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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF WORK OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES (SC) COMMISSION

Room II, 9 and 10 November 2015

1. The Chairperson submits for the approval of the Commission the Provisional timetable of work (annexed hereto), which has been drawn up in conformity with the recommendations formulated by the Executive Board and approved by the General Conference concerning the organization of the work of its 38th session (38 C/2 Prov. Rev.)
2. The Commission will examine nine items on the agenda of the General Conference: 3.2 (Part II.A: Major Programme II – Natural Sciences); 3.4; 4.4; 4.5; 4.7; 4.15; 4.16; 4.19 and 4.20.
3. At the opening of the meeting the Commission will elect its Chairperson, four Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur. The Chairperson will outline the organisation and method of work of the Commission. The Commission will then take note of the Joint statement on behalf of the Chairpersons of the five intergovernmental/international scientific programmes MAB, IGCP, IHP, MOST and IBSP and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) as well as of the reports of the intergovernmental and international scientific programmes (IOC, 38 C/REP/9; MAB, 38 C/REP/10; IGCP, 38 C/REP/11; IHP, 38 C/REP/12; IBSP, 38 C/REP/14), and the report of the Governing Board of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education (38 C/REP/13).
4. The Chairperson proposes to organize the Commission's work into **five** debates:
 - The **first debate** will examine two items related to the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Natural Sciences and the conclusion of the Youth Forum:
 - **Item 4.5** – Conclusions of the Youth Forum: Young Global Citizens for a Sustainable Planet (as regards Natural Sciences) – 38 C/19.
 - **Item 3.4** – Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 – (38 C/7)

- The **second debate** will examine one item on the consideration of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017, Major Programme II:
 - **Item 3.2** – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017, Major Programme II – Natural Sciences (38 C/5 and its related documents – see complete list in the attached timetable), the recommendations by the Executive Board (38 C/6 and Add.) and two draft resolutions submitted by Member States and the observations of the Director-General thereon (38 C/8).
- The **third debate** will examine the following two items:
 - **Item 4.4** – Establishment of the category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (38 C/18 Parts IV to XX); and
 - **Item 4.16** – Renewal and revision of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and revision of the Statutes of the Institute (38 C/56).
- The **fourth debate** will examine two items concerning natural science-related programmes:
 - **Item 4.20** – Contribution by UNESCO in combating climate change; and
 - **Item 4.19** – Proclamation of 26 July as the “International Day for the Conservation of the mangrove system”.
- The **fifth debate** will examine the following two items:
 - **Item 4.15** – Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme Strategy for the period 2015-2025 (38 C/55); and
 - **Item 4.7** – Statutes of the International Geosciences and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) (38 C/14).

5. At the conclusion of each debate, the representatives of the Director-General will reply to any questions raised by the delegates.

6. As shown in the annexed hereto timetable, the documents to be considered include: the summary of discussions of the Executive Board on the Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (38 C/7); the Draft Budget for 2016-2017 and the Executive Board recommendations on this document; documents concerning items that require action by the Commission; documents transmitted for information; reports; and draft resolutions. The Director-General’s observations on the draft resolutions submitted by Member States on the Draft Budget and deemed admissible are found in document 38 C/8. With regard to the draft resolutions concerning items other than item 3.2 related to the 38 C/5, the timetable may be incomplete if additional proposals are submitted within the time limit for consideration by the Commission (i.e. at least 48 hours before the discussion of the item).

7. The draft report of the Commission will be presented directly to the Plenary by the Chairperson for adoption.

8. In presenting this timetable, the Chairperson would like to remind delegates of the volume and importance of the task ahead of them and the need to complete their work by the end of the afternoon of Tuesday 10 November, the Commission’s fourth meeting. Any delay to this timetable

would require the Commission to hold extended meetings, which should be avoided as far as possible.

9. The Chairperson has decided that individual interventions will be strictly limited to a maximum of three minutes for item 3.4 and two minutes for all other debates. The Chairperson takes this opportunity to point out that if the examination of any item takes less time than foreseen, the Chair will immediately start the next debate on the agenda.

10. In order to facilitate the organization of the work, delegates are kindly asked to sign up in advance on the relevant list of speakers. The lists of speakers for all the debates will be available at the documents distribution window located on the left side at the front of the meeting room. The list of speakers for each debate will be closed after the intervention of the third speaker.

