the continuation of the publication and provided advice (e.g. more case studies, reduction of the length of the report). The Sector will try to follow these recommendations.

11. As a more general comment, the Ex Officio Member for BSP emphasized the fact that the indicators used with regard to this proposal are excellent and could be used by other sectors. In particular, 2 examples were cited:
    - Integration of WWDR 2015 key messages in policy discussions;
    - Permissions requests to reuse material from the report.

The Secretary pointed out that normally requests for reproductions could be used as indicators, however, with Open Access this is no longer possible. But the OER platform being developed by CI was supposed to be meant to help in this regard.

12. The Chair (*a.i.*) summarized the discussions: this is an excellent submission. However, the Sector should look at the issue of translation. At least, the Executive Summary should be published in the 6 UN languages. There is still time to look at the internal peer review.

Estimated Media Impact: -

Proposal approved for web and print

7. Publication Proposal 0714_CLT02 Volume VI, Islam in the World today

The representative for CLT presented the proposal:

- The submission is the last volume (Volume VI) of the series *The Different Aspects of Islamic Culture*. Volume I on *The Foundations of Islam* was presented officially on 10 June 2014, in the presence of the Director-General.
- The publication is about Islam in the world today. It will consist of two parts. The first part will be a retrospective of the evolution of Islam and the Muslim world, the second part will focus on Islam and the Muslims today.
- It is planned for October 2014.
- This project has been authorized by the General Conference during its 19th session. An international Scientific Committee of 10 members was appointed by the Director-General in 1979. The Scientific Committee is entrusted with the full intellectual and scientific responsibility of the work. As of 1995, the World Islamic Call Society (WICS) has been a partner of UNESCO for this project.
- There are 23 authors, of which 3 were women. The latter have provided 10 chapters. Some of the authors are Africans.
- The publication will be in English and will be translated in Arabic and French in 2015.
- The Sector relies increasingly on Category 2 Centres and partners for translation, and the Member for CI suggested that other sectors could do the same.
- The publication will be 750 pages long.
- A peer review is formally not needed, as the volume editors and the members of the Scientific Committee reviewed the volume. In addition, Mr Mounir Bouchenaki reviewed Volume I as well as the outline of the series.
- The publication will be for sale.
- The print run will be of 1,500 copies.
- The project is entirely funded by WICS.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) stressed that this is an extremely important publication, involving major scholars.
2. The Board considered that the budget for translation needs to be revised.

   The Secretary added that he was not sure whether the three language versions had been included in the budget or whether it only includes translations costs for getting the original version ready.
3. Planning the launch in October seems very ambitious. The Secretary stressed that it would most certainly not be ready in October, because experience has shown that 6 to 9 months are necessary for the production (due to many technical issues, one of which is the issue of the accents in the publication). It is not even certain that Volume I will be ready in October! The Secretary reminded that this volume will close the whole series. Therefore once it is launched, people will expect to be able to buy the whole set. Even announcing it too early would create expectations.

4. A distribution plan seems to be lacking.

5. Since the reviewers are the editors of the publication, the Board asked whether they will review their own work or other people's work.

   - The Sector explained that, by statute, the Scientific Committee is solely responsible for the content.

   The Member for ED said that it would be useful to have the comments made for the previous volume, because the discussions were general. In addition, the Member for ED considered that it would be more pertinent to have an external review process for this volume due to the topic, and also because it will be the last volume of the series.

   The Member for ED wished to know when the text had been written and highlighted the need to have a fresh look at it because of the fast-evolving topic.

   The Board then went on to discuss whether this publication could be controversial and whether the text should be reviewed. The Board also wondered whether the Committee would need to be reconstituted.

   The Ex Officio Member for BSP stressed that these issues had already been raised in the past and discussed with the Director-General ahead of the launch of the Volume I last June.

   The Secretary explained that the issues had been raised in the context of Volume I, and an informal peer review was done due to the sensibility of the subject. These issues had been discussed with the Director-General, ADG/CLT and with ADG/ERI. The conclusion reached was that there had been sufficient external review done and, in the end, the Director-General insisted that Volume I be presented. The issues which had been raised had therefore been solved at the Director-General's level and not by the Board.

6. The Member for SHS stressed that there were not enough women contributing to the publication and considered that there could be a chapter relating to gender.

   ODG/GE's comments were more or less the same as the comments made for Volume I. The text was prepared a long time ago and has already been approved by the Scientific Committee. With regard to authorship, three women contributed to the publication for a total of 10 chapters, which amounts approximately to 1/3 of the publication.

