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Tuesday, 03 November 2015

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No. 1

Highlights

Today, Tuesday 3 November 2015, 10:00 a.m., Room I

- The 38th session of the General Conference will be opened in a formal ceremony by H.E. Mr HAO Ping, Vice-Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China and President of the 37th session of the General Conference, in the presence of H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon of Norway.
- The Chairperson of the Executive Board, H.E. Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr, and the Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova, will make statements.
- During the opening ceremony there will be two musical moments with the Finnish string quartet 'Caje', who will play two pieces of the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, to celebrate its 150th anniversary, and then a choir, composed of members from four Confucius Institutes in France.
- The election to the Presidency of the 38th session of the General Conference will take place in the afternoon, during the second plenary meeting. The Executive Board, at its 197th session held last October 2015, unanimously recommended (197 EX/SR.7 and 8) the nomination of Hon. Stanley Mutumba Simataa as President of the 38th session of the General Conference. Hon. Stanley Mutumba Simataa is a Member of Parliament and Executive Branch, serving as Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology of Namibia.
- Visit of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance of the United Arab Emirates.

The **Mosaic of Change Exhibition** will be inaugurated at 6 p.m. in the Ségur Hall. Mosaic of Change utilizes art and technology to educate and help people better understand our world and generate intercultural dialogue using photos, videos, data visualizations, quotes and music. This creative platform reflects what UNESCO has achieved to date and reminds us to focus our time and resources where change is still needed most. The inauguration will be followed by a reception

Yesterday, Monday 2 November 2015

- To mark the **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** (IDEI), UNESCO convened events in Paris, London, New York and elsewhere, on Monday, 2 November 2015.

As part of the Paris event, Ms **Irina Bokova**, UNESCO Director-General, Ms **Alice Bah Kuhnke**, Swedish Minister for Culture and Democracy and Ms **Bathsheba Nell Crocker**, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs (USA) opened the ceremony, followed by a panel discussion on impunity moderated by Ms **Christiane Amanpour**, CNN journalist and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Freedom of Expression and Journalist Safety.

The events also served as an occasion to launch the forthcoming UNESCO report, *World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development – Special Digital Focus 2015*, which contains the Organization’s most recent information on the safety of journalists and impunity.

- The second **Interregional Forum of National Commissions for UNESCO** was attended by more than 200 participants from 120 National Commissions. The meeting was opened by Mr Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information and appointed Ms Rita Brasil de Brito, Secretary General of Portugal, as Chair.

In the morning, the agenda comprised three subjects, namely “Assessing the Value of UNESCO: Methodology and Pilot Project” presented by Ms Louise Filiatrault, Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO; “Public and Private partnerships” presented by Mr Dong-seok Min, Secretary-General of the Korean National Commission and Mr Lutz Moeller, Deputy Secretary-General of the German National Commission and “UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme and National Commissions” presented by Mr David Atchoarena, Director, Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, Education Sector.

In the afternoon, an Interface session between National Commissions and Field Offices was organized, for the first time, within the framework of Interregional meetings of National Commissions. The “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the role of National Commissions” was the last topic and Mr Jean-Yves le Saux, Director, Division for Programme and Budget, Bureau of Strategic Planning, made an introduction.

These presentations were followed by a fruitful exchange of information and views among the participants.

- In the evening, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of UNESCO, **H. E. Mr HAO Ping**, President of the 37th Session of the general Conference of UNESCO and Vice-Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China, had the pleasure to invite UNESCO Secretariat members to attend a performance of the Beijing Opera "**Yi Mai Qian Qiu**".

Tomorrow, Wednesday 4 November 2015

- Alongside the 38th session of the General Conference, **a high-level meeting is organized by UNESCO, jointly with the six Education 2030 co-convening agencies to formally adopt and launch the Education 2030 Framework for Action (FFA)**, the draft of which was agreed upon at the World Education Forum 2015 (Incheon, Republic of Korea) in May 2015. Ministers and other leaders of the education community will be invited to share through brief interventions their views on, and commitments to, the final FFA which will provide guidance for the implementation of Education 2030 at the national, regional and global level.

Welcome to the 38th session of the UNESCO General Conference!

UNESCO celebrates this year its 70th anniversary. The mission of our cherished Organization, Building peace in the minds of men and women, appears more relevant than ever. The 38th Session of the General Conference provides a unique opportunity to reflect and take stock of UNESCO's enduring achievements and highlight where our Organization needs to redouble its efforts to meet current and future challenges.

You can find an overview of the special meetings and side events which will take place throughout the session in the **MAG** which also includes a page dedicated to guided visits and cultural activities.

We kindly invite you to visit the [website of the General Conference](#) every day and get all the information related to its work: electronic access to meetings' programmes, documents and statements; list of speakers, who is who, FAQs, etc.

This **e-journal** outlines the information on the daily agenda of the proceedings as well as the outcome of those of the previous day.

