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Highlights

Today, Tuesday 5 November 2013, 10:00 a.m., Room I

- The 37th session of the General Conference will be opened in a formal ceremony by the outgoing President, H.E. Ms Katalin Bogyay, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Hungary to UNESCO and President of the 36th session of the General Conference.
- The UNESCO Chorus and Orchestra conducted by Mr Jorge Lozano-Corres will perform "Va, Pensiero" from the opera Nabucco to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi, born on 10 October 1813.
- The Chairperson of the Executive Board, H.E. Ms Alessandra Cummins, and the Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova, will make statements.
- The election to the Presidency of the 37th session of the General Conference will take place in the afternoon, during the second plenary meeting.
- H. R. H. Princesse Marie of Denmark is visiting UNESCO on the occasion of the 37th session of the General Conference. She will be delivering a speech in the Plenary in the morning session (foreseen at 12:30).

Yesterday, Monday 4 November 2013

- The Interregional Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO on the occasion of the 37th session of the General Conference took place. The event was opened by Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO. Major topics discussed included: contribution of National Commissions to UNESCO's engagement in the post-2015 development agenda, their activities targeting youth, interface and cooperation between UNESCO field offices and National Commissions, and new modalities of the Participation Programme. A total of 160 representatives from 110 National Commissions and Permanent Delegations to UNESCO attended the meeting.

WELCOME to the first edition of the **e-journal** of the 37th session of the General Conference! This Web-based journal gives you highlights of the day's schedule, including key official visits and special announcements. It also has information about the previous day's proceedings and for the following day.

The **MAG** offers an overview of the special meetings and events which will take place throughout the session and it includes a page dedicated to guided visits and cultural activities.

Inspired by the move towards a **PaperSmart** UN System and in order to reduce the Organization's costs and carbon footprint, this year the information on the 37th session of the General Conference is available in various digital formats: this simplifies the consultations and facilitates access to information also for the public wishing to follow the General Conference away from Paris.

We kindly invite you to visit the **website of the General Conference** every day: you will have electronic access to meeting programmes, documents and statements.

The agenda of the meetings will 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 official visits and the activities foreseen in the framework of OPEN UNESCO will be also announced on a daily basis.

We will be pleased to guide you during the course of the session with updates and changes. The Delegates' Information Bureau is located in the Salle des Actes, Fontenoy building, opposite Room I. You can also reach us by phone on the following extensions: 85269, 85270, 85271, 85276.

We wish you a productive and enjoyable session.

Rossella Salvia
Delegates' Information Bureau



Special events

Education Challenges in Latin America towards 2015 and post-2015

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Room IX

The event will entail discussions on the progress made towards the achievement of the Education for All goals in the region and the Roadmap for the regional 2015 and post-2015 agendas, as approved by the Latin American and Caribbean countries in the III Board Meeting Education Project for Latin America and the Caribbean EFA/PRELAC.

Renewable Energy for Sustainable Development by the International Sustainable Energy Development Centre (ISEDC)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

The International Sustainable Energy Development Centre (ISEDC) (Category 2 Centre under UNESCO auspices) will present its activities for 2012-2013 as well as its contribution to 2012 International Year on “Sustainable Energy for All”. Looking forward initiatives to address the 2014-2024 UN Decade on “Sustainable Energy for All” will be also presented. The Center’s publications on renewable energy for sustainable development will be made available.

Special Announcement

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

Programme of meetings

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10 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
12 a.m.	Credentials Committee	VIII
	Nominations Committee	IV
3 p.m.	Plenary Meeting	I

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Plenary Meeting

10 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	
10.2	Request for the admission of Anguilla as an Associate Member of UNESCO	

Credentials Committee

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

Nominations Committee

12 a.m.	First Meeting	IV
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- 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 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 2010-2011, presented by the Chair of the Executive Board	
2.2	Reports by the Executive Board on its own activities and on programme implementation	

Provisional schedule of meetings

Wednesday, 6 November

Time	Organ	Room
8:30 a.m.	General Committee	X
10 a.m.	Leaders' Forum	I
	APX Commission	XII
	Legal Committee	VI
	[<i>Credentials Committee</i>]	<i>VIII</i>
3 p.m.	Leaders' Forum	I
	Legal Committee	VI
	[<i>Credentials Committee</i>]	<i>VIII</i>
3:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions	II



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Highlights

Today

- The **Leaders' Forum** on the theme of “UNESCO mobilizing for and contributing to the post-2015 agenda through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information” will take place on 6 November 2013, Room I.

This forward-looking policy dialogue, launched in 2011, is intended to address issues of strategic, global and interdisciplinary interest with a view to providing general orientations for the work of the Organization. With the participation of high-level officials from 66 Member States, this event will be of particular importance at a time when the General Conference will decide on the new Medium-Term Strategy, which for the first time will stretch over a period of eight years, from 2014 to 2021. Special attention will be paid to the global priorities of the Organization, Africa and Gender Equality, as well as to the needs of youth, Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The Heads of State or Government who will be present at the Leaders' Forum are the following:

- H.E. Ms Laura Chinchilla, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
- H.E. Mr Moncef Marzouki, President of the Republic of Tunisia
- H.E. Mr Algirdas Butkevicius, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania

There will also be special addresses during the Forum by:

- H.E. Mr Mohammad Javad Zarif, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Ms Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women (video message)
- Mr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director-General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)
- Ms Marie Madeleine Mborantsuo, President of the Constitutional Court of Gabon

The sessions of the Leaders' Forum will be moderated by H.E. Mr Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resource Development of India and Mr Stephen Cole, Senior Presenter Al Jazeera English, Doha and London.

Yesterday

- The General Conference unanimously elected **Dr. Hao Ping**, Vice Minister of Education of China and Chairperson of Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, as its **37th President**.
The Vice-Presidents of the General Conference, the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the commissions and committees 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.
- Anguilla was unanimously admitted as Associate Member of UNESCO.
- H. R. H. Princess Marie of Denmark visited UNESCO and delivered a speech in the Plenary. In her speech, she touched upon the important work done by UNESCO, particularly in the fields of sustainable development and education, to face global challenges of the 21st century such as climate change, global health, and social inequalities. She underlined that UNESCO had a very important role to play in order to foster equality education and to empower learners to take action in their communities to face the global challenges. She concluded her address by expressing her continuous support to UNESCO and to the realization of its noble cause.

Special events

Discovering creativity programmes

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Open UNESCO

To strengthen culture as a factor of sustainable development, UNESCO implements a number of activities benefitting creators and artists at national, regional and global level. Based on South-South and North-South-South cooperation and on public-private collaboration, these activities – among which the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture and the Creative Cities Network – focus on exchange, training, advice and capacity building, in particular for young people, and in developing countries. They are conceived in synergy with the initiatives developed in the framework of the international cultural Conventions, in particular the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, with its International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD), which invests in projects that lead to structural change, including economic growth and social cohesion. This presentation will focus diverse aspects of this segment of the Culture Programme.

BRICS-UNESCO Ministerial Consultation on Education

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Salle du Restaurant de L'UNESCO

The BRICS-UNESCO Ministerial Consultation on Education will seek to address opportunities for strengthening collaboration in the field of education among the BRICS countries, Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Given their strong commitment to education, and their growing political, economic and demographic influence, the BRICS have enormous collective potential to accelerate progress towards Education for All.

Anti-Doping and Sport - Why it matters for UNESCO

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

This mini-conference will be the occasion to share with a maximum of Delegates to the UNESCO's General Conference, the initiatives taken and the results achieved by the Organization in the fight against doping in sport. It will also offer the opportunity to debate with the participants on the importance of public investment in physical education and sport. Information and concrete examples on the activities developed by UNESCO throughout the world will be shared with the participants to this mini-conference, such as national and regional projects funded under the UNESCO Anti-Doping Fund, the findings of the Global Survey on Physical Education in Schools and the outcomes of the 5th World Sport Ministers Conference (MINEPS V) held, in May 2013, in Berlin (Germany).

Roundtable “Education as a strategic Bridge between Brazil and Africa”

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room IV

The round table is organized by the Ministers for Education and Higher Education of Angola, Brazil and Cape Verde. The session is directed to anyone interested in south/south cooperation in the area of Education.

East African Capacity Building Program – Strengthening National Commissions through Regional Cooperation

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., Room IX

The German Commission for UNESCO and the Uganda National Commission for UNESCO are pleased to invite you to a short presentation of the East African Capacity Building Program - Strengthening National Commissions through Regional Cooperation, at the occasion of the upcoming General Conference.

In 2008, the German Commission for UNESCO initiated a special partnership program with African National Commissions for UNESCO in order to support UNESCO goals in Sub-Saharan Africa. One of the mainstays of the program are capacity-building measures. In this context, the East African National Commissions from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda developed their own training program which is tailored specifically to the needs of the National Commissions in East Africa. The initiative is considered a pioneering concept promoting regional networking within the framework of capacity building activities.

ONG stand (Miro 2 - Fontenoy)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Presentation of the work of the ED Commission – with the participation of the Secretary of the Commission

Programme of meetings

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8:45 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	Leaders' Forum	I
	APX Commission	XII
	Legal Committee	VI
3:00 p.m.	Leaders' Forum	I
	Legal Committee	VI
3:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions*	II

* Should the Joint Meeting of Commissions finish early, the APX Commission will resume its work in Room XII. A communication will be announced in this regard.