   If possible, the representative for ODG/GE suggested the addition of a paragraph relating to the role of women in Islamic History in the introduction or in the preface.

   - Regarding both the issue of the peer review and of women's participation, the Sector reminded that the role of the Scientific Committee is defined by a specific statute. This means that if one wishes to add a new review process, the Executive Board has to approve a change of the statutes.

     The Sector assured that there is geographical diversity among the members of the Scientific Committee and that there had been a willingness to involve more women. However, it has proved to be difficult to find women specialized in this area.

     The Sector agrees to the addition in the preface of a paragraph relating to gender, by the Director-General.

7. The Secretary asked a more general question on the General Histories series: will Volume VI be the conclusion not only of the Islamic Culture series, but also of all the General Histories series?

   - The Sector replied that Volume IX of the General History of Africa would still have to be published.

   Now that the first phase of these projects will be completed and since some members of the committees are deceased, the Secretary asked what would be done for the second phase.

   - The Sector stated that new committees will be established, with new competences.

8. In view of all the comments and issues raised, the Board did not come to any decision regarding the proposal and agreed that ADG/ERI should discuss the proposal with the Director-General.

   - The Sector pointed out that the Director-General had transmitted a plan to the donors, announcing the Volume I would be published in September and that Volume VI would be published in November.

To be discussed by ADG/ERI and DG

8. Publication Proposal 0714_SC02 **Climate Change and Water Governance Capacity**
Possible subtitle: Regional and Transboundary Overview

The representative for SC presented the proposal:

- The proposal is a WWAP submission.
- It is a smaller publication than the WWDR presented earlier. It will focus on technical issues.
- With climate change, water resources will become scarcer. The publication will explore the contribution that law can make to resolve potential conflicts of water uses.
- It will be produced by a Category 2 Centre, i.e. the University of Dundee Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, in Dundee (Scotland).
- It will target practitioners, professionals, specialized government officials, policy-makers involved in climate change and water-related issues, with a particular focus on transboundary water cooperation.
- It will be used in capacity-building activities of the WWAP programme.
- The authors are from the UK and Germany, as well as from the Category 2 Centre.
- It has been peer reviewed internally by SC/HYD, and also by reviewers from Ghana, the LAC region, IUCN, etc.
- It will be published in English only.
- Regarding gender, the proposal has undergone two rounds of reviews and efforts have been made to respond to the comments which have been made.
- The publication will be 48 pages long. There will be 500 copies.
- The budget is small, but the publication is produced by the University of Dundee Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, which is also part of its added value.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) stressed that this is a late submission.
2. The Board considered that there could be more internal peer review done (e.g. by Field offices, by AFR).

3. The proposal is very thorough and very detailed.

4. The Member for Field Offices asked whether peer reviewers from the Asia/Pacific and the Arab regions could be invited to participate.

   The Chair (*a.i.*) agreed and asked whether the Member for Field Offices could help identify someone from the Asia/Pacific region.

5. The representative for CLT pointed out that a World Heritage transboundary site of Wadden Sea has just been extended to cover Denmark in addition to Germany and the Netherlands. The representative for CLT suggested that this site be mentioned in the publication, if there was still sufficient time for this. She also mentioned the Great Barrier Reef.

   - The Sector replied that these sites cannot be included because the publication is about freshwaters.

   The representative for CLT stressed that if the publication only deals with freshwaters, it is not reflected in the title.

   - The Sector said that it is also the case of the WWDR, even if it is not indicated in the title. Anything coming from UNESCO and WWAP is about freshwaters.

6. The representative for ODG/GE said that the major comment regarding the proposal was the lack of in-depth analysis. The suggestion was to include an analysis of the different impacts of issues related to water governance on men and women in regions most affected by climate change, which is what has been done in the WWDR. The representative for ODG/GE said that he had received assurances that this would be done.

7. The Board decided that, if the comments above are taken into account and if the publication date is pushed back (from August), the publication could be approved.

   - The Sector agreed but emphasized that the publication can only be delayed for one or two months.

Proposal approved for print and web (with comments to take into consideration)

9. Publication Proposal 0714_SHS02 **Developing National Policies on Youth: A participatory and multi-stakeholders' process**

The Member for SHS presented the proposal:

- This submission will provide guidelines for youth policy development.
- It contributes to the implementation of the Operational Strategy on Youth for 2014-2021, which has been adopted by the General Conference in 2013.
- The publication will be published in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.
- The internal peer review is very comprehensive: it includes all sectors, as well as BSP, ERI, ODG/GE, etc.
- It is a policy document. The Member for SHS suggested to wait for the feedback of the members of the UN Interagency Network on Youth Development to determine whether it belongs to Category 3 or to Category 4.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) stated that this is a relatively early submission.

