

**38TH SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

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Date	9 November	Room	Room II
N° meeting	1 and 2	Hour	From: 3 pm To: 6 pm
Chairperson(s)	Ms Noorul Ainur binti Mohd. Nur	Country	Malaysia

SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

Items examined	<p>Continuation Item 3.4 – Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) – Science</p> <p>Item 3.2 – Consideration and adoption of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017, Major Programme II – Natural Sciences (38 C/5)</p> <p>Item 4.4 – Establishment of the Category 2 institutes and centres</p> <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 International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences - 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 of Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics - Part XIV: Proposal for the establishment in Beijing, China, of an International Centre for Engineering Education - Part XVII: Proposal for the establishment in Sao Paula, 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 on 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>Item 4.16 – Renewal and revision of the Operational Agreement between UESNCO and the Government of Netherlands on the UNESCO-IHE for Water Education and revision of the Statutes of the Institute.</p>		
Debate no	1, 2, 3	Debate status	Continuation (1), Start and close (2 and 3)

Related documents	<p>Item 3.4 – 38 C/7</p> <p>Item 3.2 – 38 C/5 38 C/5 (Vol. 1) 38 C/6 & Add. 38 C/8</p> <p>Item 4.4 – 38 C/18 (Parts IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX) 38 C/56</p> <p>Item 4.16 – 38 C/56</p>
DRs examined	<p>Item 3.2 – 38 C/DR.8 38 C/DR.9</p>
Countries that took floor	<p>Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Namibia, Republic of Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Colombia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Kingdom of Thailand, Republic of Cuba, Republic of Zimbabwe, Canada, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Kenya, Russian Federation, Malaysia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Kingdom of Sweden, Republic of Botswana, Kingdom of Belgium, Republic of Indonesia, Kingdom of Netherlands, Republic of Poland, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Korea, the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to UNESCO, Republic of Cameroon, State of Kuwait, Republic of Cameroon, Kingdom of Morocco, Federal Republic of the Niger, People's Republic of China, Federal Republic of Germany, the United Mexican States, the Republic of Sudan, and Democratic Republic of the Congo</p>
Summary of debate	<p>The session was opened by the Chairperson who continued the debate on Item 3.4 and opened and closed the debate for Items 3.2 and 4.4. Thirteen Member States finished making statements on Item 3.4. The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences and the Assistant Director-General for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission responded to the statements.</p> <p>Item 3.2 was opened and both the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences and the Assistant Director-General for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission presented a brief introduction. Following this the floor was open for debate with 19 Member States and the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to UNESCO making statements. The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences and the Assistant Director-General for the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission responded to statements. 38 C/5 (Vol.1) was adopted by the commission closing the debate.</p> <p>The Commission recommended that the General Conference approves the resolutions for Major Programme 2 in paragraph 02000 and 02200 (ICTP) of 38 C/5 Vol. 1, as amended by the Commission. The Commission then adopted the budgetary provision of Major Programme 2 with no objection.</p> <p>The Commission reviewed the draft resolution 38 C/DR.8 and 38 C/DR.9 to amend subparagraph 02000 2 (b) (3) and 02000 2 (b) (11) presented by the Islamic Republic of Iran. The ADG took the floor to summarize the observations by the Director-General as presented in 38 C/8 paragraph 1 of 4 who did not recommend the adoption of the draft decision. Both draft resolutions were not accepted.</p> <p>The Chairperson introduced Item 4.4. Seventeen centres were examined corresponding to document 38 C/18 Parts IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX). The Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, Ms Flavia Schlegel introduced each Centre or Institute with explanatory remarks on their importance under the auspices of UNESCO. Thereafter the Centres were adopted and nine Member States took the floor.</p> <p>The Chairperson then opened Item 4.16 followed by an introduction on the item by the Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences. The floor was then opened to debate and seven Member States took the floor. 38 C/56 was adopted without rejections by the commission closing the debate.</p>