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General Committee

8:45 a.m. First Meeting X

Leaders' Forum

10:00 a.m. Opening I

APX Commission

10:00 a.m. First Meeting XII

Election of the Commission Bureau: Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur

Organization of the work of the Commission: adoption of the timetable

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

11.1 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2011 and report by the External Auditor

11.2 Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2012, and report by the External Auditor

6.4 Follow-up to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit's (JIU) recommendations concerning the methods of work of UNESCO's intergovernmental bodies

Legal Committee

10:00 a.m. First Meeting VI

Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson(s) and Rapporteur

Adoption of the timetable

- 4.2 Examination of communications of the admissibility of draft resolutions proposing the adoption of amendments to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (37 C/5) (37 C/8 LEG)
- 9.1 Summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken to implement the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education (37 C/26)
- 9.2 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (37 C/27)

AFTERNOON

Leaders' Forum/Plenary

3:00 p.m. Continuation and closure I

Legal Committee

3:00 p.m. Second Meeting VI

- 9.3 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers
- 7.2 Administrative Tribunal: extension of its period of jurisdiction (document 37 C/25)

Joint Meeting of Commissions

3:30 p.m. 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017. II

Discussion of the procedure for the examination and adoption by the General Conference of the 37 C/5 document and the Recommendations by the Executive Board thereon, as well as the Executive Board's recommendations concerning the Income and Expenditure Plan based on the expected cash flow of \$507 million for 2014-2015

Provisional schedule of meetings

Thursday, 7 November

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10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission	XII
	Legal Committee	VI
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission	XII
	Legal Committee	VI

Brief summary of meetings

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Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
Plenary Meeting	1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.7, 10.2	
Credentials Committee	1.2	
Nominations Committee	1.5	
Plenary Meeting	1.5, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2	



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Highlights

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- His Most Eminent Highness Fra' Matthew Festing, Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, visits UNESCO on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of the Order's creation. He will address the Plenary at 12:45 p.m., in Room I.
- H.E. Mr Rafael Correa, President of Ecuador, will address the Plenary of the General Conference at 3:00 p.m., in Room I.
- In the framework of the new impetus which UNESCO imparts to its action in Africa, the Chiefs of Delegations will meet to discuss Global Priority Africa. This will be the occasion to present the Operational Strategy on Priority Africa 2014-2021 and its Action Plan. The meeting will take place from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., in Room XI.

Yesterday

- The President of the 37th session of the General Conference, the Chairperson of the Executive Board and the Director-General of UNESCO opened the **Leaders' Forum**. Keynote addresses were delivered by three Heads of State or Government, H.E. Ms Laura Chinchilla, President of Costa Rica, H.E. Mr Moncef Marzouki, President of Tunisia as well as H.E. Mr Algirdas Butkevicius, Prime Minister of Lithuania, followed by special addresses and a debate at Ministerial level. It was recognized that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Education For All (EFA) goals had succeeded in creating a global humanist awareness in all countries, among governments as well as civil society. In that vision, peace, prosperity and harmony cannot be attained without efforts to address the needs of people living in poverty or in the margins of society. Progress was made. But much remains to be done. One lesson drawn from the successes and limitations of the MDGs was that sustainable and equitable development cannot rest solely on economic policies. It calls for approaches that put humans at the center. It calls for new models through people who can be

equipped with the tools that help them develop their own potential. With the participation of 54 Member States, a rich and vivid debate was moderated by H.E. Mr Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resource Development of India and Mr Stephen Cole, Senior Presenter Al Jazeera English, Doha and London, with a view to formulating key messages for the global negotiations currently under way for the post-2015 agenda and to providing general orientations for the work of the Organization

Tomorrow

- One year before the end of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014), at a moment when the post-2015 development agenda is being debated, and as the future of ESD are being designed, an ED Ministerial Breakfast entitled “Scaling-up Action on Education for Sustainable Development” is being organized by UNESCO from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. The meeting is expected to mobilize support among Member States for the implementation of the Global Action Programme on ESD and for ensuring that ESD is part of the post-2015 agenda.

Special events

Launching of UNESCO stamp 2013 “Sigiriya-Sri Lanka”

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Salle Panasonic

The Permanent Delegation of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to UNESCO is celebrating the launching of the UNESCO stamp on "Sigiriya" (inscribed in 1982 as a World Heritage Site). The ceremony will take place in the presence of H. E. Professor Karunaratne Hangawatte, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Sri Lanka to UNESCO, and Mr. Kishore Rao, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Center.

Learning Today for a Sustainable Future - Join the 2014 World Conference on ESD in Japan

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m., Open UNESCO

On the occasion of the General Conference, as host country and host cities, representatives of the Japanese government, the Governor of Aichi Prefecture, and the Mayor of Okayama will showcase their achievements in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), and inform on the venue of the World Conference.

To mark the end of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014), for which UNESCO is the lead-agency, UNESCO and the Government of Japan will co-organize the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in November 2014 in Aichi-Nagoya, preceded by a set of stakeholder meetings in Okayama, Japan. Both events aim at celebrating a Decade of action and setting the agenda for ESD beyond 2014.

Scientific meeting on the discovery of Toumaï and the update of the General History of Africa

From 7 November 2013 10:00 a.m. to 8 November 6:00 p.m., Room XIII

The meeting will be opened by Professor Taisso Mackaye, former Minister of the Republic of Chad. Most of the themes covered during the day will regard the origins of Men, and scientific research. Yves Coppens, Honorary Professor at the College de France, will share a background chronology of scientific research on the origins of humanity. Michel Brunet, Professor at the College de France, Chair of human palaeontology and director of the palaeoanthropologic mission which led to the discovery of Toumaï, will discuss the discovery itself and its implications for research and scientific thought.

The discovery of Toumaï will also be discussed in the context of updating the General History of Africa. During these days, the Chief of the History and Memory for Dialogue Section at UNESCO, Ali Moussa Iye, will introduce the General History of Africa project and present its ninth Volume.

Participants will complete this scientific meeting by the definition of guidelines and modalities for the organization of the international conference on human origins in 2014 in Chad.

This scientific meeting will precede the exceptional ceremony on Monday 11 November, when His Excellency Idriss Deby, President of the Republic of Chad, will offer the moulding of the skull of Toumaï to UNESCO.

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	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission	XII
	Legal Committee	VI

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Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m. General Policy Debate - National Statements (continuation) I

ED Commission

3:00 p.m. Item Second Meeting II

 5.12 Education beyond 2015 (continuation)

APX Commission

3:00 p.m. Item Fourth Meeting XII

 4.1 Methods of preparing the budget, budget estimates for 2014-2015, and budgeting techniques (cont.)

 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 (cont.)

Legal Committee

3:00 p.m. Item Fourth Meeting VI

 7.1 Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO (cont.)

 9.3 Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (cont.)

Provisional schedule of meetings

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9:00 a.m. General Committee X

10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission	XII
	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission	XII

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Leaders' Forum

APX Commission	1.3, 11.1, 11.2, 6.4, 11.4, 6.6, 6.3, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3	
Joint Commission	4.2	
Legal Committee	4.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 7.2	



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Highlights

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The event “**Promoting Girls' and Women's Education for Gender Equality**” will be opened by the Director-General of UNESCO and will have the following panellists:

- H.E. Ms. Maria Arnholm, Minister for Gender Equality, Deputy Minister for Education of the Kingdom of Sweden
- H.E. Dr. Tim Gopeesingh, Minister of Education of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- H.E. Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education, Trainings, and Standards in Higher Education of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- H.E. Ms. Kandia Kamissoko Camara, Minister of National Education and Professional Training of Côte d'Ivoire
- Mr. Fady Yarak, Director General of the Ministry of Education, Lebanon

Participants will be invited to visit different stands presenting updates of the projects developed under the Global Partnership for Girls' and Women's Education in five African countries. Visual presentations and publications on issues such as literacy and gender and the use of ICTs in promoting gender will also be proposed, along with updates from the on-line “World Atlas of Gender Equality in Education”, developed by UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

The event will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Room XI.

Yesterday

- A meeting on **Priority Africa** was organized for the Heads of African Delegations participating to the 37th session of the General Conference as well as for the members of their Delegation, to present the operational strategy for Priority Africa (2014-2021) along with its Action Plan in the context of the new impetus that UNESCO wishes to give to its action in Africa. Lalla Aïcha Ben Barka, Assistant Director-General for the Africa Department, presented and explained the operational strategy to the assembly. The meeting was opened by the Director-General together with Dr Martial De-Paul Ikounga, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology.

The meeting was also attended by: His Excellency Solomon Jason Mbuli, Permanent Delegate of Zambia to UNESCO; His Excellency Pinda Simao, Minister of Education of Angola; Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Director of UNESCO's Regional Office in Dakar; and the Representatives of Regional Economic Communities attending the General Conference.

The meeting permitted valuable discussions among participants, notably about Priority Africa, Education for All, and the Big Push initiative. The Director-General highlighted the essential quality of strong collaboration between UNESCO and the African Union and thanked the Commissioner for accounting for such constructive collaboration. Mr. Ikounga mentioned the challenges faced by Africa as a united family, underneath the umbrella that UNESCO represents, as a supporting relative to face and overcome these challenges.