The agenda of the meetings will also appear on the **screens** located in the main Halls of Fontenoy and Bonvin buildings and next to the meeting rooms of the commissions and committees.

The team of the Delegates' Information Bureau will be pleased to guide you during the course of the session with updates and changes. We are located in the Salle des Actes, Fontenoy building, opposite Room I. You can also reach us by phone on the following extensions: 82570 or 82567.

We wish you an inspiring session.

Rossella Salvia
Delegates' Information Bureau



Special events

Special lunch to endorse the Safe Schools Declaration

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Salle Ségur (by invitation only)

The Safe Schools Declaration is a joint initiative developed through state consultations led by Norway and Argentina in Geneva throughout the first half of 2015. It provides States the opportunity to express broad political support for the protection and continuation of education in armed conflict. The Declaration was opened for endorsement at the Oslo Conference on Safe Schools convened on 29 May 2015, and so far a total of 49 states have endorsed the declaration. This event organized by the Norwegian, Nigerian and Argentinian Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and the event will provide an opportunity for more states to endorse the Declaration.

Special Announcement

The election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference will take place during the second Plenary meeting in Room I, at 3 p.m.

Programme of meetings

Today -Tuesday, 3 November 2015

| Time | Organ | Room |
|------------|-----------------------|------|
| 10:00 a.m. | Plenary Meeting | I |
| 12 a.m. | Credentials Committee | VIII |
| | Nominations Committee | IV |
| 3:00 p.m. | Plenary Meeting | I |

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

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| 10:00 a.m. | First Meeting | I |
| 1.1 | Opening of the Session | |
| 1.2 | Establishment of the Credentials Committee | |
| 1.4 | Adoption of the agenda | |
| 1.7 | Admission to the work of the General Conference of observers from international non-governmental organizations other than those with the status of official partners of UNESCO, and recommendation of the Executive Board thereon | |

- 8.2 Request for the admission of Montserrat as an Associate Member of UNESCO

Official visit of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon of Norway

Credential Committee

- 12:00 a.m. First Meeting VIII
- 1.2 Establishment of the Credentials Committee and report by the Committee to the General Conference

Nominations Committee

- 12:00 a.m. First Meeting IV
- 1.5 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs of the Commissions and Committees

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

- 3:00 p.m. Second Meeting I
- 1.5 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the Commissions and Committees
- 1.2 First Report by the Credentials Committee
- 2.1 Report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 2012-2013, presented by the Chair of the Executive Board
- 2.2 Reports by the Executive Board on its own activities and on programme implementation
- Official visit of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum I

Provisional schedule of meetings**Wednesday, 4 November**

| Time | Organ | Room |
|------------|---|------|
| 9:00 a.m. | First meeting of the Bureau of the General Conference | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Third Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | Legal Committee | VI |
| | Credentials Committee | VII |
| 3:00 p.m. | Fourth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | Joint Meeting of Commissions | XI |
| | Legal Committee | VI |
| | Credentials Committee | VII |



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Wednesday, 04 November 2015

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No. 2

Highlights

Today, Wednesday 4 November 2015

- H.E. Mr Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, will visit the 38th session of the General Conference and address the Plenary.
- A high-level meeting is organized by UNESCO, jointly with the six Education 2030 co-convening agencies to formally adopt and launch the Education 2030 Framework for Action (FFA), the draft of which was agreed upon at the World Education Forum 2015 (Incheon, Republic of Korea) in May 2015. Ministers and other leaders of the education community will be invited to share through brief interventions their views on, and commitments to, the final FFA which will provide guidance for the implementation of Education 2030 at the national, regional and global level.
- UNESCO will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, former Prime Minister of Israel. The event will commemorate the legacy of dialogue and tolerance of Yitzhak Rabin, who was awarded the Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, along with Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in 1993 in recognition of their efforts to broker peace between Palestinians and Israelis. The ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m. at UNESCO's Square of Tolerance, a space designed by Israeli artist Dani Karavan and dedicated to the memory of Yitzhak Rabin. It will feature a musical interlude by the renowned violinist and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Ivry Gitlis. (This event is by invitation only)
- The UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science will be awarded to Pakistani Professor of Biotechnology and Bioethicist, Zabta Khan Shinwari. Intended to honour the activities of individuals and groups in the field of ethics in science, the Prize encourages ethical reflection on questions raised by scientific and technological advances – a goal that coincides with UNESCO's priorities. The award ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Room IX.