ANNEX

SC COMMISSION – PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF WORK

Date and time	Meeting No.	Debate	Agenda item	Activities	Documents	DRs
Monday, 9 November 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1	Opening		Election of Chair, four Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur Organization and methods of work of the Commission and adoption of the timetable of work Opening remarks of the Chairperson Presentation of a joint statement on behalf of the Chairpersons of the five intergovernmental/international scientific programmes MAB, IGCP, IHP, MOST and IBSP and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Reports of the intergovernmental and international scientific programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOC, • MAB, • IGCP, • IHP • IBSP, and of • the Governing Board of the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education 	38 C/NOM/1 and Add. 38 C/COM.SC/1 Prov. 38 C/REP/9 38 C/REP/10 38 C/REP/11 38 C/REP/12 38 C/REP/14 38 C/REP/13	
		1	4.5	Debate 1 Conclusions of the Youth Forum: Young Global Citizens for a Sustainable Planet (as regards Natural Science)	38 C/19	
			3.4	Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) – Science	38 C/7	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction by the Youth Forum representative</i> - <i>Introduction by the representative of the Director-General to items 3.4</i> - <i>Debate</i> - <i>Reply by the representative of the Director-General on the debate</i> - <i>Recommendations concerning item 3.4</i> 		

Date and time	Meeting No.	Debate	Agenda item	Activities	Documents	DRs
Monday, 9 November 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	1	2	3.2	Debate 2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017, Major Programme II – Natural Sciences (38 C/5) Two Draft Resolutions submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran	37 C/5 38 C/5 (Vol. 1) 38 C/6 & Add. 38 C/8	38 C/DR.8 38 C/DR.9
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction by the representative of the Director-General on item 3.2</i> - <i>Debate</i> - <i>Reply by the representative of the Director-General on the debate</i> - <i>Recommendations concerning item 3.2</i> 		
	2	3	4.4	Debate 3 Establishment of the Category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part IV: Proposal for the establishment in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, of an African Regional Centre for Ecohydrology • Part V: Proposal for the establishment in Kigali, Rwanda, of an East Africa Centre for Fundamental Research • Part VI: Proposal for the establishment in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, of a Regional Post-Graduate Training School on Integrated Management of Tropical Forests and Lands • Part VII: Proposal for the establishment in El-Qanater, Egypt, of a Central Laboratory for Environmental Quality Monitoring (CLEQM) • Part VIII: Proposal for the establishment in Kuwait City, Kuwait, of a Water Research Centre • Part IX: Proposal for the establishment in Abbottabad, Pakistan, of a Regional Water Research Centre on Hydrology of Headwater Catchments • Part X: Proposal for the establishment in Karachi, Pakistan, of an 	38 C/18 Part IV Part V Part VI Part VII Part VIII Part IX Part X	

Date and time	Meeting No.	Debate	Agenda item	Activities	Documents	DRs
		3		<p>International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part XI: Proposal for the establishment in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, of an International Centre for the Integrated Management of Watershed and Bio-Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Regions • Part XII: Proposal for the establishment in Chiang Mai, Thailand, of an International Training Centre in Astronomy • Part XIII: Proposal for the establishment in Hanoi, Viet Nam, of an International Centre for Physics • Part XIV: Proposal for the establishment in Hanoi, Viet Nam, of an International Centre of Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics • Part XV: Proposal for the establishment in Beijing, China, of the International Centre for Engineering Education • Part XVI: Proposal for the establishment in Beijing, China, of an International Centre for Theoretical Physics Asia-Pacific • Part XVII: Proposal for the establishment in Sao Paulo, Brazil, of the South American Institute for Fundamental Research (SAIFR) • Part XVIII: Proposal for the establishment in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Mexico, of a Regional Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Physics, Mathematics, Energy and Environment • Part XIX: Proposal for the establishment in Thessaloniki, Greece, of a Centre on Integrated and Multi-Disciplinary Water Resources Management • Part XX: Proposal for the establishment in Yaoundé, Cameroon, of a Centre of Excellence in Microscience (CEM) 	<p>Part XI</p> <p>Part XII</p> <p>Part XIII</p> <p>Part XIV</p> <p>Part XV</p> <p>Part XVI</p> <p>Part XVII</p> <p>Part XVIII</p> <p>Part XIX</p> <p>Part XX</p>	
			4.16	Renewal and revision of the Operational Agreement between UNESCO and the Government of the Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and revision of the Statutes of the Institute	38 C/56	

Date and time	Meeting No.	Debate	Agenda item	Activities	Documents	DRs	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction by the representative of the Director-General on items 4.4 and 4.16</i> - <i>Debate</i> - <i>Reply by the representative of the Director-General on the debate</i> - <i>Recommendations concerning items 4.4 and 4.16</i> 			
Tuesday, 10 November 10 p.m.-1 p.m.	3	4	4.20	Debate 4 Contribution by UNESCO in combating climate change	38 C/67		
			4.19	Proclamation of 26 July as the “International Day for the Conservation of the mangrove system	38 C/66		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction by the representative of the Director-General to item 4.20 and 4.19</i> - <i>Debate</i> - <i>Reply by the representative of the Director-General on the debate</i> - <i>Recommendations concerning items 4.20 and 4.19</i> 			
Tuesday, 10 November 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4	Information on the UNESCO Science Report by the representative of the Director-General					
		5	Debate 5				
			4.15	Man and the biosphere (MAB) Programme Strategy for the period 2015-2025	38 C/55		
			4.7	Statutes of the International Geosciences and Geoparks Programme (IGGP)	38 C/14		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction by the representative of the Director-General to items 4.16 and 4.7</i> - <i>Debate</i> - <i>Reply by the representative of the Director-General on the debate</i> - <i>Recommendations concerning items 4.15 and 4.7</i> 						