Ms Irina Bokova highlighted the progress that has been made in favour of the African continent, notably through the adoption of the operational strategy, the reform concerning Field Offices, the Big Push initiative for Education for All, and the pedagogical use of the General History of Africa. She has also said: *“I see Africa’s renaissance as a springboard for global peace and development – with the world’s largest, youngest population, the ambitions of Africa can only be seen as ambitions for the whole world.”*

- H. M. E. H. Fra’ **Matthew Festing**, Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, visited UNESCO on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of the Order’s creation. He addressed the Conference, expressing the Order’s particular concern for the conservation and protection of the world’s cultural religious heritage as an irreplaceable instrument of cultural dialogue. Cooperation with UNESCO being one of the priorities of Malta, he reaffirmed its commitment to developing fruitful dialogue and cooperation with UNESCO.
- H.E. Mr **Rafael Correa**, President of the Republic of Ecuador, addressed the Plenary of the General Conference. Touching upon the history, the natural and cultural heritages of the country, he emphasized the particular importance of science and technology for the eradication of poverty and establishment of equitable society. In order to establish peace and sustainable development, he called for fair distribution of knowledge and wealth among nations, and underlined UNESCO’s important role for the betterment of the world.

Special events

Ministerial Breakfast - Scaling up Action on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., UNESCO Restaurant (participation by invitation only)

One year before the end of the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD, 2005-2014), at a moment when the post-2015 development agenda is being debated, and as the future of ESD are being designed, an ED Ministerial Breakfast entitled “Scaling-up Action on Education for Sustainable Development” is being organized by UNESCO. The meeting is expected to mobilize support among Member States for the implementation of the Global Action Programme on ESD and for ensuring that ESD is part of the post-2015 agenda.

UNESCO and the European Union Partnering in the Field

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., Open UNESCO

The Memorandum of Understanding signed in October 2012 strengthened the cooperation between UNESCO and the EU, scaling up their joint operations in areas of mutual interest. The event will showcase concrete examples of such cooperation in the field. In particular, two projects will be presented by UNESCO Field Office Directors: “Education and skills training for young Syrian refugees in Jordan” and “Safeguarding of Timbuktu’s manuscripts in Mali.”

Information Meeting on the General History of Africa Project

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room XI

The purpose of this meeting is to inform Member States on the status of the implementation of Phase II of the General History of Africa (GHA) and efforts made by UNESCO to ensure its continuity. This project aims to contribute to the renovation of the teaching of African history, the harmonization of its use in higher education and, thereby, the construction of the African citizenship based on shared values as well as common heritage of the peoples of the continent.

Exploring Avenues for ICT and Sustainable Development

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

This mini-conference will provide an opportunity to discuss UNESCO’s engagement in harnessing ICT for sustainable development by: promoting Open Access to Scientific information and research, shaping the post-2015 Information Society agenda (WSIS), and developing Disaster Risk Reduction projects. The event will start with a short assessment of the WSIS follow-up, and then proceed on taking stock of progress made since the 36th Session of the General Conference which approved a long-term strategy on Open Access (OA) to scientific information and research. The results of project “WorldMap of UNESCO’s Points of Interests” will be presented at the end.

NGO stand (Mirò 2 - Fontenoy)

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Presentation of activities of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW)

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Presentation of activities of Dyslexia International

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Presentation of activities of the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation (FAF)

Programme of meetings
Today - Friday, 8 November

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission	XII
	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission	XII

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General Committee

9:00 a.m.	Second Meeting	X
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Plenary Meeting

10:00 a.m.	General Policy Debate - National Statements (continuation)	I
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ED Commission

10:00 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	II
	5.12	Education beyond 2015	
	5.3	Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories	
	4.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017, Major Programme I «Education»	
	5.5	Conclusions of the Youth Forum	

APX Commission

10:00 a.m.	Item	Fifth Meeting	XII
	7.1	Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference and the Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO	
	12.3	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for 2014-2015	
	5.4	Revision of the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres, and establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO	
	12.4	Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) and introduction of the new governance structure	
	11.5	Working Capital Fund: level and administration	

Nominations Committee

10:00- 12:00 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 (cont.)	
	15.1	Election of Members of the Executive Board	
	15.2	Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 38th session of the General Conference	
	15.3	Election of members of the Headquarters Committee	
	15.4	Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education	
	15.5	Election of members of the Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)	
	15.6	Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)	
	15.7	Election of members of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)	

- 15.8 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)
- 15.9 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP)
- 15.10 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)
- 15.11 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme
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- 15.14 Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)
- 15.15 Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m. General Policy Debate - National Statements (continuation) I

ED Commission

3:00 p.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	II
	4.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017, Major Programme I «Education»	
	5.5	Conclusions of the Youth Forum	
	8.3	Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications	

- 8.4 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 1976 Recommendation on the Development of Adult Education
- 8.5 Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the 2001 Revised Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education
- 5.9 Revision of the International Standard Classification of Education: Fields of Education and Training (ISCED-F)

APX Commission

3:00 p.m.	Item	Sixth Meeting	XII
	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	
	11.4	Collection of Member States' contributions (continuation)	
	5.15	Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons	

Provisional schedule of meetings

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Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission (to be confirmed)	XII
	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	ED Commission	II
	APX Commission (to be confirmed)	XII

Brief summary of meetings

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Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
Plenary Meeting	General Policy Debate	

National Statements

ED Commission	5.12
APX Commission	4.1, 4.2, 6.2, 5.24, 5.1, 11.3, 10.1, 13.1, 6.4
Legal Committee	7.1, 9.3



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Highlights

Yesterday

The side-event “**Promoting Girls' and Women's Education for Gender Equality**” was held as an occasion to reiterate the importance of ensuring girls' and women's right to education and to realize gender equality to, in and through education. The event was opened by the Director-General of UNESCO, followed by a panel presentation by 5 high-level panelists from the electoral groups, as follows:

- H.E. Ms Maria Arnholm, Minister for Gender Equality, Deputy Minister for Education of the Kingdom of Sweden
- H.E. Dr Tim Gopeesingh, Minister of Education of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- H.E. Mr Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education, Trainings, and Standards in Higher Education of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- H.E. Ms Kandia Kamissoko Camara, Minister of National Education and Professional Training of Côte d'Ivoire
- Mr Fady Yarak, Director General of the Ministry of Education, Lebanon

The Director-General's welcoming remark set the tone of the panel presentations by reiterating that gender equality is a human right, and that education is the key building block for empowerment of girls and women and for nation building. The Director General also highlighted the contributions that UNESCO has been making to promote girls and women's education, especially since the launch of the Global partnership on girls and women's education in 2011 and more recently with the creation of the Malala Funds for Girls Right to Education with the support of the Government of Pakistan.

The five panelists were invited to present the work in their respective countries to promote girls' and women's right to education and to outline continuing challenges and new solutions and ideas to overcome them. Their presentations illustrated the diverse challenges faced in delivering quality education for girls and women in their respective countries, not only in terms of physical access to education opportunities, but also ensuring security, improving quality of learning, and raising teachers' gender awareness. At the

same time, many innovative and successful efforts have also been undertaken by the countries to promote girls and women's education and gender equality, for example, using flexible approaches to reaching girls living in the remote areas through non-formal education provisions; addressing gender stereotypes in the curricular and textbooks and fostering female role models in all areas and levels of education, and strengthening the linkages between girls' education and the labour force. The audience was also reminded of the fact that gender was not only about girls and women but also about boys, especially in countries where boys are underperforming in education as a growing concern.

Participants were invited to visit the different stands presenting updates of the projects developed under the Global Partnership for Girls' and Women's Education in five African countries. Visual presentations and publications on issues such as literacy and gender by UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning and updates from the on-line "World Atlas of Gender Equality in Education", developed by UNESCO Institute for Statistics were also made.

11 November

- His Excellency **Mr. Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad**, will donate a moulding of the skull of Toumaï, the oldest hominid to this day, dated from about 7 million years ago, to UNESCO. Ms Irina Bokova will receive the moulding in an official donation ceremony which will take place from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Fontenoy entrance hall.

The ceremony follows up on the meeting of 7 November 2013 on the discovery of Toumaï and updating of the General History of Africa, organized at UNESCO by the Permanent Delegation of Chad, in conjunction with the History and Memory for Dialogue section (Sector for Culture). Bringing together experts in palaeontology, archaeology and palaeoanthropology, this meeting discussed the implications of the discovery of Toumaï for scientific research on the origins of humanity.

- Established by UNESCO in 2001, the **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is celebrated worldwide on 10 November each year. This year's theme is "Science for water cooperation: sharing data, knowledge and innovations" in celebration of the UN International Year of Water Cooperation 2013. On this occasion, a side event is organized including the demonstration of UNESCO Microscience Kits, the launch of audio-visual science teachers' training modules in physics produced by CERN (in English, French and Portuguese), and a display of posters from Deyrolle Pour l'Avenir. It will take place in Hall Ségur, from 2:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m..