Yesterday, Tuesday 3 November 2015

- The 38th session of UNESCO's General Conference opened yesterday with an eye on the future. The biennial meeting of the Governing Body will set the path for UNESCO as it reviews programme and policy plans aimed at achieving the 2015-2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were adopted by the UN General Assembly in New York in September.
- Montserrat was admitted as the 10th Associate Member of UNESCO.
- The General Conference unanimously elected Mr Stanley Mutumba Simataa, Member of Parliament and Executive Branch, serving as Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology of Namibia, as its 38th President. The Vice-Presidents of the General Conference were also elected. For more details on the elections, please refer to the summary of debate of the Nominations Committee on the website of the General Conference.
- President Simataa said in his first comments to the General Conference: "In time of despair, UNESCO is called upon to bring foresight and hope to the peoples of the world through education, including education for peace, tolerance, democracy and human rights, through the sciences, notably with the development of dissemination of scientific knowledge to improve responses to unprecedented environmental changes now occurring, through culture by building bridges amongst different cultures, safeguarding and promoting cultural heritage and creativity, and through communication and information, through the free flow of information and ideas. There is no doubt UNESCO remains a beacon of hope in a world littered with deep-seated intolerance and despair."
- Another notable event was the visit of H.R.H. Haakon, the Crown Prince of Norway, who stressed that UNESCO's role and mandate were as important today as they were 70 years ago. In his speech, H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon stated that: "Today the world is facing the largest refugee crisis since World War Two. Sixty million people are fleeing war and conflict; we share a joint responsibility to act". The Crown Prince also highlighted the centrality of education, safeguarding freedom of expression and preserving cultural heritage to ensure inclusive, equitable and sustainable development and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Prince Haakon also attended a lunchtime event with UNESCO's Director-General, Irina Bokova, to endorse the Safe Schools Declaration. The Declaration provides States with the opportunity to commit support for education in situations of armed conflict.
- H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance of the United Arab Emirates, paid a visit to UNESCO and addressed a speech in the Plenary, stating: "UAE desire drives us towards working more and exerting efforts, in cooperation with UNESCO, to provide more opportunities to reward outstanding practices of teachers in developing countries".
On this occasion, the Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova and the Minister of Education, H.E. Hussain Al Hammadi, signed two agreements for over USD 6 million in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, formalizing the generous donation for the renovation of Room I and the project "Implementing the Postgraduate Diploma in Curriculum Design and Development in the Arab region".

- The Mosaic of Change exhibition was inaugurated on the first day of the 38th General Conference, on the occasion of UNESCO's 70th Anniversary. The Interactive Multimedia Communications Installation presents an artistic visual language that spurs intercultural dialogue and understanding to inspire peace and foster change. This creative technology platform features ultra-high resolution multimedia content curated within the framework of UNESCO's seven themes. The Mosaic of Change exhibition was conceptualized and produced by Millennium ART, designed in collaboration with Obscura Digital, and made possible with the generous support of the Li Ka Shing Foundation.

Tomorrow, Thursday 5 November 2015

- Award Ceremony for the UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development 2015.
- The Delegation of Sweden to UNESCO organizes a seminar entitled "How to achieve green and gender-equal Technical and Vocational Training and Education: Challenges in a Post-2015 perspective."

Special events

Launch event for the Gender Summary of the EFA GMR 2015

9 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Room Ségur (7th Floor)

The main messages and recommendations contained within the new Report, Gender and EFA 2000-2015: Achievements and Challenges will be presented to the core participants taking part in the High Level Panel on the Framework for Action for Education 2030. The report highlights UNESCO's role in championing girls' education, and the role gender will play in the new post-2015 education framework. Participants will discuss how to broaden the focus from gender parity to gender equality for the period from 2015 to 2030, and which policies have proved successful in challenging gender stereotypes and overcoming discriminatory gender norms. The Ministers of Education of Paraguay and Niger will be present for this event.

Opening of the "Mountains: Early Warning Systems for Climate Change" exhibition

12:50 a.m. - 1:25 p.m., Main Entrance Lobby, Ground Floor

The International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) of UNESCO will inaugurate the exhibition that aims at raising awareness on the impacts of climate change in mountains

IHP Lunch Talk: "Addressing water security under climate change"

1:25 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room Ségur, 7th floor

UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (IHP) organizes a Lunch Talk attended by the representatives of UNESCO Member states to share experiences, views and recommendations on coping with the climate change impacts on water resources, for the development of adaptation strategies. The aim of the meeting is to raise awareness about the challenges that the climate change impacts present, in view of COP21, to enhance

collaboration between science and policy makers. Ms Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros, Secretary of IHP and Director of the Division of Water Sciences of UNESCO, and Mr Jérôme Chappellaz, senior scientist at CNRS, will share their valuable experience and offer an insight into the effects of climate change.

Preventing and addressing violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression in and through education

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room IX

Ministers of Education are invited to this event organized in the framework of UNESCO programme Education and Respect for All and in line with the UNESCO Decision on school-related gender based violence, “Learning without fear”. The event will present a progress report on activities implemented by UNESCO and outlook towards the UNESCO Ministerial meeting organized on the occasion of IDAHOT 2016. The event is organized by UNESCO, the Permanent Delegation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Permanent Delegation of Uruguay and other UNESCO Member States.