2. Regarding the category to which the proposal belongs, either it is a Category 4 publication and the title needs to be changed, or it is a Category 3 publication and a real peer review is needed.

   The representative for Institutes underlined that if the publication is to be placed in a higher category, then this already ambitious publication will have to be even more ambitious! Indeed, in practice, how can you measure the number of countries in which the guidelines will be contextualized and used for policy development review (as indicated in the submission form), especially when there is no money assigned for monitoring?

   - The Member for SHS explained that this would be measured with the help of Field Offices and institutions at a national level.

3. Planning to publish the proposal in several languages is good.

4. The Chair (*a.i.*) asked whether the publication could still be published in September, as planned, if we are still waiting for the feedback of peer reviewers.

   - The Member for SHS replied that the publication will not be ready in September and said that in addition to the UN peer reviewers, experts in social sciences will also review the publication. Therefore the Member for SHS suggested that the proposal be resubmitted.

   The Member for ED said that it would be useful to also have specialists at a national level to review the proposal (such as people from youth Ministries or representatives from youth associations).

   The Secretary was very surprised to see that he had been included in the list of internal peer reviewers because he has not reviewed anything. According to the Chair (*a.i.*) and to the representative for ODG/GE, Members of the Board should not be peer reviewers.

   However, the representative for ODG/GE stressed that being in a situation where the draft can be seen by the Members before its submission allows more pertinent comments to be made, although not as peer reviewers.

- The Member for SHS took these comments on Board.

5. The Chair (*a.i.*) said, once more, that the title should be revised as it is really unoriginal.

6. The Member for ED inquired whether there were one or several authors.

   - There is one author only.

7. In view of the comments above, the proposal is to be revised and resubmitted. The Chair (*a.i.*) also requested that the category to which the publication belongs be clarified.

Estimated Media Impact: -

Proposal to be revised and resubmitted

10. Publication Proposal 0714_SC03 **New technologies for responsible management of water resources in Lebanon. Science diplomacy and trans-boundary negotiations on the Orontes River**

The representative for SC presented the proposal:

- This is a submission from the Venice Office.
- This is a Category 3 publication.
- It is a first edition. The publication is one of the outcomes of a project of the Venice Office.
- The book focuses on the Orontes River, which is shared between Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. It will contribute to raise awareness and show the importance of an integrated approach for a sustainable water resource management. It will propose tools and methodologies to foster discussions and improve diplomacy in this sensitive field.
- It targets water experts and managers, policy-makers and officers working in the field of water security, students and researchers active in similar sectors.
- There is an extensive list of authors.
- The proposal has been peer reviewed by SC/HYD, SC/PCB and there is one external peer reviewer from Lebanon.
- The publication will be in English, with the executive Summary also published in Arabic.
- Gender review was done.
- Priority Africa is not applicable in the present case.
- There will be 400 copies. The publication will be 200 pages long. It will be in print and DVD format, and also for the web.
- There is no particular launch date. But it could be promoted during the EXPO 2015, which the Venice Office is leading on behalf of UNESCO.
- The budget of 22,000 USD is funded through extra-budgetary funds.

Comments from the Board:

1. The Chair (*a.i.*) said that the 22,000 USD should be added in the budget in Box 43 b.
2. The title is too long.
3. The proposal seems to be technical and regional. It could be a Category 4 publication.
4. The Chair (*a.i.*) asked more information about the foreword which is to be written by GWP and MENBO.

- The Sector explained that GWP is the Global Water Partneship. The Sector was not sure of what organization was designated by the second acronym.

5. The Secretary asked which series this publication belongs to.

   - The representative for SC said that it is in the Science Policy series.

6. The Member for ED said that the title needs to be revised, but it illustrates the hybrid nature of the publication: it involves both technical and political aspects.

   The Board agreed that the title needs sharpening because the publication focuses in fact on three countries, but only Lebanon is mentioned in the title.

7. The Ex Officio Member for BSP stated that the added value of the publication should be clarified, as well as the target audience. She referred to item 27 of the submission form which indicates that "the publication is not produced to respond to specific and pre-identified needs and/or demands".

8. In view of the comments above, the Board decided that the submission should be revised and resubmitted.

Proposal to be revised and resubmitted