Programme of meetings

Today - Saturday, 9 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	ED Commission	II
	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	ED Commission	II

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

10:00 a.m.	Item	Ninth Meeting	I
	1.3	Report of the APX Commission on item 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	
		General Policy Debate - National Statements (continuation)	

ED Commission

10:00 a.m.	Item	Fifth Meeting	II
	6.5	Proposals for revision of statutes of education-related category 1 institutes	
	5.4	Revision of the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres, and establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO	
	8.3	Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a global standard-setting instrument on the recognition of higher education qualifications	
	5.19	Follow-up of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development post-2014 – Global Action Programme	
	5.20	Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period	

Nominations Committee

10:00-
11:30 a.m.

- | Item | Third Meeting |
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| 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 |
| 15.1 | Election of Members of the Executive Board |
| 15.2 | Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 38th session of the General Conference |
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| 15.4 | Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education |
| 15.5 | Election of members of the Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE) |
| 15.6 | Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP) |
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| 15.8 | Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) |
| 15.9 | Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP) |
| 15.10 | Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) |
| 15.11 | Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme |
| 15.12 | Election of members of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) |
| 15.13 | Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS) |

IV

- 15.14 Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)
- 15.15 Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo

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ED Commission

3:00 p.m.	Item	Sixth Meeting	II
	5.19	Follow-up of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development post-2014 – Global Action Programme	
	5.20	Implementation of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and specific recommendations for the post-Decade period	

Provisional schedule of meetings

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Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting	I

Brief summary of meetings

Friday, 8 November

Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
Plenary Meeting	General Policy Debate National Statements Presentation of the Report of the Credentials Committee	

ED Commission	5.12, 5.3, 4.2, 5.5, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 5.9	37 C/COM ED/DR.1 Rev 37 C/COM ED CLT/DR.1 37 C/DR.3, 4, 7, 21
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APX Commission	7.1, 12.3, 12.4, 5.4, 5.15, 1.3, 11.4, 11.5
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Nominations Committee	1.5, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, 15.13, 15.14, 15.15
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Highlights

Today

- His Excellency **Mr. Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad**, will visit the 37th session of the General Conference and address the Plenary this morning.

H. E. will donate a moulding of the skull of Toumaï, the oldest hominid to this day, dated from about 7 million years ago, to UNESCO. Ms Irina Bokova will receive the moulding in an official donation ceremony which will take place in the Fontenoy entrance hall, from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

This ceremony follows up on the meeting of 7 November 2013 on the discovery of Toumaï and updating of the General History of Africa, in conjunction with the History and Memory for Dialogue Section. Bringing together experts in palaeontology, archaeology and palaeoanthropology, the meeting discussed the implications of the discovery of Toumaï for scientific research on the origins of humanity.

- The **reply of the Director-General** to the Plenary will take place in the afternoon, 3 p.m. in Room I.
- Established by UNESCO in 2001, the **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is celebrated worldwide on 10 November each year. This year's theme is "Science for water cooperation: sharing data, knowledge and innovations" in celebration of the UN International Year of Water Cooperation 2013. On this occasion, a side event is organized including the demonstration of UNESCO Microscience Kits, the launch of audio-visual science teachers' training modules in physics produced by CERN (in English, French and Portuguese), and a display of posters from Deyrolle Pour l'Avenir. It will take place in Hall Ségur, from 2:00 p.m to 3:00 p.m.

9 November

As the APX Commission finished its work, the Chairperson of the Commission presented its oral report to the Plenary in the morning session on item 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.

The Director-General of UNESCO made a statement in this respect.

Tomorrow

- The **appointment of the Director-General** will take place in Room I, from 10 a.m. An investiture ceremony will be held in a special plenary meeting on **Monday 18 November 2013** (afternoon).
- A side-event focusing on the work of UNESCO and Member States on **water education and capacity development**, as well as the place of this theme in the post-2015 Development Agenda, will take place on 12 November, from 12:00 p.m. to 13:00 p.m., in Room IX.

Please note that the **Election of Members of the Executive Board** will take place on Wednesday **13 November 2013** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room V.

Special events

Towards Universal Learning: Recommendations from the Learning Metrics Task Force

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

The event will provide attendees with information on the Learning Metrics Task Force – an initiative which aims at putting learning high on the post-2015 development agenda and improving approaches for tracking learning in order to achieve education quality for all.

NGO stand - Miró 2 - Fontenoy

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Presentation of activities of the International Catholic Centre for Cooperation with UNESCO

12 noon – 12:30 p.m.

Presentation of activities of BPW International

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presentation of activities of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts

Programme of meetings
Today - Monday, 11 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting	I

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

10:00 a.m.	Tenth Meeting	I
	General Policy Debate – National Statements (continuation)	
	Visit of H.E. Mr Idriss Déby Itno, President of Chad	

Nominations Committee

10:00- 12:00 a.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	IV
	15.1	Election of Members of the Executive Board	
	15.2	Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 38th session of the General Conference	
	15.3	Election of members of the Headquarters Committee	
	15.4	Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education	
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AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m.

Eleventh Meeting

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General Policy Debate – National Statements (continuation)

Report by the Chairperson of the ED Commission on item 6.5 – Proposals for revision of statutes of education-related category 1 institutes

Reply by the Director-General

Provisional schedule of meetings

Tuesday, 12 November

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting (DG's Appointment)	I
	CI Commission	XII
10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	CI Commission	XII
	SC Commission	II

Brief summary of meetings

Saturday, 9 November

Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
Plenary Meeting	Report of the APX Commission on item 1.3 General Policy Debate - National Statements	
ED Commission	6.5, 5.4, 8.3, 5.19, 5.20	
Nominations Committee	1.5, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, 15.13, 15.14, 15.15	



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Highlights

Today

APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The **appointment of the Director-General** will take place in a private session, in Room I at 10 a.m. today. Following its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference shall consider the nomination of **Ms Irina Gueorguieva BOKOVA (Bulgaria)**, submitted to it by the Executive Board. The Plenary will come to a decision by a secret ballot through a roll-call vote. Ballot papers will be distributed in the room.

An **investiture ceremony** will be held in a special plenary meeting on **Monday 18 November 2013** (afternoon).

Ballots for the election of Members of the Executive Board which is taking place on 13 November are available in Room V from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A side-event focusing on the work of UNESCO and Member States on **water education and capacity development**, as well as its importance in the post-2015 Development Agenda, will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., in Room IX.

Yesterday

- His Excellency Mr. Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, visited the General Conference and addressed the Plenary. Following his address, a donation ceremony was organized to offer UNESCO a moulding of the skull of Toumaï, the oldest hominid to this day, dated from about 7 million years ago.

- The World Science Day for Peace and Development 2013 was celebrated at UNESCO under the theme “Science for water cooperation “sharing data, knowledge and innovations”. This event has been the clear demonstration of UNESCO’s vision of science as a collective enterprise based on curiosity, education, knowledge and cooperation and on the belief that the value of science is realized only when the results are presented to policy makers and the public in an understandable way. The Celebration started the proceedings with a workshop for engineering demonstrations on Microscience Kits and the Robotics aimed at inspiring the young participants about the value of science to society and society to science. The Celebration was also an opportunity to launch the audio visual science teachers’ training modules in physics - produced by UNESCO and CERN - designed to improve the quality of science education in physics. Posters from Deyrolle Pour l’Avenir were also displayed. Ms Gretchen Kalonji, ADG for Natural Sciences, underlined the objectives of the World Science Day particularly in making science attractive for children and the young generations. H.E. Dr. Martial De-Paul Ikounga, African Union Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology (AU–HRST), highlighted the African vision for the future of the continent and the role that science plays in addressing the major challenges such as water and energy supply, disease and climate change. Louis Albert de Broglie, Director-General, Deyrolle pour l’Avenir, evoked the longstanding cooperation in science education. Rolf Landua, Head of Education and Public Outreach, CERN reaffirmed the importance of increasing the quality of science education and underlined that the challenge is not only motivating young people in scientific careers but showing what science is in everyday life.

Tomorrow

- The **Election of Members of the Executive Board** will take place on **13 November 2013**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room V (polling station).
- UNESCO-IHP is organizing a **high-level panel session on Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Adaptation Policies in Mountainous Regions**. Gathering high-level dignitaries, this event aims at sharing experiences, views and recommendations on coping with climate change impact on water resources in mountainous areas and on the development of adaptation strategies and policies. Room IX from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Special events

Presentation of the project "Empowering Local Radios with ICTs"

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

The event aims at presenting the work undertaken by UNESCO, with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), within the framework of "Empowering Local Radio with ICTs" project. Initiated in 2012, this project works on building capacity of 32 local radio stations in 7 African countries.

60 years of education for Palestine refugees: UNESCO and UNRWA cooperation 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

The focus of this event is on the UNRWA/UNESCO Education Programme for Palestine refugees. Supported by UNESCO, this programme is currently implementing a major reform strategy aimed at improving the quality of learning for Palestine refugees studying in UNRWA's 700 schools. It also intends to develop agency-wide education policies, strategies and innovative capacity development programmes for 20,000 teachers. Alongside the agency-wide reform, the UNESCO-UNRWA Education Programme is playing a key role in helping to address the needs of children impacted by the conflict in Syria through provision of emergency education.