Launch of the *Teacher Policy Development Guide* produced by the Teacher Task Force

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room XII

Drawing on lessons learnt since its establishment in 2008, the Teacher Task Force has developed the Teacher Policy Development Guide to support the achievement of the Teacher target in both the Sustainable Development Goals and Education 2030. The event organized by the Mexican Delegation will present the main features of the guide and inform the participating delegates of the instrument available to support their work.

Launch of *Rethinking Education* publication

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Room II

Rethinking Education comes at an important historical juncture as the international development community moves toward the new comprehensive framework of Sustainable Development Goals for 2030. The publication has served as a normative reference for the vision and principles outlined in the Education 2030 Framework for Action. It is also a call for public policy dialogue around the purpose of education and the organization of learning in ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all by 2030.

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presentation of the work of the ED Commission – with the participation of the Secretariat of the Commission

Presentations

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. European Students' Union
12:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Education International
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. International Music Council

Programme of meetings Wednesday, 4 November

| Time | Organ | Room |
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| 9:00 a.m. | First meeting of the Bureau of the General Conference | X |
| 10:00 a.m. | Third Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | Legal Committee | VI |
| 3:00 p.m. | Fourth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | Legal Committee | VI |
| | Joint Meeting of Commissions | XI |
| 4:30 p.m. | APX Commission | XI |

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General Committee

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| 9:00 a.m. | Item | First Meeting | X |
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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | Third Meeting | I |
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Legal Committee

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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | First Meeting | VI |
| | | Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson(s) and Rapporteur | |
| | | Adoption of the timetable | |
| | 3.2 | Examination of communications on the admissibility of draft resolutions proposing the adoption of amendments to the Draft Budget for 2016-2017 (38 C/5) (document 38 C/8) | |
| | 7.8 | Consolidated report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and | |

Qualifications in Higher Education (document 38 C/72)

- 7.2 Third Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace (document 38 C/28)

APX Commission

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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | First Meeting | XI |
| | | Election of the Commission Bureau: Vice-Chairpersons, Rapporteur | |
| | | Organization of the work of the Commission | |
| 1.3 | | Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8 (c), of the Constitution | |
| | | [Setting up of the Working Group on item 1.3 concerning the right to vote] | |
| 5.4 | | Revision of the Terms of Reference of the Oversight 38 C/52 Advisory Committee | |

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

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| 3:00 p.m. | Item | Fourth Meeting | I |
| | | General Policy Debate – National Statements | |

Legal Committee

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| 3:00 p.m. | Item | Second Meeting | VI |
| 7.3 | | Reports on the measures taken for the implementation of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (document 38 C/29) | |
| 7.4 | | Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist (document 38 C/30) | |
| 7.7 | | Report on the implementation by Member States of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, including a | |

Joint Meeting of Commissions

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| 3:00 p.m. | Item | First Meeting | XI |
| | | Organization of the work of the Joint Meeting of Commissions | |
| | 3.5 | Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling | |

APX Commission

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| 4:30 p.m. | Item | Continued | XI |
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Provisional schedule of meetings Thursday, 5 November

| Time | Organ | Room |
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| 10:00 a.m. | Fifth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | Legal Committee | VI |
| | ED Commission | II |
| 3:00 p.m. | Sixth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | Legal Committee | VI |
| | ED Commission | II |



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Highlights

Today, Thursday 5 November 2015

- Within the framework of the Global Action Programme (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), the UNESCO-Japan Prize on ESD honours outstanding efforts of individuals, institutions, organizations or other entities engaged in ESD activities. Funded by the Government of Japan, the Prize consists of three annual awards of US \$50,000 for each recipient. The Prize is awarded for the first time in 2015. The ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. in Room II.

Yesterday, Wednesday 4 November 2015

- The Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, paid tribute to the legacy of former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as peacemaker at a ceremony to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the statesman's assassination. The Director-General recalled Yitzhak Rabin's conviction that people want peace and their voices need to be heard. She recalled Mr Rabin's words at UNESCO as he received the Houphouët-Boigny Prize in 1993 along with Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat in recognition of their efforts to lead their people toward peace: "Peace will be built slowly, day by day, through modest deeds, and countless spontaneous details. It will be built, step by step, by people." Ambassador Carmel Shama Hachohen, Permanent Delegate of Israel to UNESCO, also paid tribute to Yitzhak Rabin's historic role as a champion of peace and reconciliation. The commemoration ceremony took place at UNESCO's Square of Tolerance, in the presence of the President of the General Conference, Stanley Mutumba Simataa, the Chairperson of the Executive Board, Mohamed Samed Amr, Aliza Bin-Noun, Ambassador of Israël to France, Beate Klarsfeld, UNESCO Honorary Ambassador and Special Envoy for Holocaust Education and the Prevention of Genocide. The event featured a musical interlude by the renowned violinist and UNESCO Goodwill

Ambassador Ivry Gitlis. The Square of Tolerance is a space designed by Israeli artist Dani Karavan and dedicated to the memory of Yitzhak Rabin.

- The Education 2030 Framework for Action (FFA) was adopted and launched at a high-level meeting attended by more than 70 Ministers, representatives of Member States, the United Nations, multilateral and bi-lateral agencies, civil society, regional organizations, the teaching profession, academia, youth and the private sector. Opening the session, Ms Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, France's Minister of Education, Higher Education and Research, emphasized the importance of education for global citizenship, referring to the fundamental role of schools in countering extremism and promoting values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination. The FFA provides guidance to countries for the implementation of the Education 2030 agenda and aims at mobilizing all stakeholders around the new global education goal and targets. "Never before has the world consulted in such depth on a new goal in education, bringing all voices to the table. Never before has the world agreed on such a detailed road-map for the implementation of a new goal," said the Director-General. The session ended with closing addresses by Kishore Singh, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, and the Prime Minister of Cook Islands, Mr Henry Puna.
- The exhibition "Mountains: early warning systems for climate change", shown on the UNESCO gates, was inaugurated by the Director-General, "We know mountains are 'water towers' for many regions, and we know at least half of the world's population depends on water from mountain headwaters," The exhibition raises awareness of the impacts of climate change in mountains, which could affect water and food security. It will be shown at the Cité universitaire de Paris, France, during the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21).

Tomorrow, Friday 6 November 2015

- H.E. Mr. Nursultan NAZARBAYEV, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, will visit the 38th session of the General Conference and will address the plenary.
- High-Level event on Preventing Violent Extremism through Education organized by UNESCO, the Permanent Mission of the United States to UNESCO and other UNESCO Member States supportive of Global Citizenship Education and the prevention of violent extremism through education.

Special events

How to achieve green and gender-equal Technical and Vocational Training and Education: Challenges in a Post 2015 perspective

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room II

The seminar organized by the Delegation of Sweden to UNESCO aims at sharing experiences and lessons learned on how to deal with Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) challenges in a Post-2015 perspective. A special focus will be put on green growth and gender equality. By using TVET as a concrete example, the seminar also aims at showing the universality of education and the relevance of the sustainable development goals for both developing and developed countries. The panel will be composed of three ministers and one or two stakeholders.

Achieving the SDGs: Rethinking Education and Learning

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room VII

The event will provide an overview of the involvement of UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) in the Education 2030 agenda through an interactive session featuring an MGIEP online Wealth Generator Game. The key lessons learnt from recent surveys on youth will be presented. They suggest a need for new and innovative ways of learning and acquiring the necessary knowledge and competencies to face the challenges of the 21st century. The session will also serve to highlight the avenues for cooperation with MGIEP. The event is organized by the Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO and MGIEP.

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

1:00 p.m. Welcome Meeting with Mr Eric Falt, Assistant-Director-General for External Relations and Public Information

Mini-conference

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Presentation of the work of the Natural Sciences (SC) Commission with the Secretariat of the Commission

Presentations

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. Universal Esperanto Association

12:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mediterranean women Forum

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. International Council of Organisations of Folklore Festivals and Folk

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sozopol Foundation

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

| Time | Organ | Room |
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| 10:00 a.m. | Fifth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | ED Commission | II |
| 3:00 p.m. | Sixth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | ED Commission | II |

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | Fifth Meeting | I |
| | | General Policy Debate – National Statements | |

APX Commission

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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | Third Meeting | XI |
| | 11.2 | Mandate of the Headquarters Committee | |
| | 11.1 | Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex | |
| | | If time allows | |
| | 3.1 | Methods of preparing the budget, budget estimates for 2016-2017, and budgeting techniques | |
| | 3.5 | Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling | |
| | 3.2 | Consideration and adoption of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017 | |
| | | Part I General Policy and Direction | |
| | | Part II.A UNESCO Institute for Statistics | |
| | | Management of Field Offices | |
| | | Part II.B Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa | |
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gender equality
UNESCO's response to post-conflict and post-disaster situations
Strategic planning, programme monitoring and budget preparation
Organization-wide knowledge management
External relations and public information

ED Commission

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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | First Meeting | II |
| | 3.4 | Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) (38 C/7) | |
| | 4.14 | UNESCO's role in the implementation of the Education 2030 agenda (38 C/54) | |
| | 4.5 | Conclusions of the Youth Forum as regards education (38 C/19) | |

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

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| 3:00 p.m. | Item | Sixth Meeting General Policy Debate – National Statements | I |
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APX Commission

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| 3:00 p.m. | Item | Fourth Meeting | XI |
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| 3:00 p.m. | Item | Second Meeting | II |
| | 6.3 | Preliminary report concerning the preparation of a global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications (38 C/26) | |
| | 7.8 | Consolidated Report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education (38 C/72) | |