NGO stand - Miró 2 - Fontenoy

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Presentation of activities of the International Cartographic Association (ICA)

12 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Presentation on the Forums of NGOs – with the participation of the Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Presentation of activities of the World Federation of Engineering Organization (WFEO)

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presentation of activities of the International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication

Programme of meetings

Today - Tuesday, 12 November

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting (private session) - Appointment of the Director-General	I
	CI Commission	<u>XII*</u>
10:30 a.m.	Nominations Committee	IV
3:00 p.m.	CI Commission	<u>XII*</u>
	SC Commission	II

* Please note that the sessions of the **CI Commission** will take place in **Room XII**, and not in Room XI as previously indicated.

MORNING

General Committee

9:00 a.m. Third Meeting X

Plenary Meeting

10:00 a.m. Item Twelfth Meeting I

14.1 Appointment of the Director-General

CI Commission

10:00 a.m. Item First Meeting XII

Opening

4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017; Part II.A: Major Programme V – Sustaining peace and development through freedom of expression and access to knowledge

5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

Nominations Committee

10:30-12:00 a.m. Item Fifth Meeting IV

15.1 Election of Members of the Executive Board

15.2 Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 38th session of the General Conference

15.3 Election of members of the Headquarters Committee

15.4 Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education

15.5 Election of members of the Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)

15.6 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)

- 15.7 Election of members of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)
- 15.8 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)
- 15.9 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP)
- 15.10 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)
- 15.11 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme
- 15.12 Election of members of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)
- 15.13 Election of the members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)
- 15.14 Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)
- 15.15 Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo

AFTERNOON

CI Commission

3:00 p.m.	Item	Second Meeting	<u>XII</u>
	5.22	Internet related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society	

SC Commission

3:00 p.m.	Item	First Meeting	II
		Opening	

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017; Part II.A: Major Programme II – Science for peace and sustainable development – *Introduction by the representative of the Director-General*
- 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

Provisional schedule of meetings

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Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	CI Commission	XII
	SC Commission	II
	Executive Board Elections	V
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
	CI Commission	XII
	SC Commission	II

Brief summary of meetings

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Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
Plenary Meeting	General Policy Debate (National Statements), Statement by H. E. Mr Idriss Déby Itno, President of Chad, Report of the Chair of the ED Commission on item 6.5, Second Report by the Chair of the Credentials Committee, Reply to the General Policy Debate by the Director-General	
Nominations Committee	1.5, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, 15.13, 15.14, 15.15	



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Highlights

Today

- The **Election of Members of the Executive Board** will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Room V** (polling station). A **Plenary meeting** will be convened in **Room I** for the announcement of the results, at 5 p.m.

Following the withdrawal of Haiti and Sao Tome and Principe from the Elections of Members of the Executive Board, ballots for Groups III and V(a) need to be replaced. New ballot papers will be available in Room V. The polling station in Room V will stay open until 2 p.m.

- Developed by the UNESCO IHP and MAB, with generous support of the Government of Flanders, the exhibition “Climate change impacts on mountain regions of the world” will be opened at 10 a.m., in Fontenoy hall. This event will be followed by the high-level panel session on “**Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Adaptation Policies in Mountainous Regions**”. Gathering high-level dignitaries and experts, the session aims at sharing experiences, views and recommendations on coping with climate change impact on water resources in mountainous areas and on the development of adaptation strategies and policies. It will take place in Room IX, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Yesterday

- UNESCO's General Conference elected Irina Bokova for a second four-year term as Director-General of the Organization. She was nominated for the position by UNESCO's Executive Board on 4 October.

Her first term has been marked by a major reform of UNESCO, to make the Organization more efficient and relevant to challenges facing peace and development today, in a world of diversity that is increasingly interdependent.

Over the past four years, Ms Bokova has focused UNESCO's programme on two overarching objectives – forging a culture of peace and promoting sustainable development – along with two global priorities – Africa and gender equality. She spearheaded UNESCO's contribution to shaping the new post-2015 sustainable development agenda, highlighting the essential contribution of education, culture, the sciences, communication and information. The new agenda is currently being decided by the United Nations and the whole of the international community.

An investiture ceremony of Ms Bokova will be held in a special plenary meeting on **Monday 18 November 2013 (afternoon)**.

- A side event focusing on the work of UNESCO and Member States on **water education and capacity development**, as well as its importance in the post-2015 Development Agenda, took place in Room IX.

Tomorrow

- On the occasion of the **UN 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC)**, the UNESCO IHP is organizing a special side event during which several Member States will present events and activities undertaken within the framework of IYWC. The event will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., in Room II.

Special events

[CETIC.br – Contributing to building inclusive knowledge societies through information and communication](#)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

The Regional Centre of Studies for the Development of the Information Society under the auspices of UNESCO (CETIC.br) is a newly established UNESCO Category II Centre, hosted by the Brazilian Network Information Centre (NIC.br) in São Paulo, Brazil. This mini-conference will present the Centre's mission and its main activities in the Latin America Region and the Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa.

[Launch of “Women in African History: An E-Learning Tool”](#)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Room XI

“Women in African History: An E-Learning Tool” corresponds to the two global priorities of UNESCO – Priority Africa and Gender Equality – and represents a crucial step to expand and disseminate knowledge of the role of women in African history to counter prejudices and stereotypes in the framework of “The Pedagogical use of The General History of Africa”. In line with UNESCO's Gender Equality Action Plan, this project seeks to empower women through ICTs and access to information and knowledge to promote an understanding of their role in the economic, social, cultural, and political development of the region.

[Working with civil society: UNESCO official partnership with NGOs](#)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

The event will focus on the official partnership with NGOs under the framework established by the General Conference (Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with NGOs) and will provide an overview of the bilateral modalities of cooperation with NGOs, as well as of the collective modalities of collaboration foreseen by the Directives.

Building Ocean Knowledge through partnerships for a Blue Society: UNESCO's IOC as a catalyst for partnership

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Room II

UNESCO's IOC has been a catalyst for the development of ocean knowledge through international cooperation for over 50 years. Today this collaboration includes all of the communities involved with the ocean. Opened by the Director-General, this side event will serve as an occasion to present and discuss concrete IOC projects developed with NGOs, foundations and civil society to empower ocean citizens for a Blue Society.

NGO stand - Miró 2 - Fontenoy

11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Presentation of activities of Traditions for Tomorrow

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presentation of activities of the International Council of Organizations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art

Programme of meetings

Today - Wednesday, 13 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Election of members of the Executive Board	V
	CI Commission	XII
	SC Commission	II
3:00 p.m.	CI Commission	XII
	SC Commission	II
5:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting (Results of the Election of members of the Executive Board)	I

MORNING

Election of members of the Executive Board

10:00 a.m. V

CI Commission

10:00 a.m. Item Third Meeting XII

- 5.22 Internet related issues: including access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, privacy and ethical dimensions of the information society
- 5.4 Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO. Proposal for the establishment in Oregon, USA, of an international institute for intercultural dialogue and conflict-sensitive reporting (IIDCSR)
- 5.8 Report on the Review of the implementation of the Intergovernmental Information For All Programme Strategic Plan (2008-2013)
- 5.11 Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes

SC Commission

10:00 a.m. Item Second Meeting II

- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017. Part II.A: Major Programme II – Science for peace and sustainable development
- 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum

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CI Commission

3:00 p.m. Item Fourth Meeting XII

- 5.14 International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Media and Information Literacy Recommendations

- 5.18 IFLA Manifesto for libraries serving persons with a print disability
- 8.2 Preliminary study of the technical, financial and legal aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on preservation and access to documentary heritage

SC Commission

3:00 p.m.	Item	Third Meeting	II
	5.4	Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO	
	5.6	Proclamation by the United Nations of 2015 as international year of light	

Plenary Meeting

5:00 p.m.	Thirteenth Meeting	I
	Results of the Election of members of the Executive Board	

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Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	SC Commission	II
	CLT Commission	XII
10:30 a.m.	Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs	IV
3:00 p.m.	SC Commission	II
	CLT Commission	XII

Brief summary of meetings**Tuesday, 12 November**

Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
General Committee		
Plenary Meeting	14.1 - Appointment of the Director-General Statement by the Director-General	
CI Commission	4.2, 5.5, 5.22	37 C/DR.5, 37 C/DR.14 37 C/DR.23, 37 C/COM.CI/DR.3
SC Commission	4.2, 5.5	
Nominations Committee	15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.12, 15.13, 15.14, 15.15	



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Highlights

Today

- The **elections of members of the Headquarters Committee, the Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs** of the General Conference will take place at **10:30 a.m., in Room IV**. The ballot papers will be distributed in the room. The **results of the vote will be announced in the afternoon, at 5 p.m. (to be confirmed), in Room IV**, at the seventh meeting of the Nominations Committee.
- On the occasion of the **UN 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC)**, the UNESCO IHP is organizing a special side event during which several Member States will present events and activities undertaken within the framework of IYWC. The event will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., in Room II.

Yesterday

- The **Election of Members of the Executive Board** took place in the morning. The results were announced in the Plenary in the afternoon. The following Member States were elected for a four-year term:

Elections of Members of Executive Board Results					
Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V(a)	Group V(b)
Sweden Netherlands Germany	Ukraine Estonia Albania	Trinidad and Tobago Dominican Republic El Salvador Belize Argentina Saint Kitts and Nevis	China India Japan Bangladesh Nepal Turkmenistan	Guinea Mauritius Mozambique Togo Uganda Chad	Egypt Kuwait Algeria Morocco

The 193rd session of the Executive Board will take place on 22 November 2013.