**Provisional schedule of meetings
Friday 6 November 2015**

| Time | Organ | Room |
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| 10:00 a.m. | Seventh Plenary Meeting | I |
| | Nominations Committee | IV |
| | General Committee | X |
| | ED Commission | II |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| 3:00 p.m. | Eighth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
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Highlights

Today, Friday 6 November 2015

- H.E. Mr. Nursultan NAZARBAYEV, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, will visit the 38th session of the General Conference and address the plenary.
- A high-level event on Preventing Violent Extremism through Education is organized by UNESCO and the Permanent Mission of the United States to UNESCO. Participants will consider the role of education and its contribution towards national strategies to prevent violent extremism and how to address the radicalization of learners that leads to violent extremism. This high-level event will set the stage for building strong support among UNESCO's Member States' education ministries for the prevention of radicalization to violent extremism, as well as addressing the root causes through community and school engagement. The event is co-sponsored by Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The event is by invitation only.

Yesterday, Thursday 5 November 2015

- The first UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) funded by the Government of Japan and honouring outstanding efforts of individuals, institutions and organizations engaged in ESD, was awarded to three laureates: Asociación SERES from Guatemala and El Salvador, Jayagiri Centre from Indonesia and rootAbility from Germany. Presenting the prize to the three organizations, which each received an award of \$50,000, was Mr Hiroshi Hase, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan. The laureates had the opportunity to present their winning projects earlier in the day during an informal breakfast talk.

The German project, rootAbility is rewarded for its “Green Office Model”, whose main actors are university students working in a team with staff of their institution in order to make it more sustainable. They learn to run and raise funds for activities such as waste recycling, energy efficiency and sustainable catering.

Jayagiri Centre is recognized for its “Eco Friendly Entrepreneurship for Youths and Adults” project, which encourages people between the ages of 18 and 45 to work within their community to harness local traditions and resources to create products with recycled materials. The project preserves local culture and the environment while promoting rural business initiatives.

Asociación SERES is rewarded for its “SERES ESD Youth Ambassadors” initiative which trains youth ambassadors to become facilitators of established sustainability programmes. The youth ambassadors then train other young people in order to build community resilience to climate change.

Tomorrow, Saturday 7 November 2015

- The UNESCO Institute for Statistics will present its leadership role in developing the frameworks and indicators needed to monitor key targets in the Sustainable Development Goals, especially related to education, including a new global observatory on equity and inclusion in education.
- A panel discussion will raise visibility on the importance of promoting gender equality through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, with particular focus on adolescent girls’ access to and advancement through STEM education.

Special events

Official Launch of the publication entitled “African women, Pan-Africanism and African renaissance”

1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m., in front of Room XI

This publication is a follow-up to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Pan-African Women’s Organization (PAWO), organized at UNESCO in November 2012, at the initiative of the Permanent Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, the country where PAWO was founded, and the Permanent Delegation of Republic of South Africa, the country which has hosted the Organization since 2008. The publication highlights the struggle of African women to liberate the continent from the yoke of colonialism and to assert the values of pan-Africanism. The endeavours of these women, many in number but little known, bears testimony to women’s commitment to assume their role and responsibilities in the future of the continent. It also proposes, through a pedagogical approach, to provide a number of markers on the components and influence of pan-Africanism and its enrichment through African women’s contribution to freedom – their own and that of all Africans.

Transboundary Aquifers: Presentation of the fourth volume of the series ISARM of the Americas

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Bar 7th Floor

The Permanent Delegation of Uruguay to UNESCO and the UNESCO Regional Office for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean will present Volume 4 of the series ISARM of the Americas, “Estrategia regional para la evaluación y gestión de los sistemas acuíferos transfronterizos en las Américas” (“Regional Strategy for the Assessment and Management of the Transboundary Aquifers Systems of the Americas”). The publication presents a strategy to overcome regional challenges related to transboundary groundwater management while taking into account the criteria of sustainability as well as considering the best practices available and the scientific and technical knowledge base required to implement such a strategy. It shows how science can contribute to decision-making and to the establishment of high level international cooperation.