- Both the exhibition “Climate change impacts on mountain regions of the world” and the high-level panel session on “**Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Adaptation Policies in Mountainous Regions**” which took place on 13 November 2013 highlighted that Climate change (and other drivers) poses a real threat to mountainous regions and its large rivers and to the inhabitants of their basins. The challenges ahead are of regional and overarching nature.

Tomorrow

The **World Social Science Report 2013: Changing Global Environments** addresses the unprecedented environmental challenges confronting society today and that potentially have serious consequences for the well-being of people all over the world. The Report will be launched by the Director-General, accompanied by a representative of the OECD Secretary-General and the Executive Director of ISSC, Ms Heide Hackmann, in a ceremony that will take place from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., in Room XII.

Special events

[Capacity development for Education for All: the CapEFA programme presentation](#)

1:00 p.m. – 1.30 p.m., Open UNESCO

Created in 2003, the Capacity Development for Education for All (CapEFA) Programme focuses on supporting countries most at risk of not achieving the EFA goals by 2015 in key areas of the education sector: sector-wide policies and planning, literacy, teachers, and technical and vocational education and training. This side event aims at presenting the overall Programme and, in particular, its activities in Bangladesh.

[Launch of the United Nations Creative Economy Report 2013](#)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Room XII

The United Nations Creative Economy Report 2013, Special Edition, which UNESCO is co-publishing with UNDP, focuses on creative economy initiatives at the local level in developing countries. The results of the Report, demonstrating some key factors which make creative economy successful, will inform international debates and decision-makers on the post-2015 UN development agenda and the role of culture in sustainable development.

[Making Bioethics Everyone’s Business - 20 Years of UNESCO’s Commitment to Bioethics](#)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Open UNESCO

This mini-conference is an occasion to present the work and main achievements of the Organization since the creation of its Bioethics programme in 1993. The event will also seek to put into discussion the role of UNESCO in the field of bioethics for the years to come. Information and concrete examples on activities developed by UNESCO throughout the world will be shared with the participants.

[Launch of GO→SPIN country profiles on Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation](#)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Room IX

GO→SPIN is the Global Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy Instruments. The GO→SPIN country profiles will form the basis of a new UNESCO e-publication series on STI policy. Botswana is the first country profile to be launched, demonstrating how GO→SPIN can promote a trans-disciplinary approach not only towards data collection and analysis, but also on the information gaps which need to be filled concerning policy instruments. The immediate objective for such an endeavour is to strengthen STI governance by analyzing the impact of respective STI national policies in addressing social inclusion and sustainable development.

UNESCO and Higher Education Programme

1.30 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

Within the framework of this event, a presentation of UNESCO's major activities in higher education will be delivered.

Hand-crafted gifts by Bibi Russell sold in the Gift Shop

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., UNESCO Gift Shop

Visitors are invited to come and discover hand-crafted gifts created by the UNESCO Artist for Peace, Bibi Russell. She will greet the visitors and present her exclusive creations.

NGO stand - Mirò 2 - Fontenoy

11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Presentation of activities of the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)

12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Presentation of activities of the International Music Council

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presentation of activities of Sozopol Foundation

Programme of meetings

Today - Thursday, 14 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	SC Commission	II
	CLT Commission	XII
	Legal Committee	VI
10:30 a.m.	Nominations Committee (Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference)	IV

3:00 p.m.		CLT Commission	XII
5:00 p.m. (to be confirmed)		Nominations Committee (Announcement of the results of the elections)	IV

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SC Commission

10:00 a.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	II
	5.7	UNESCO Global Geoparks Initiative	

CLT Commission

10:00 a.m.	Item	First Meeting	XII
		Election of the Bureau of the Commission: Chairpersons and a Rapporteur	
		Organization of the work of the Commission	
		Adoption of the timetable of work	
	4.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017, Part II.A: Major Programme IV – Building peace and sustainable development through heritage and creativity	
	5.5	Conclusions of the Youth Forum	
		Reply by the Representative of the Director-General	

Legal Committee

10:00 a.m.		Fourth Meeting	VI
		Examination and adoption of the draft reports of the Legal Committee (items: 4.2, 7.1, 7.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3)	

Nominations Committee

10:30 a.m.	Item	Sixth Meeting	IV
	15.2- 15.15	Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference	

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CLT Commission

3:00 p.m.		Second Meeting	XII
	4.2, 5.5	Continuation and Conclusion	
		Reply by the Representative of the Director-General	

Nominations Committee

5:00 p.m. (TBC°)	Item	Seventh Meeting	IV
	15.2- 15.15	Announcement of the results of the elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference	

Provisional schedule of meetings Friday, 15 November

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	SHS Commission	XI
	CLT Commission	XII
3:00 p.m.	SHS Commission	XI
	CLT Commission	XII

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Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
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Election of members of the
Executive Board

Plenary Meeting

Announcement of the
Results of the Election of
members of Executive Board

CI Commission

5.4, 5.8, 5.11, 5.14, 5.18, 8.2,
5.22

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37 C/COM.CI/DR.2
37 C/COM.CI/DR.3

SC Commission

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4.2, 5.5, 5.4, 5.6, 5.10, 5.7

37C/DR.10
37C/DR.11
37C/DR.12



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Highlights

Today

The **World Social Science Report 2013: Changing Global Environments** addresses the unprecedented environmental challenges confronting society today, which have potentially serious consequences for the well-being of people all over the world. Co-published by UNESCO, OECD and ISSC, this Report includes 100 articles written by 150 authors from 41 countries. The Report will be launched by the UNESCO Director-General, Irina Bokova, the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, Pilar Alvarez-Laso, the Deputy Secretary-General of OECD, William C. Danvers, and the Executive Secretary of ISSC, Heide Hackmann, in a ceremony that will take place from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., in **Room XI**.

Yesterday

- The **elections of members of the Headquarters Committee, the Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs** of the General Conference took place in the morning. The **results of the vote were announced in the afternoon** in the Nominations Committee.
The results of the elections are available [here](#).
- In the framework of the Science Commission, the International Hydrological Programme organized a **special programme on the United Nations International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC)**. In her opening speech, the Director-General of UNESCO highlighted the importance of the role of the Organization's programmes and networks of centres, chairs and institutes in fostering water cooperation, also beyond 2013. Representatives of Tajikistan, The Netherlands, Hungary, Kenya and Mexico presented IYWC Milestone events and activities carried out during the IYWC, in view of shaping the future Sustainable Development Goals, including the closing ceremony in December in Mexico City. The Republic of Korea promoted international cooperation in view of the 7th World Water Forum in 2015. Brazil and Germany reported, respectively, on activities undertaken during the Water Cooperation 2013 campaign and through the UNESCO Category 2 Centre, International Center for Education, Capacity-Building and Applied

Research in Water Foundation (HidroEX) in Brazil. All countries emphasized that international partnerships, institutional and capacity development, as well as outreach efforts are indispensable for the peaceful sharing of water resources and water security: water should receive the crucial attention it deserves in the post-2015 development agenda.

- The **United Nations Creative Economy Report 2013**, Special Edition, which UNESCO is co-publishing with UNDP, was launched on 14 November 2013. “While creating jobs, creative economy contributes to the overall well-being of communities, individual self-esteem and quality of life, thus achieving inclusive and sustainable development. At a time when the world is shaping a new post-2015 global development agenda, we must recognize the importance and power of the cultural and creative sectors as engines of that development”, said Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO. “Culture is both a driver and an enabler of human and sustainable development. It empowers people to take ownership of their own development, and stimulates the innovation and creativity which can drive inclusive and sustainable growth,” said Helen Clark, Administrator of UNDP. The Report builds on examples which demonstrate how the creative economy is diverse and innovative, enhancing lives and livelihoods at the local level in developing countries.

Special events

[UNESCO Presentation on Postgraduate Diploma in Curriculum Design and Development to General Conference Participants](#)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

The International Bureau of Education (IBE), UNESCO’s specialized institute in the area of curriculum development, will deliver an interactive presentation on its flagship training programme - the Postgraduate Diploma in Curriculum Design and Development (Diploma). Besides benefiting from an overview presentation of the programme, the attendees of this event will be able to participate in a Q&A session with an alumna and to experience the course first-hand through access to sample training materials and computer workstations equipped with programme content.

[Presentation of UNESCO's Post-Conflict Actions in Mali](#)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Open UNESCO

Between January 2012 and March 2013, Mali was affected by the worst crisis in its history, which led to the occupation by armed rebel groups of the North of the country (Timbuktu, Gao and Kidal). Education was severely affected by the conflict and cultural World Heritage properties suffered significant damages. At the request of the Government of Mali, UNESCO has undertaken a series of actions in the field of education, rehabilitation of the cultural heritage, and preservation of ancient manuscripts. This event will focus on presenting the work of the Organization in post-conflict Mali.