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

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| 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Presentation of the work of the Communication and Information Commission with the Secretariat of the Commission |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Presentation of the work of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee |

Presentations

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| 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. | OIDEL |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | World Organization for Early Childhood Education |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | International School Psychology Association (ISPA) |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. | Tradition for Tomorrow International Federation of Coalitions for Cultural Diversity |
| 5.15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | International Association of Egypt Museums Friends |

UNESCO 2015 Stamps

UNESCO stamps 2015 are on sale at the Book and Gift Shop.
A collection stamp sheet was specially created by the United Nations Postal Administration for the 70th anniversary of UNESCO.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2015

| Time | Organ | Room |
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| 9:00 a.m. | Bureau | X |
| 10:00 a.m. | Seventh Plenary Meeting | I |
| | Nominations Committee | IV |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | ED Commission | II |
| 3:00 p.m. | Eighth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | ED Commission | II |
| | LEG Committee | VI |

MORNING

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| 9 a.m. | Item | Second Meeting | X |
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Plenary Meeting

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| 10 a.m. | Item | Seventh Meeting | I |
| | | Report on meeting of the Bureau | |
| | | General Policy Debate – National Statements | |
| | | Official visit of His Excellency Mr Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan | |

APX Commission

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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | Fifth Meeting | XI |
| | | UIS Report: Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (2014-2015) | |
| | 5.1 | New format of reporting to the Executive Board on programme implementation (EX/4) | |

- 9.5 Working Capital Fund: level and administration
- 5.3 Revision of the Financial Regulations for Special Accounts

ED Commission

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| 10:00 a.m. | Item | Third Meeting | II |
| | 6.3 | Preliminary report concerning the preparation of a global convention on the recognition of higher education qualifications (document 38 C/26) | |
| | 7.8 | Consolidated Report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education (document 38 C/72) | |
| | 4.3 | Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 67 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (document 38 C/17). | |
| | 3.2 | Consideration and adoption of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017, Major Programme I - Education (38 C/5 and its related documents). | |

Nominations Committee

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| 10 a.m. | Item | Second Meeting | IV |
| | 1.5 | Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs of the Commissions and Committees (document 38 C/NOM/1 and Add.) | |
| | 12.1 | Election of members of the Executive Board (documents 38 C/NOM/INF.1, 38 C/NOM/2 Rev.) | |
| | 12.2 to 12.15 | Elections Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference (documents 38 C/NOM/INF.2, 38 C/NOM/4, 38 C/NOM/5, 38 C/NOM/6) | |

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

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| 3 p.m. | Item | Eighth Meeting | I |
| | | General Policy Debate – National Statements | |

APX Commission

10:00 a.m. Item Sixth Meeting XI

ED Commission

3:00 p.m. Item Fourth Meeting II

LEG Committee

3:00 p.m. Item Third Meeting VI

Examination and adoption of the draft reports of the Legal Committee

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Provisional schedule of meetings Saturday 7 November 2015

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| 10:00 a.m. | Ninth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | Nominations Committee | IV |
| | APX Commission | XI |
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Highlights

Today, Saturday 7 November 2015

- The UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) will present its leadership role in developing the frameworks and indicators needed to monitor key targets in the Sustainable Development Goals, especially those relating to education. The panel discussion will be chaired by Dr. Magele Mauiliu Magele, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture of Samoa, and will bring together ministers, experts and policymakers to explore a series of initiatives to help countries use new tools and data to improve the learning outcomes of their children and youth, while addressing their needs to provide quality and inclusive education for all. The panel will also present plans to create a Global Observatory on Equity and Inclusion in Education.
- A panel discussion will raise visibility on the importance of promoting gender equality through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education for adolescent girls. The event will gather representatives of Member States, international experts, practitioners. The discussion will be opened by Mr Qian Tang, ADG/ED, and will be chaired by Dr Hayat Sindi (Saudi Arabia), UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. Speakers will include H. E. Mrs Crystal Nix-Hines, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of the USA to UNESCO, Datuk Seri Dr. Khair Mohamad Yusof, Director-General of Education, Ministry of Education, Malaysia, Dr Florence Tobo Lobé, President, Rubisadt Foundation, Cameroon, Mr Gwang-Jo Kim, Director, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education (UNESCO Bangkok).

Yesterday, Friday 6 November 2015

- H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, visited UNESCO and addressed the General Conference, calling for intercultural dialogue to counter extremism. The President praised UNESCO's work "in maintaining our cultural and historical heritage and expanding international co-operation in education, science and communications." He also presented several new initiatives to scale up his country's engagement in addressing global challenges, notably the establishment of an "Academy of Peace" under UNESCO auspices. Before addressing the General Conference, President Nazarbayev and UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova discussed cooperation between Kazakhstan and the Organization in a bilateral meeting. The Director-General underscored Kazakhstan's important contribution in advancing the Organization's objectives, notably through extra-budgetary programmes, and the country's commitment to bolster regional and international cooperation.
- A high-level Ministerial Breakfast Meeting gathered some 80 participants, including 16 Ministers of State, to provide an informal platform for dialogue between beneficiary and donor countries, among others, on the work of UNESCO's decade-long Capacity Development for Education for All (CapEFA) programme. Since its creation in 2003 the CapEFA Programme has provided support to more than 40 countries in implementing reforms and building quality, inclusive and equitable education systems. The programme is uniquely positioned to support countries in operationalizing the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goal 4 on quality education. The event was an opportunity to present key findings and recommendations of the final external evaluation of CapEFA and gather input to reflect on the way forward and on how to best position the Programme in the post-2015 agenda.
- The Director-General and Mr. Anthony Blinken, United States Deputy Secretary of State, made a forceful appeal for respect, civic engagement and responsibility at a high-level event on Preventing Violent Extremism through Education. "We must respond with culture and knowledge. Violent extremists promote fear and division. We must respond with skills for critical thinking, with opportunities for civic engagement, with competences for dialogue across cultures" said the Director-General. Mr Blinken stressed that UNESCO's role as a guardian of shared humanity was more needed than ever. "By arming young minds with a world perspective rooted in respect, social justice, diversity and critical thinking, we can not only counter radicalization as it arises, but prevent its growth in the first place". He underlined the role of UNESCO's Global Citizenship Education programme in helping to equip ministries with the latest in education policy, classroom curriculum, and internet guides in order to foster a learning environment based on the exchange of ideas. Mr Blinken said the United States would work with UNESCO to develop a dynamic digital education resource to help prevent and undermine the allure of violent extremism along with the United States Holocaust

Memorial Museum, the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation and Facing History and Ourselves.

The event, organized by UNESCO and the Permanent Mission of the United States, was supported by the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. It followed the adoption of a resolution by UNESCO's Executive Board at its 197th session on education as a tool to prevent violent extremism, placing UNESCO in a leading role in this domain.

Monday 9 November 2015

- H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, will pay an official visit to the General Conference and address the plenary.
- H.E. Mr. Jorge Carlos De Almeida Fonseca, President of the Republic of Cabo Verde, will pay an official visit to the General Conference and address the plenary.
- The **publication 'Sex disaggregated indicators for water assessment, monitoring and reporting'** will be officially launched. This technical paper is the first tool and output of a broader project financed by the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) on gender-sensitive water monitoring, assessment and reporting. It provides a groundbreaking path for professionals, researchers, development practitioners and government ministries to mainstream gender in their statistics on water.
- A round-table discussion on **South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development** will highlight key achievements of the projects included in the Malaysia-UNESCO Cooperation Programme (MUCP). Parallel to the discussion, an exhibition will showcase the key projects supported by the MUCP and display informational and promotional materials and a short video clip.
- To celebrate the **50th anniversary of UNESCO's water programmes and the 40th anniversary of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)**, the IHP Secretariat organizes a jubilee event. A panel of regional representatives will share their views with the audience about the impact of UNESCO's water programmes in their regions over the past fifty years, as well as their vision for the future of their collaboration with IHP. The event will help IHP strengthen its role for the Member States in addressing water-related challenges and implementing the water-related goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- The **CONNECT-U initiative** will be presented. CONNECT-U promotes better collaboration and knowledge sharing in UNESCO. It features a selection of knowledge sharing practices, tools and guidelines used by field offices as well as HQ staff in their day-to-day work.
- **ISESCO's Member States' Heads of Delegation will hold their 11th Coordination Meeting.** It will be an opportunity to highlight the vital dimensions of the partnership between the two institutions and sensitize the concerned Member States to strongly support this cooperation.

Special announcement

The election of Members of the Executive Board will take place on Wednesday 11 November in Room V from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2015

| Time | Organ | Room |
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| 10:00 a.m. | Ninth Plenary Meeting | I |
| | ED Commission | II |
| 3:00 p.m. | ED Commission | II |

There will be no meeting of NOM Committee and APX Commission

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

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| 10 a.m. | Item | Ninth Meeting | I |
| | | General Policy Debate – National Statements | |
| | | Second report by the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee | |
| | | Report of the Chairperson of the APX Commission on item 1.3 | |

Education Commission

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| 10 a.m. | Item | Fifth Meeting | II |
| | 7.5 | Proposal for the revision of the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education | |
| | 7.6 | Proposal for the revision of the Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education | |
| | 4.6 | Management of the education-related category 1 institutes (38 C/20) | |
| | 4.8 | Amendments to the Statutes of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) (38 C/20) | |
| | 4.4 | Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres (38 C/18) Part II (Proposal for the establishment in Dhaka, Bangladesh of the International Mother Language Institute); and Part III (Proposal for the establishment in Shenzhen, People's Republic of China) | |

as a Category 2 Centre an International Centre for Higher Education Innovation).

AFTERNOON

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| 3 p.m. | Item | Sixth Meeting | II |
| | 4.18 | Proclamation of 5 November as “World Day of Romani Language” (38 C/65). | |

Provisional schedule of meetings Monday 9 November 2015

| Time | Organ | Room |
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| 10 a.m. | Plenary – Director General’s Reply to General Policy Debate | I |
| | APX Commission | XI |
| | SC Commission | II |
| | Nominations Committee | IV |
| 11:30 a.m. | Plenary – Item 8.3 | I |
| 3 p.m. | APX Commission | XI |
| | SC Commission | II |