NGO stand - Miró 2 - Fontenoy

11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Presentation of activities of the International Alliance of Women

12h00 – 13h00

Presentation on initiatives of NGOs to celebrate international days– led by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presentation of activities of Make Mothers Matter International

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presentation of activities of ATD Fourth World

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Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	SHS Commission	XI
	CLT Commission	XII
3:00 p.m.	SHS Commission	XI
	CLT Commission	XII

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General Committee

9:00 a.m. Fourth Meeting X

SHS Commission

10:00 a.m. Item First Meeting XI

Election of the Bureau of the Commission: four Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur

Organization and methods of work of the Commission

Adoption of the timetable

Joint statement of the International and Intergovernmental Scientific Programmes (ISPs) and the IOC

- 5.5 Conclusions of the Youth Forum
- 4.2 Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017, Part II.A: Major Programme III – Fostering social inclusion and intercultural dialogue through the social and human sciences

CLT Commission

10:00 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	XII
	5.2	Jerusalem and the Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43	
	5.3	Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories	
	5.4	Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO	
	5.16	Proposal for the establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO	
	8.1	Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections	

AFTERNOON

SHS Commission

3:00 p.m.	Item	Second Meeting	XI
	4.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2014-2017 - Part II.A: Major Programme III – Social and Human Sciences (continuation)	

CLT Commission

3:00 p.m.	Fourth Meeting	XII
5.2	Jerusalem and the Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 43 (cont.)	
5.3	Implementation of 36 C/Resolution 81 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (cont.)	
5.4	Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO (cont.)	
5.16	Proposal for the establishment, in the premises of the Villa Ocampo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of a regional centre for arts and culture as a category 2 centre under the auspices of UNESCO (cont.)	
8.1	Preliminary study on the technical, legal and museological aspects relating to the desirability of a standard-setting instrument on the protection and promotion of museums and collections (cont.)	

Provisional schedule of meetings

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Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	SHS Commission	XI
	CLT Commission	XII

Brief summary of meetings

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Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
SC Commission	5.7	
CLT Commission	4.2, 5.5, 5.2	37 C/DR.2, 37 C/DR.17, 37 C/DR.18, 37 C/DR.20, 37 C/DR.22

Nominations Committee

Elections of members of the Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference
Announcement of the results of the elections

Legal Committee

Adoption of the draft reports of the Legal Committee (items: 4.2, 7.1, 7.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3)



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Highlights

Yesterday

The **World Social Science Report 2013: Changing Global Environments** was launched at a special event attended by numerous delegates and other social science stakeholders. The audience was addressed by UNESCO Director-General, Irina Bokova; the Deputy Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), William Danvers, and the Executive Director of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), Heide Hackmann. It was chaired by the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, Pilar Alvarez Laso.

The World Social Science Report argues that, in order to enable individual societies and the international community to address the challenges of changing global environments, a new kind of social science is needed, one that is bolder, better, bigger, and different. As the Director-General put it in her opening remarks, "The social sciences have a critical contribution to make, in helping us understand, imagine, and craft a more sustainable future for all. This is the message of the World Social Science Report 2013".

The 2013 World Social Science Report was prepared and edited by the ISSC with the support of high level specialists from all the over the world. It is co-published by the ISSC, the OECD and UNESCO. The full report is available free online for Member States.

Monday, 18 November

- The **investiture ceremony of Ms Irina Bokova**, re-elected for a second term as **Director-General** of UNESCO, will be held in a special plenary session at **5:15 p.m., in Room I**. The appointment of the Director-General took place on 12 November 2013. The ceremony will be web-casted.
- Organized by UNESCO and United Nations University (UNU), the side event on **Integrated Approaches to Science and Engineering for Sustainable Development**

will deal with the complex question of how science can assist us in our quest for sustainability. The event will be opened by the Director-General and a representative of the UNU Rector. Participants will benefit from a presentation of the outcomes of the UNU/University of Tokyo/UNESCO Symposium on “Sustainability Science: Promoting Integration and Cooperation” (Paris, 19 September 2013) and an overview of UNESCO's programmes and activities in this area. Those interested in attending the meeting are invited from 11:00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., to Room IX.

- NGOs are key partners of UNESCO in advocating for the right to education and for the achievement of the Education for All (EFA) goals. Two major initiatives through which UNESCO and civil society cooperate within the framework of EFA - **the Collective Consultation of NGOs on EFA (CCNGO/EFA) and the Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF)** - will be presented and discussed in a side event which will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., at the Open UNESCO stands.

Programme of meetings

Today – Saturday, 16 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	SHS Commission	XI*

* The debate will be retransmitted (audio) in Room X.

MORNING

SHS Commission

Time	Item	Third Meeting	XI
10:00 a.m.	5.4	Revision of the Integrated Comprehensive Strategy for Category 2 Institutes and Centres, and establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO	
	5.13	Follow-up of the Fifth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS V)	
	5.21	Proclamation by the United Nations of an international day of sports and physical activity	
	9.4	Revision of the Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers, adopted by the General Conference at its 18th session in 1974	

Provisional schedule of meetings

Monday, 18 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions	II
2:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions	II
5:30 p.m.	Plenary Meeting – Investiture of the Director-General	I

Brief summary of meetings

Friday, 15 November

Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
SHS Commission	5.5, 4.2	37 C/DR.6
CLT Commission	5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.16, 8.1, 5.17	37 C/COM.CLT/DR.2 37 C/COM.ED-CLT/DR.1 37 C/COM.CLT/DR.1



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Highlights

Today

- The **investiture ceremony of Ms Irina Bokova as Director-General of UNESCO** will be held in a **special plenary session at 5:15 p.m., in Room I**. The ceremony will be webcast, including in Room II.

Through testimonies of men and women on the impact of UNESCO action over the past few years, the ceremony will highlight how the Organization works at the service of people, societies and countries, for lasting peace and sustainable development. Emblematic figures sharing the Organization's vision and action will take the floor, together with the artists **Nicole Slack Jones** and **Salif Traoré**, a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.

- **Salif Traoré**, lead singer of the Magic System and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, will announce - during the afternoon press conference - his decision to assign the royalties of his song "Savoir" to UNESCO; the profits of the single and video clip will be supporting literacy projects implemented by the organization.
- Organized by UNESCO and the United Nations University (UNU), the side event on **Integrated Approaches to Science and Engineering for Sustainable Development** will deal with the complex question of how science can assist us in our quest for sustainability. The event will be opened by the Director-General and a representative of the UNU Rector. Participants will benefit from a presentation of the outcomes of the UNU/University of Tokyo/UNESCO Symposium on "Sustainability Science: Promoting Integration and Cooperation" (Paris, 19 September 2013) and an overview of UNESCO's programmes and activities in this area. Those interested in attending the meeting are invited from **11:00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., to Room IX**.

Tomorrow

- The side event on **Protecting the World's Largest Museum - the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage** will illustrate the potentials of submerged heritage and importance of the implementation of the 2001 UNESCO in this area. New forms of making underwater cultural heritage more accessible will also be put into discussion. Those interested in attending this event are invited from 2:40 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to the Open UNESCO stands.
- The information meeting on the **Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) Ministerial Commitment** on sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents and young people will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Open UNESCO.

Special events

[UNESCO's cooperation with civil society for Education For All](#)

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Open UNESCO

NGOs are key partners of UNESCO in advocating for the right to education and for the achievement of the Education for All (EFA) goals. Two major initiatives through which UNESCO and civil society cooperate within the framework of EFA - the Collective Consultation of NGOs on EFA (CCNGO/EFA) and the Civil Society Education Fund (CSEF) - will be presented and discussed during this side event.

[Their Spirits Gone Before Them: Baring The HeArt of Jamaica's Heritage](#)

2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Open UNESCO

This side event will focus on outlining the relevance of intangible heritage in Jamaica's history, with a special focus on the role of art in safeguarding the country's diverse cultural heritage. The work of transformational Jamaican artist, Laura Facey, will be presented during the meeting. The artist herself is also scheduled to appear through a five minute virtual presentation.

Programme of meetings

Today – Monday, 18 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions	II
2:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions	II
5:15 p.m.	Plenary Meeting Investiture of the Director-General	I

MORNING

Joint Meeting of Commissions

10:00 a.m.	Item	Second Meeting	II
	3.1	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021 (37 C/4)	

AFTERNOON

Joint Meeting of Commissions

2:30 p.m.	Item	Third Meeting	II
	5.23	UNESCO's participation in the preparations for a post-2015 development agenda	

Plenary Meeting

5:15 p.m.		Fourteenth Meeting	I
		Investiture of the Director-General	

Provisional schedule of meetings

Tuesday, 19 November

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting – Reports of Commissions/Committees	I
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting – Reports of Commissions/Committees	I

Brief summary of meetings

Saturday, 16 November

Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
SHS Commission	5.4, 5.13, 5.21, 9.4	37 C/COM SHS/DR.1 37 C/COM SHS/DR.2



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Highlights

Today

- The side event on **Protecting the World's Largest Museum - the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage** will illustrate the potentials of submerged heritage and importance of the implementation of the 2001 UNESCO in this area. New forms of making underwater cultural heritage more accessible will also be put into discussion. Those interested in attending this event are invited from 2:40 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to the Open UNESCO stands.
- The information meeting on the **Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) Ministerial Commitment** on sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health services for adolescents and young people will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Open UNESCO stands.

Yesterday

- The investiture ceremony of Ms Irina Bokova for a second term as Director-General of UNESCO was held in a plenary session of the General Conference on 18 November. In her acceptance speech, Ms Bokova presented her vision of UNESCO's action for the next four years: "The oath that I have just given, also given by those who have preceded me, is an oath of humanism. Human creativity is our great strength, a bottomless wellspring, whose power we must unleash. This is UNESCO's humanist mission, and it has guided me in everything I have done. Together we are moving on all fronts, and our leadership has never been more in demand".

The plenary was opened by the President of the General Conference, followed by Ms Bokova taking her oath for a second term. The Chair of the Executive Board as well as the Chairpersons of all electoral regional groups and the Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the French Republic to UNESCO, Representative of the host country, addressed the Plenary with congratulations to the Director General and words of encouragement for the next four years.

Notables invited to speak at the ceremony included Mr. Abdel Rahmane Ben Essayouti, Imam of the Djingareyber Great Mosque in Timbuktu; Ms. Enriqueta Estela Barnes de Carlotto, President of the Argentinian association the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo - laureate of the 2011 Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize - and Mr. Homi K. Bhabha, Director of the Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University focused in their speeches on the impact and relevance of UNESCO's work at the service of people, societies and countries for peace and sustainable development.

Three short video presentations reflected on the commitment of young people to UNESCO's priorities, the project on girls education in Afghanistan and in "Building Peace Today", highlighting UNESCO's accomplishments during Ms. Bokova's first term.

Midway through the ceremony, Ms. Nicole Slack Jones made an extraordinary performance singing an a cappella jazz rendition of "What a wonderful world" .

The ceremony was closed by musical artist Mr. Salif Traoré (A'salfo), a Unesco goodwill ambassador, and his group Magic System singing his popular "Bouger Bouger", which brought the President of the General Conference, the President of the Executive Board, the Director General and many in the audience to their feet.

- **UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Salif Traoré** (A'salfo) donated the rights from his new single, "Savoir" (Knowledge), to the Organization's literacy projects. The song is a hymn to the transformative power of education in Africa and features an all-star cast of acclaimed musicians from several African nations and France. During the press conference he said "In my profession as a musician, the medium is the message,...and my message for everyone in "Savoir" is this: Make education a priority in all your activities".
- **The UNESCO-UNU-ICSU-ISSC side event** on Integrated Approaches to Science and Engineering for Sustainable Development was opened by the Director-General of UNESCO, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of sustainability science for the organisation. Her introduction was followed by Mr Kazuhiko TAKEUCHI, Senior Vice-Rector of the United Nations University who came on behalf of the Rector. He presented UNU's activities in the area and stressed the fruitful joint collaborations with UNESCO around the concept of sustainability science. The Representative of the UNU Rector then focused on the importance of education for sustainable development and of education for sustainability science and commented the outcomes of the UNU/University of Tokyo/UNESCO Symposium on "Sustainability Science: Promoting Integration and Cooperation" (Paris, 19 September 2013). Then Mr Steven WILSON, the Executive Director of the International Council for Science presented the Future Earth initiative, highlighting the background, functioning and objectives of this concrete example of research and policy on sustainability science. Finally, an overview of UNESCO's programmes and activities in the area of sustainability science was presented by the UNESCO ADG for Natural Sciences, who emphasised the importance of a comprehensive interdisciplinary approach between sciences (natural, social and human) and education, especially higher education. The very relevant and important comments which were made by the audience during the discussion at the end of the side event reflected the interest and importance of the topic.

Special events

19th session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention

From 10:00 a.m., 19 November – 6:30 p.m., 20 November, Room XII

The General Assembly (GA) of States Parties to the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage will hold its 19th session. The GA will be called upon to replace the outgoing members of the World Heritage Committee. The seats of the following States Parties will become available to be filled by the newly elected members of the Committee: Cambodia, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Mali, Iraq, Mexico, Russian Federation, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand and United Arab Emirates.

Election of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)

9:00 a.m. – 9.30. a.m., Room IV

This short session of the IGBC will be convened with the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Committee. In accordance with Rule 3 of its Rules of Procedure, the IGBC will proceed with the election of a Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur. The election of the IGBC Bureau is scheduled as soon as possible after the election of new Member States to the IGBC by the 37th General Conference on 14 November 2013, so as to take advantage of the presence of representatives during the General Conference. As such, continuing and new Member States of the IGBC are invited to attend the election of the IGBC Bureau at the time indicated above.

Election of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme (IGC MOST)

09:35 a.m. - 10:05 a.m., Room IV

The session will be dedicated to electing the President of the Council, its Vice-Presidents from each electoral group and a rapporteur.

1954 Hague Convention, its two Protocols and the Committee

2:00 p.m.- 2:20 p.m., Open UNESCO

This event will focus on discussing the implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, its two Protocols (1954 and 1999) and the Committee.

New challenges in the implementation of the 1970 UNESCO Convention: statutory organs and draft Operational Guidelines, training and sensitization

2:20 p.m. – 2:.40 p.m., Open UNESCO

States Party to the 1970 Convention have recently adopted its follow-up mechanism. This event will provide an update on the preparation of the draft Operational Guidelines and on the UNESCO's work in the fight against illicit traffic of cultural heritage. Special emphasis will be placed on presenting actions undertaken in crisis situations and those concerning archaeological objects.

Programme of meetings

Today – Tuesday, 19 November

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	General Committee	X
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting – Reports of Commissions/Committees	I
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting – Reports of Commissions	I

MORNING

General Committee

9:00 a.m.	Fifth Meeting	X
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Plenary Meeting

10:00 a.m.	Fifteenth Meeting	I
	Report of Commission APX	
	Reports by the Legal Committee	
	Report of Commission SC	

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m.	Item	Sixteenth Meeting	I
	16.1	Venue of the 38 th session of the General Conference	
		Report of Commission ED	
		Report of Commission CI	

Provisional schedule of meetings

Wednesday, 20 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting – Reports of Commissions CLT, SHS and of the Nominations Committee	I
12:00 p.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions	II
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting – Report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution For 2014-2015 Closure of the General Conference	I

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Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
Plenary Meeting	Investiture of the Director-General	
Joint Meeting of Commissions	3.1, 5.23	37 C/4 DR.1, 37 C/4 DR.2, 37 C/4 DR.3, 37 C/4 DR.4, 37 C/4 DR.5, 37 C/4 DR.6 37 C/Working Group JM, 37 C/POINT 5.23 (JM)



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Highlights

Today

- The **General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention** will meet today for its second day of work examining Item 4: Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

Yesterday

- The session on **Protecting the World's Largest Museum - the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage** gave an insight into the unique heritage preserved under water. Well-attended, the session encouraged delegates to foster the even wider ratification of the 2001 Convention and to enhance its implementation. It also underlined the importance and unique utility of the UNESCO 2001 Convention, established to encompass all traces of human existence that lie or were lying under water and have a cultural or historical character. The 2001 Convention plays a central role in the development of underwater archaeology and can be expected to substantially impact this discipline. It contains solid site protection measures and fosters the development of capacities.
- The information meeting on the **Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) Ministerial Commitment on sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health services** for adolescents and young people took place yesterday. This session focused on *Young People Today. Time to Act Now!* - a major initiative aimed at mobilizing political commitment of ministers of health and education in 21 countries from Eastern and Southern Africa to deliver comprehensive sexuality education and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services to reduce HIV, eliminate unintended pregnancies, address gender-based violence, and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

- The **19th General Assembly of the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention** held its first meeting opened by the UNESCO's Director-General. The General Assembly elected Mr H.E. Mr. Karunaratne HANGAWATTE, Sri Lanka, as Chairperson of the 19th General Assembly, with Switzerland and Zimbabwe as Vice-chairpersons. Mr Hassan AL-LAWATI, Oman, was elected as Rapporteur of the session. The General Assembly has also elected the new members to fill 12 seats of the 21 member World Heritage Committee, namely: Croatia, Finland, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Turkey and Viet Nam. For more information, please refer to the following link <http://whc.unesco.org/en/committee/>.
- A Host Country Agreement was signed today by H.E. Sheikh Hassan bin Mohammed Al-Thani, Vice Chairman of the Qatar Museum Authority (QMA), and Mr. Eric Falt, Assistant Director-General of External Relations and Public Information on the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee that will take place in Doha (Qatar) in June 2014. The signing took place in the presence of H.H.Sheikha Mayassa Al Thani, who was elected as Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee and Mr Kishore Rao, Director of UNESCO's World Heritage Centre.

The 193rd session of the Executive Board will take place on Friday 22 November (10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.) in Room X.

Programme of meetings

Today – Wednesday, 20 November

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Plenary Meeting – Reports of Commissions/Committees	I
12:00 p.m.*	Joint Meeting of Commissions	II
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting Report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015 Tribute to the Chairperson of the Executive Board Closure of the General Conference	I

*Time to be confirmed

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

10:00 a.m.		Seventeenth Meeting	I
		Report of Commission CLT	
		Report of Commission SHS	
		Report by the Nominations Committee	

AFTERNOON

Joint Meeting of Commissions

12:00 p.m.*	Item	Fourth Meeting	II
	4.3	Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015	

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Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m.	Item	Eighteenth Meeting	I
		Report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions	
	4.3	Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2014-2015	
		Tribute to the Chairperson of the Executive Board	
		Closure of the General Conference	

Brief summary of meetings

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Organ	Items considered	DRs examined
General Committee		
Plenary Meeting	Report of Commission APX Report by the Legal Committee	

Reports of Commission SC
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The Delegates' Information Bureau wishes
you a safe homeward journey and
looks forward to seeing you at the
38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO