

UNESCO Implementing the Mauritius Strategy for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Events and activities (from January 2005 to December 2007)

2007



Improving the Tsunami Warning System in the Indian Ocean (20 December 2007)

Providing broadband data connectivity is central to measures for upgrading the transmission services for 50 sea-level stations in the Indian Ocean. Details were set out in an agreement signed in London between UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) and the satellite communications provider Inmarsat. [\[More\]](#)



Tarawa (Kiribati) Workshop on Phoenix Islands World Heritage Nomination (12-14 December 2007)

Stakeholders met in Tarawa to examine assessments of the cultural and natural values of the Phoenix Islands Marine Protected Area, as preparation for the formal submission of a nomination dossier for the site. [\[More\]](#)

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Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Pacific (12-14 December 2007)

Facilitating the participation of Pacific Member States in UNESCO activities related to the living heritage was the focus of a subregional meeting in Nadi, Fiji. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).



Re-enacting La Tumba Francesa in Eastern Cuba (11 December 2007) The coffee plantations of the World Heritage site of La Isabelica provided the venue for a re-enactment of a meeting between the three towns practising La Tumba Francesa, proclaimed in 2003 as a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. [\[More\]](#)

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Caribbean Symposium on Inclusive Education (5-7 December 2007)

Stimulating discussion, debate and action around the visions, strategies and practices of inclusive education was the aim of a regional symposium held in Kingston, Jamaica. [\[More\]](#)

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Mondialogo Engineering Awards 2006-2007 (7-11 December 2007)

Research teams from Cuba, Papua New Guinea and Singapore were among the award winners at a symposium in Mumbai (India) to honour young engineers. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters III (Waste management), VII (Energy resources) and XI (Science and technology).



Jamaica: Towards Integrating ICTs in Education (7-8 December 2007)

An ICT-in-Education Toolkit – comprising six toolboxes and 19 tools – provided the focus for a workshop organized within the framework of the EDUVISION 2007 Conference held in Ocho Rios. [\[More\]](#)

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Culture

Havana Venue for Sixth International Encounter on Management of Historic Centres (4-6 December 2007)

Old Havana and its Fortifications in Cuba, and the National History Park in Haiti (with its three early 19th century monuments of Citadel, the palace of Sans Souci and the buildings at Ramiers), were among the sites inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1982. Examining the impact of World Heritage status on the evolution of the inscribed sites over the last quarter-century was among the goals of this encounter.

[\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources) and XIX (Culture).



Slave Route Project in Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti (4-5 December 2007)

Assessing recent progress and future plans of work in Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti contributing to the Slave Route Project was a principal aim of a tripartite consultation held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. [\[More\]](#)

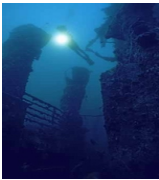
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).



Tackling AIDS Through Youth Visioning Projects (1 December 2007)

Among the UNESCO-sponsored initiatives featured in information materials released for World AIDS Day are those contributing to 'Youth Visioning for Island Living', including projects in Grenada, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea and St Lucia. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVII (Health).



Underwater Cultural Heritage Meeting in Quito (29-30 November 2007)

Protecting the underwater cultural heritage and promoting the 2001 Convention was the focus of a regional meeting hosted by the UNESCO Office in Quito (Ecuador) in cooperation with other UNESCO Offices in the Latin America-Caribbean region, such as those in Havana and Kingston. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources) and XIX (Culture).



Education for All Global Monitoring Report (29 November 2007)

Information on individual SIDS is incorporated in many of the tables and figures reporting on status and changes in educational performance in the 2008 edition of the Education for All Global Monitoring Report, entitled 'Education for All by 2015: Will we make it?'. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



CARICOM Conference on Primary School Science, Technology and Innovation (27-29 November 2007)

Analysing the situation of science, technology and innovation – with particular emphasis on the primary level – was the focus of a regional conference in Jamaica organized by the Caribbean Community in collaboration with UNESCO and other bodies. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication), XI (Science and technology), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



National Workshop for Bearers of Cacao Traditions in Cuba (23-25 November 2007)

Developing proposals for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage of cacao traditions was among the aims of a workshop held in Baracoa in eastern Cuba. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter VIII (Tourism resources) and XIX (Culture).



Intercultural Dialogue, Cultural Heritage and Indigenous People in the Pacific (21-23 November 2007)

Three interlinked workshops in Brisbane and Canberra focused on partnerships and projects for assisting the development of museums and galleries in the Pacific region. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).



Towards a Tsunami Warning System in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (21-23 November 2007)

The National Laboratory for Civil Engineering in Lisbon (Portugal) was the venue for the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS-IV). [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XIX (Culture).



Teaching the Transatlantic Slave Trade: International Seminar for Educators in Trinidad & Tobago (19-23 November 2007)

Teaching the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans is the theme of an international seminar for educators in Macoya, Trinidad and Tobago, from 19-23 November. Its objective: to enhance teaching and learning about the Transatlantic Slave Trade in secondary schools. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XIX (Culture).



Launch of UNESCO's Audiovisual Resources Platform (16 November 2007)

Videos on HIV & AIDS prevention and care in Fiji, and on the threat of illegal sand mining and improper solid waste management in the West Indies, are just two of the materials now available on line in the area of communication and information. The platform provides access to almost 100 audiovisual resources which have been produced, sponsored or supported by UNESCO. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication)



Pacific Regional Workshop on the Ethics of Knowledge Production (12-15 November 2007)

As part of a broader bioethics programme in the Asia-Pacific region, this workshop in Apia (Samoa) continued discussions at national consultations held in Fiji and Samoa in April 2007 and a regional conference in Dunedin (New Zealand) in February 2006. For further information, contact Susan Vize in UNESCO-Apia Office (susan@unesco.org.ws). [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XIX (Culture).



South Pacific: Traditional Knowledge Systems and Expressions of Culture (31 October-1 November 2007)

The next generation of indigenous leadership in the Pacific was the principal focus of a meeting coordinated by the University of Queensland's Museum Studies Department. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XIX (Culture).



Focus on the Pacific (25 October 2007)

Reinforcing the presence of Pacific Island countries on the World Heritage List and bolstering the work of National Commissions were among the issues raised at a meeting of the Director-General with the Heads of Delegations from Pacific Member States. [\[More\]](#)
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UNESCO Director-General Meeting with SIDS Representatives (23 October 2007)

Ways and means of strengthening cooperation between SIDS and UNESCO – including the Organization's contribution to the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy -- was the focus of a wide-ranging group discussion organized within the context of the General Conference. The designation of SIDS as a priority group in the new UNESCO planning documents, and the inclusion of an intersectoral Platform dedicated to SIDS in the new Programme and Budget document, were among proposals welcomed by the SIDS delegates. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: General.



Using Science, Technology and Innovation for the Caribbean Region (19 October 2007)

Following a major conference in Trinidad & Tobago in May 2006 on 'Harnessing Science and Technology for Caribbean Development', the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the non-governmental association CARISCIENCE and UNESCO have continued cooperation in assessing the STI situation in the Caribbean. A two-week consultancy mission in December 2006 by Dr Khotso Mokhele (former President and Chief Executive Officer of South Africa's National Science Foundation) and follow-up discussions and contacts have led to a proposed regional implementation plan, with eight principal recommendations. Background and details are given in an informal 12-page document made available by UNESCO's International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) to the UNESCO General Conference. For further information, contact M. Nalecz, Director of UNESCO's Division of Basic and Engineering Sciences (m.nalecz@unesco.org) or the UNESCO-Office in Kingston (Kingston@unesco.org).
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XI (Science and technology).



Caribbean Community (CARICOM)-UNESCO Cooperation (17 October 2007)

Among collective meetings organized within the 34th session of the UNESCO General Conference was that co-chaired by UNESCO Director-General Koichiro Matsuura and St Kitts & Nevis Deputy Prime Minister Sam Condor. Issues discussed included the proposed priority status of SIDS in the new medium-term strategy (2008-2013) of UNESCO, the importance of capacity building (notably in the field of education), progress and plans of such projects as the Slave Route and YouthPATH (Poverty Alleviation through Tourism and Heritage), the ratification of conventions related to cultural heritage. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: General.



Africa Diaspora Heritage Trail (ADHT) Conference in Nassau, Bahamas (10-14 October 2007)

From Slave Ship to Self-Determined Destinations' was the theme of the third in a series of international conferences and associated activities aimed at promoting cultural heritage and the links between Africa and the Caribbean. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources), X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).



Capacity Building for Education Statistics in the Caribbean (10 October 2007)

Building the capacity of Caribbean Ministries of Education to use statistics for evidence-based policy-making for improved quality education is the aim of a project launched at UN House in Christ Church, Barbados. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



Mauritius: Recognition of Prior Learning (October 2007)

Adults with limited basic education who have been retrenched from the sugar industry and who have the opportunity of employment in other sectors (e.g. tourism) or access to further learning ... these are the primary target for a pilot project involving the Mauritius Qualifications Authority and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL). A summary account is given in the October issue of UIL's quarterly electronic newsletter 'Nexus'. [\[More\]](#)
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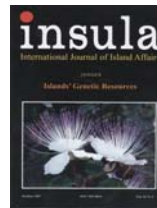
Youth Visioning, Environmental Education and Preserving Traditions (October 2007)

Revitalizing local handicrafts in the different atolls of the Marshall Islands, environmental conservation and tree planting in the village of Arcahaie in Haiti and sensitizing school children about environmental issues in Madagascar, are three projects featured in the September-October issue of the bimonthly electronic newsletter of the Youth Visioning for Island Living initiative. Also introduced are activities on raising awareness of erosion threats to reclaimed land on Naifuru island in the Maldives, preserving the Niuean language among diaspora communities in the Christchurch area of New Zealand and promoting the art of canoe-carving in Tonga. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



Volcanic Hazard Management: Joining Scientific with Traditional Knowledge in Ambae, Vanuatu (October 2007)

'The day Mount Manaro stirred' is among the substantive articles in the October-December 2007 issue of the Natural Sciences Sector's quarterly bulletin *A World of Science* (Vol. 5, No. 4, pp.16-20). [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).



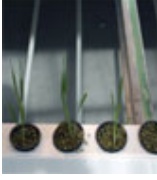
INSULA Dossier on Islands' Genetic Resources (October 2007)

Wild tomatoes in the Galapagos, coconuts in Polynesia and genetic erosion on Mungiki in the Solomon Islands are among the contributions to an issue of the *International Journal of Island Affairs* (Year 16, No.1), the magazine of the International Scientific Council for Island Development. Other articles draw on experience from Mediterranean islands – Corsica, Crete, the Ionian islands and Sardinia. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter IX (Biodiversity resources).



SIDS Forum within NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee Meeting (28 September 2007)

As part of the work of the 177th session of the UNESCO Executive Board, the focus of this open forum was UNESCO's action in cooperation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). [\[More\]](#)
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'Renewable Energy: Realities and Perspectives' in the Caribbean (25-28 September 2007)
Regional workshop in Tobago on removing barriers to implementation of renewable energy technologies. Enquiries to m.kuzee@unesco.org.
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter VII (Energy resources).



Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Meeting in Praia, Cape Verde (24-26 September 2007)

A second evaluation meeting on the MOST project on 'Nation States and the challenges of regional integration in West Africa' brought together more than a hundred participants, including specialists in the social and human sciences and directors of regional integration in the 15 Member States of the Economic Community of West African States. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIII (Trade: globalization and trade liberalization), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XIX (Culture).



Third Specialized On-Line Course on e-Governance in the Caribbean (19 September-2 December 2007)

A joint initiative of the University of the West Indies Distance Education Centre and UNESCO, this eleven-week course has been designed to improve the knowledge, skills and capabilities of people in governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations in the Caribbean in the use of ICT in governance and government. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



UNESCO Caribbean Newsletter (September 2007)

The first 8-page issue of a quarterly news bulletin includes an editorial by the Director of the Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean, a feature on the Director-General's recent visit to Belize (17-19 September), vignettes on progress and events in various programme areas, publications, future events. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: General.



And Atoll (Federated States of Micronesia) -- New Biosphere Reserve (18-20 September 2007)

Meeting at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, the Bureau of the International Coordinating Council for the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme approved proposals for 23 new biosphere reserves in 18 countries, including And Atoll in the Federated States of Micronesia. And Atoll (also known as Ahnd or Ant Atoll) is the most biologically diverse and intact atoll in Pohnpei State, and is the first government and private landowner co-managed marine protected area in the Federated States. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves now comprises 529 sites in 105 countries. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VII (Tourism resources), IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



Strengthening Tsunami Warning and Mitigation in the Pacific (17-20 September 2007)

Assessing and improving tsunami warning and mitigation in the Pacific was the focus of discussions at the 22nd session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System, which was held in Guayaquil (Ecuador). [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).



Anti-Piracy Training for Trainers in East Africa (17-20 September 2007)

Magistrates and customs officials from Mauritius and Seychelles were among participants at an advanced training workshop in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), aimed at strengthening copyright and related rights enforcement in East Africa. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).



Dominica: Launch of River Care (13-14 September 2007)

Extending the approach of existing Sandwatch operations to rivers and streams was the aim of a workshop supported by the international NGO Live and Learn Environmental Education, with support from the National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Human Resources, Sports and Youth Affairs. An account of the project is included in the fifth issue of *The Sandwatcher* bulletin. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), V (Freshwater Resources) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



UNAIDS Case Studies 'Another Way to Learn' (13 September 2007)

Among 17 case studies are those from Barbados (Pinelands Creative Workshop), Dominican Republic ('Red Dominicana de Personas que Viven con VIH/SIDA' and 'Ninos del Camino'), Jamaica (Richmond Fellowship) and Trinidad & Tobago (The Centre of Hope). Issues addressed in these Caribbean case studies include youth empowerment, improving well-being in low income communities, artistic creativity and capacity building for street children and adolescents, and HIV & AIDS prevention and care among young persons at risk, drug users and other vulnerable groups. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVII (Health) and XX (Implementation).



Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade in the Bahamas (8-15 September 2007)

Commemorative activities included a Caribbean Museums Workshop on 'Developing Children's Programmes around Slavery and the Slave Trade' (9-11 September) and a conference on 'Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation'. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).



Information for All Programme (IFAP): Online Database of Projects (7 September 2007)

Insights to over 500 projects – some funded, the majority as yet unfunded – include proposals from a range of small island nations, including Cook Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tokelau, Tonga. Regional projects include those on protecting Caribbean cultural heritage and enhancing the use of ICTs in Pacific schools. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).



Pacific Perspectives on World Heritage (20-25 August 2007)

As part of the seventh International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific (Visby, Sweden), the Stockholm University/EIF (Easter Island Foundation) session invited papers addressing the complexity of the World Heritage phenomenon with specific examples from the Pacific. The session papers were used as a springboard for discussions at the subsequent EIF conference workshop 'World Heritage and Identity – Three Worlds Meet'. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).



Gender and Education in the Commonwealth Caribbean (14 August 2007)

Prepared in cooperation with the Center for Gender and Development Studies and the Institute of Education of the University of the West Indies, this annotated bibliography includes digests of 345 reference sources (journal articles, monographs, theses, dissertations, conference papers, unpublished manuscripts). [\[More\]](#)

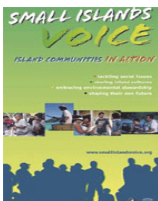
Mauritius Strategy: XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XX (Implementation).



St Vincent & the Grenadines: Launch of Distance Learning Literacy Project (6 August 2007)

An initiative of the Adult and Continuing Education Division of the Ministry of Education, this 13-part programme is the first to be delivered by television in the country. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



Small Islands Voice Pacific/Caribbean Cultural Exchange 2007 (23 July- 4 August 2007)

Following on from previous exchanges (e.g. between the Maldives and Seychelles), Small Islands Voice partners have developed proposals for an inter-regional cultural exchange among young islanders from the Caribbean region and the Pacific. The Pacific/Caribbean exchange, for which funding is presently being sought, will involve a minimum of ten young people and their chaperone who will visit the Cook Islands. Dates have been selected to coincide with the Cook Islands' Constitution celebrations. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



'The Sandwatcher' and Global Climate Change (July 2007)

Global climate change is the theme of the fifth issue of The Sandwatcher (Vol. 2, Issue 3), 'The Voice of UNESCO's Sandwatch project'. The 14-page electronic bulletin carries news items on Sandwatch activities in 22 countries worldwide, including dolphin-watching in Bahamas, an approach to measuring sand size in the Cook Islands and a public-speaking competition on 'Melting Ice: A Hot Topic' in Seychelles. [\[More\]](#)



Suva (Fiji) Workshop on Producing Documentaries on HIV and AIDS (16-27 July 2007)

A two-week workshop on advanced documentary and script writing saw the launch of three short documentaries on HIV and AIDS prepared by young media producers from Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. The workshop was organized as part of the UNESCO Global Network of Young TV Producers in cooperation with the Regional Media Centre of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

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Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVII (Health) and XX (Implementation).



Towards a Caribbean Digital Library Initiative (10-13 July 2007)

'Caribbean Digital Libraries and Digital Repositories' was the focus of a regional workshop held at the National Library of Trinidad & Tobago in Port of Spain. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



School Community Radio in Bequia, St Vincent & the Grenadines (3 July 2007)

The setting-up of a Community Multimedia Centre in Bequia High School includes the use of school radio to enhance the integration of information literacy in a formal school setting. [\[More\]](#)

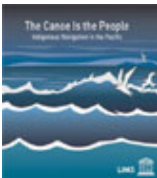
Mauritius Strategy: X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



Cook Islands: Sandwatch Learners Conference (June 2007)

With support from UNESCO's Participation Programme, 101 students and 13 teachers from different islands took part in this national forum organized by the Ministry of Education's Curriculum Advisory Unit. Outcomes included the adoption of a different beach by students at seven schools on four islands (Aitutaki, Atui, Mitiaro, Rarotonga). [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



'Waka He Tangata' Launch in Christchurch (27 June 2007)

'The Canoe is the People: Indigenous Navigation in the Pacific' is a multimedia educational tool prepared under the aegis of the Local and Indigenous Knowledge (LINKS) programme. Released in English in 2005, the CD-ROM honours and explores Pacific Islander knowledge of the ocean environment. This Maori version, the first edition in an indigenous Pacific language, has been developed with expert and financial support from Waikato University, New Zealand. It was launched at a 'Pasifika Evening' at Christchurch Convention Centre on the occasion of the World Heritage Committee Meeting 2007. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



Youth Internet Radio Initiative in the Caribbean (26 June 2007)

Youth Vibes Radio is a new radio station launched by the Commonwealth Youth Programme Caribbean Centre in association with the Caribbean Internet Radio Portal and UNESCO. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication).



Caribbean Libraries as Information Centres (25-29 June 2007)

Trends and developments in Caribbean libraries – particularly in respect to their role as information centres – was the focus of a regional workshop for senior librarians held at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Bahrain: Regional Training Workshop on Trans-Boundary Diagnostic Analysis on Coastal and Marine Environmental Issues (23-27 June 2007)

Participants from eight riparian countries of the Gulf region took part in this training workshop, organized jointly by the UNESCO Office in Doha, the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Contact: Benno Boer in the UNESCO-Doha Office (b.boer@unesco.org)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter IV (Coastal and marine resources).



Jamaica: Enhancing Prisoner Rehabilitation through Community Radio (22 June 2007)

A one-year pilot scheme in Kingston seeks to use community radio for promoting prisoner rehabilitation and education. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Call for preparation of action plan for community radio in Maldives (19 June 2007)

The preparation of an action plan for community radio in Maldives is central to a national orientation process organized by the Voice of Maldives within the context of the government reform agenda. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



Heritage Assessment and Workshop at the Archaeological Site of La Isabela, Dominican Republic (17 June-3 July 2007)

La Isabela was the first Spanish urban settlement founded in the New World by Christopher Columbus in 1494. Inscribed on the World Heritage Tentative List since 2002, a technical assessment of the site and associated proposals for the creation of a thematic park devoted to the process of colonization were linked to a training workshop on heritage conservation. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).



A workshop to develop community radio in Maldives (12-15 June 2007)

A national orientation workshop at Malé and at Haa Dhaalu Atoll Media Center aimed at reviewing best practices in community radio, with a view to contributing to the development of guidelines for a national policy on media as well as providing hands-on practical training for potential community radio trainers. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



Puerto Rico launch of Strategic Guide to Risk Management in Heritage Collections (5-11 June 2007)

Providing working guidelines for the protection of irreplaceable heritage materials (documentary, audio, audiovisual) in times of disaster is the aim of a book prepared within the Memory of the World Programme. The book was launched by the UNESCO Office for the Caribbean at a conference in Puerto Rico of the Association of University, Research and Institutional Libraries. [\[More\]](#)

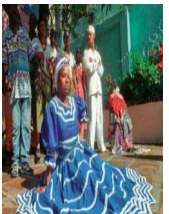
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters) and XIX (Culture).



Linking Young People in Latin America and the Caribbean (5 June 2007)

Providing an Internet meeting place – a network of networks – for youth organizations and people working with young people is the aim of the Youth Portal for Latin American and the Caribbean. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XIX (Culture).



Safeguarding of La Tumba Francesca, Cuba: Capacity-Building Workshop in Guantanamo (29-31 May 2007)

After earlier training sessions held in Santiago de Cuba (20–22 November 2006) and in Holguin (27–28 March 2007), the town of Guantanamo in western Cuba hosted the third and final training workshop in the framework of the UNESCO Action Plan for the safeguarding of the first Cuban Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. The capacity-building workshop was tailored for the bearers of La Tumba de Catalina de Ricci, also known as 'La Pompadour', one of the three traditional expressions of the Tumba tradition still practised in Cuba. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).



Caribbean Network of Young Journalists (24 May 2007)

The Association of Caribbean Media Workers (ACMW), UNESCO and a consortium of other institutions are working to promote the professional development of young Caribbean journalists. Recent activities include three, two-day workshops in May and June in Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica and Grenada.

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Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Theatre and Visual Arts: A New Approach to HIV and AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean (22-24 May 2007)

There is increasing interest in the role of theatre and other arts-based approaches in addressing the prevention and care of HIV and AIDS, as reflected in the programme and outcomes of a regional workshop in Havana (Cuba) organized by the UNESCO Regional Office for Culture. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVII (Health), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



Honiara (Solomon Islands) Workshop for Advancing the 'Pacific Women in Media Action Plan' (22-23 May 2007)

Promoting gender in individual media organizations in the Pacific region was among the aims of a workshop organized by UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Kiribati Workshop on Information Sharing (14-18 May 2007)

Ways and means of improving the sharing of public information was the main target of discussions in Tarawa among representatives of the government, parliament, civil service and media. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).



Marking Press Freedom Day in the Pacific (3-4 May 2007)

Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Vanuatu were among the Pacific countries where activities were organized around the theme of 'Press Freedom, Safety of Journalists and Impunity'. Among the events, a UN Learning Day was organized in Apia by the UNESCO Office for the Pacific States for the staff of all Samoa-based UN agencies and invited guests. The keynote address was given by Savea Sano Malifa, publisher of the award-winning Samoa Observer newspaper, on the history and current status of press freedom in Samoa. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Maldives: Regional Conference on Press Freedom and Development in South Asia (2-3 May 2007)

Some 70 journalists and media personnel from the Maldives and other South Asian countries took part in this conference, organized by the Asian Media and Communication Centre (AMIC), the Maldives Ministry of Information, Arts and Culture and the Haveeru Daily newspaper, with the support of UNESCO. Panel discussions addressed such issues as the links between press freedom, democracy and development; public service broadcasting and community media; censorship, safety and impunity; and internet, new media and freedom of expression. Released on the occasion was the South Asia Press Freedom Report, published by the International Federation of Journalists. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Caribbean Journalists and World Press Freedom Day (2-3 May 2007)

'Media Democracy, Media Laws and Access to Information: Challenges for Caribbean Journalists and Media Organizations' was the theme of a conference held in St Lucia – the sixth year that the regional media have come together to discuss professional issues as part of regional observance of World Press Freedom Day. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Caribbean Crafts at the 'Foire de Paris' (27 April-8 May 2007)

Handicrafts from Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti were among those promoted at the annual 'Foire de Paris' at the Porte de Versailles exhibition complex in Paris. The leather, fibre, glass and metal handicrafts had been awarded the Seal of Excellence for Handicrafts – part of UNESCO's Craft and Design programme -- on the occasion of the Havana Crafts Fair in Cuba in December 2006. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XIII (Trade: globalization and trade liberalization) and XIX (Culture).



St Kitts & Nevis YouthPath Project (26 April 2007)

Initial training activities in St Kitts & Nevis within the regional YouthPATH (Poverty Alleviation through Tourism and Heritage) initiative include identification and interpretation of national cultural industries, tour guiding and site assessment. A second phase includes computer applications and design and development of cultural products. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



'Samoa: Collections in Exile, Awaiting Better Times' (18 April 2007)

The National Museum of Samoa shares many of the problems faced by museums in other small island countries, in lacking the conditions and resources necessary for housing its collections properly. This account by Laura Berjedo (of the UNESCO-Apia Office) is among five contributions to an issue of the UNESCO Courier (No.3, 2007) devoted to 'A Guided Tour of Museums'. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



Education Videos on Crime and Violence Launched at UWI-Mona Campus in Kingston, Jamaica (17 April 2007)

'Reporting News' and 'Seeing Red: the Science of Violence' are the titles of two educational videos produced by the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication (CARIMAC) and the University of the West Indies, in cooperation with UNESCO. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



'Living Heritage: Exploring the Intangible' Outdoor Exhibition at UNESCO (12 April 2007)

La Tumba Francesa (Cuba), the Cocolo Dance Drama Condition and the Cultural Space of the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit of the Congos of Villa Mella (Dominican Republic), the Maroon Heritage of Moore Town (Jamaica), Lakalaka Dances and Sung Speeches (Tonga) and Vanuatu Sand Drawings and Traditional Money Banks...photographs of these living cultural expressions were among those contributing to an exhibition displayed on the fence of UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from 12 April to 30 November. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture)



Bioethics Consultations in Suva (Fiji) and Apia (Samoa) (11-13 and 16-17 April 2007)

These national consultations are part of a process of debate and discussion in the Pacific region on the 'Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights'. The consultations represented a follow-up to a conference on 'Pacific Ethics of Knowledge Production' organized by the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO in Dunedin in February 2006, and a subsequent discussion document (dated February 2007) (<http://www.unesco.org.nz/download/discuss1.doc>) prepared by Kario Mila-Schaaf for the National Commission. In addressing twelve themes related to Pacific ethical perspectives and frameworks (e.g. on collective rights 'versus' individual rights), this document provided background later in the year to a Pacific Regional Ethics workshop (Samoa, 13-15 November 2007). For further information, contact Susan Vize, Programme Officer for Social and Human Sciences in the UNESCO-Apia Office (susan@unesco.org.ws).

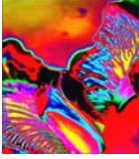
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XIX (Culture).



Training Workshop for Media Professionals in Sao Tome (10-12 April 2007)

Following an earlier event in December 2006, a second training workshop was organized by the Ministry of Social Communication of Sao Tome & Principe and UNESCO's Libreville Office and Communication and Information Sector. The underlying aim was to harness the power of communication in 'leveraging' development actions in the fight against poverty, including the elaboration of a national strategic plan for the communication sector aligned to the national 'Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper'. For further information, contact Michel Kenmoe, Communication and Information Officer, UNESCO-Libreville (m.kenmoe@unesco.org).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), and XX (Implementation).



Seychelles Workshop on 'Islands as Crossroads' (11-13 April 2007)

One follow-up of the discussions during the plenary panel on Culture at the Mauritius International Meeting (January 2005) was an interregional expert workshop on 'Islands as Crossroads: Cultural Diversities in Small Islands'. The underlying question which triggered and shaped the event is the extent to which small islands have indeed served as cultural crossroads -- plural or hybrid sites for identity formation, intangible heritage and global inter-connectivity from pre-colonial times to contemporary globalization. Among the issues and processes addressed are those of ethnic plurality, mobile populations, global diasporas, global tourism, global media, cultural industries and so on, that affect and impact on cultural diversities. One outcome of the Seychelles workshop is an account on how sustainable development can be further catalysed through the promotion and management of cultural diversities. A multi-authored book is also envisaged. For further information, contact Tim Curtis, Programme Specialist (Culture), in the UNESCO Dar es Salaam Cluster Office (t.curtis@unesco.org). [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources), X (Transport and communication), XIII (Trade: globalization and trade liberalization), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



Solomon Islands Tsunami (5 April 2007)

The need to reinforce emergency response systems in vulnerable island states was among the issues raised by the Director-General of UNESCO, Koichiro Matsuura, in expressing sorrow over the loss of life and extensive damage caused by the tsunami that struck the Solomon Islands on 2 April. An earthquake registering a magnitude of 8.0 shook the western part of the Pacific archipelago on the Monday morning, immediately followed by two more with magnitudes of 6.7 and 6.4 at 10 km and 345 km respectively, west northwest of the Solomon Islands capital of Honiara on the island of Guadalcanal. The earthquakes were followed by a tsunami, which destroyed 13 villages in the Western Province. The waves varied in height between two and 10 metres in places, sweeping inland for almost half a kilometre, crashing into Gizo shops and homes, and knocking out power and communication lines. By 4 April, the Solomon Islands' National Disaster Management Office had confirmed that 30 people had lost their lives, that 916 houses had been destroyed and that 5,500 people had been displaced across Western and Choiseul Provinces. Many people were still reported as missing. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).



Cape Verde Seminar on Regional Integration in West Africa (4-5 April 2007)

Building on earlier discussion seminars within the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) programme, this seminar in Praia took as context the historical, economic, political and cultural relations of Cape Verde with West Africa. Specificities of the archipelago include the way it was populated, how its economy developed, the singularities of an Island state, the problematic issue of national identity, the relation of Cape Verde with the Cape Verdean diaspora, and its exceptional geographic situation in the Atlantic (south of Europe, west of Africa and east of Latin America. In spite of being a member of ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) and a strong supporter of NEPAD (New Partnership for African Development), the archipelago keeps coming up against obstructions with regard to transport, banking facilities and contacts with economic operators, which are restricting the development of a closer economic partnership with the countries of the West African mainland. The final report of the seminar is available in French and Portuguese. For further information, contact Iva Cabral (iva.cabral@parlamento.cv). [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIII (Trade: globalization and trade liberalization) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Thirteen New Media Projects in 11 SIDS Approved by IPDC Bureau (27-29 March 2007)

At its annual meeting, the Bureau of the International Programme for the Development of Communication examined 110 new national and regional proposals for media development projects. Of the 74 projects approved for financing, 13 national projects were approved in 11 SIDS (Barbados, Cape Verde, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Jamaica, Mauritius, Niue, Papua New Guinea, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago). Areas addressed include the reinforcement of community radios and community multi-media centres, the training of media professionals, the digitization of audio-visual archives, the development of a prison radio network, and the setting-up of an audiovisual training centre at a national university. Approved regional projects include one for the training of journalists in hurricane coverage in the Caribbean. Over US\$ 320,000 will be channelled to these projects. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters), X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



Holguin (Cuba) Workshop on 'La Tumba Francesa' Cultural Expression (27-28 March 2007)

Enhancing local participation and community awareness, and showcasing the findings of an ongoing research project, were among the aims of a workshop on 'La Tumba Francesa', a traditional cultural expression brought to Cuba in the 1790s by Haitian slaves resettling in the eastern mountains of Cuba. La Tumba Francesa was proclaimed a UNESCO masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity in 2003. [\[More\]](#)

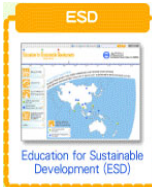
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).



World Heritage Caribbean Capacity Building Network: Inaugural Meeting in Havana (26-27 March 2007)

The objectives of a first capacity building meeting in Havana (Cuba) were to establish procedures on the manner in which each of the twelve Caribbean State Parties to the World Heritage Convention intend to implement training modules and plan conservation projects to be implemented in 2007 and thereafter. The Caribbean Capacity Building Programme is promoted and hosted by the UNESCO Office in Havana, and is implemented in close collaboration with the World Heritage Centre and the field offices in Kingston and Port-of-Prince. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).



New Website on Education for Sustainable Development in the Asia-Pacific Region (20 March 2007)

The Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) in Japan has launched a new website on Education for Sustainable Development. Highlighted projects include those on vocational education and training at Emmaus High School in Palau and on capacity building through the University of the South Pacific (with a triple focus on teacher education, sustainability education and community empowerment). [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



International Women's Day (8 March 2007)

Among a dozen events marking International Women's Day at UNESCO House in Paris was the launch of the 'Group of Women Ambassadors to UNESCO for Gender Equality', whose President is H.Exc Mrs Indra Thacoor-Sidaya, Ambassador of Mauritius to UNESCO. A round table on 'Women and Diaspora, Creativity and Intercultural Dialogue' was organized in collaboration with the Permanent Delegation of the Dominican Republic to UNESCO, with two eminent personalities from the Dominican Republic taking part – sociologist Cristina Sanchez and artist Charo Oquet. Associated with the round table, an art exhibition (8-22 March) featured eight female artists from the contemporary Dominican art scene. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters, XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



Towards an Exchange Platform for Public TV Channels in Portuguese-Speaking Countries (5-7 March 2007)

Managers of television channels from Cape Verde, Sao Tome & Principe and Timor-Leste were among those who took part in a round table in Lisbon (Portugal), designed to promote the production, co-production and exchange of quality content (news, documentaries, sports, educational and youth programmes, etc.) via satellite and internet. The round table was held as part of a project to establish an exchange platform for Portuguese-language public television broadcasters, in an environment conducive to freedom of the press and pluralism, in close cooperation with local media and journalists. The long-term objective of the project is to create propitious conditions for the launch of a global Lusophone television respectful of cultural diversity in the Portuguese-speaking sphere. The round table was organized jointly by the Executive Secretariat of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP), UNESCO and Portugal's National Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with a suite of other partners. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters, XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).



Mombasa Meeting on Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (28 February-2 March 2007)

The Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/ IOTWS-IV) was held in Mombasa, Kenya. [\[More\]](#)

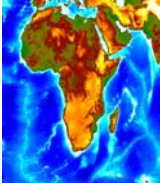
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).



River Biomonitoring Training Course in Jamaica (26 February-2 March 2007)

'Wadeable streams biomonitoring using benthic macroinvertebrates' was the title of this training course held at the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. The aim was to promote in the Latin American and Caribbean region the use of bio-indicators as a tool for monitoring the quality of freshwater resources. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters V (Freshwater resources) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



First African Marine Atlas Launched (23 February 2007)

Specialists from Mauritius and Seychelles were among the team of 16 marine scientists and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) experts involved in a project to prepare the first atlas of the marine environment of Africa. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter IV (Coastal and marine resources).



Community Radio and Inner-City 'School Rap' in Jamaica (23 February 2007)

'School Rap' is the latest radio programme on Roots 96.1FM aimed at showcasing the talent and achievements of students attending high schools located in urban inner-city communities in Jamaica. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



Pacific Island World Heritage Workshop in Tongariro National Park, New Zealand (18-23 February 2007)

Exploring the theme of 'indigeneity' as it applies to 'Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage in the Pacific' was among the objectives of this regional workshop, which also developed a Pacific position paper for the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee (Christchurch, New Zealand, July 2007). [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).



'Easy Shanking' Interactive Literacy Course for Young Jamaicans (20 February 2007)

The Environmental Foundation of Jamaica is UNESCO's partner in developing a new educational tool ('Easy Shanking') designed for young (14-35 years) Jamaicans. The computer software features a young man who speaks to students in simple words, and a collection of music, video clips, sound effects, digital pictures, animations and games. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



Micronesian Leaders' Study Tour Visit to Tongariro National Park, New Zealand (12-17 February 2007)

Tongariro National Park in New Zealand played host to a study tour for traditional and elected leaders from the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).



Towards a Tsunami Warning System in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (7-9 February 2007)

Bonn (Germany) provided the venue for the Third Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS-III). [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).



Launch of Information Literacy Project in Trinidad & Tobago (31 January 2007)

Empowering the local community through access to information and knowledge, while improving information literacy skills, is the aim of a project at Tunapuna Public Library launched by the National Library and Information Systems Authority with the support of UNESCO. The project has three components: basic information literacy skills for upper primary school students and adults; an early introduction to books for babies and toddlers (the 'Lap Sit' programme), strengthening the bonds between babies and parents/carers through nursery rhymes, songs, finger plays and picture books; 'Story Time' for 3-11 year old children, with story telling aimed at encouraging and improving reading, grammar, speaking and literacy skills. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



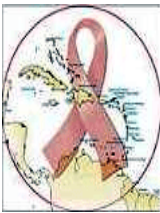
Oceania Regional Forum on Marine Managed Areas and World Heritage (29 January-2 February 2007)

Highlighting current and planned efforts to protect important marine areas and resources in the Pacific was among the objectives of a regional forum in Honolulu, organized by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the World Heritage Centre's Marine Programme. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).



Launch of Children's Media Literacy Project in Jamaica (29 January 2007)

The Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica, in conjunction with UNESCO, has launched a media literacy project targeting children in primary schools in the country. During the initial pilot stage of the project, selected schools are receiving a video recording and support materials for Grade 4 teachers to guide students on how to deal with radio and television content. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).



Dominica Meeting on Advocacy and Leadership in HIV & AIDS (27 January 2007)

Education ministers from Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent & the Grenadines attended a meeting in Roseau (Dominica) on Advocacy and Leadership in HIV & AIDS. With the Caribbean having the second highest HIV incidence in the world behind sub-Saharan Africa (according to the 2006 UNAIDS report), this meeting aimed to engage Ministers of Education and ministry staff in dialogue on the importance of developing a comprehensive response to HIV and AIDS in the education sector through policy development, including addressing issues of stigma and discrimination. Hosted by UNESCO in partnership with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECES), the meeting included presentations and interactive exercises conducted by representatives from the Education Development Centre, Education International, the International Labour Organization and the Caribbean Network of Seropositives. For further information: contact j.babb@unesco.org. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVI I (Health).



'A Semana' -- Taking the Pulse of a Weekly Newspaper in Cape Verde (12 January 2007)

Since its creation in January 1991, the Cape Verdean newspaper 'A Semana' ('The Week' in English) has played the role of 'watch-dog' in a changing society. The importance of the support received over the years from the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) is among the points addressed by the newspaper's director in an interview with a representative of the UNESCO Office in Dakar. Among recent progress is the setting-up of satellite offices on Cape Verde's several islands, the launch of an online version of the newspaper and transformation of 'A Semana' to a multimedia company. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



Havana Workshop on Social Anthropology and Afro-American Culture (5-8 January 2007)

Over 100 specialists took part in this scientific workshop, which featured lectures, three art exhibitions, homages to African poetry and to researcher Natalia Bolívar, several discussion panels (e.g. on Cuban and African music, the role of museums in anthropological work), a book launch and a religious procession through different squares of colonial Havana on the occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the creation of Africa House (under the aegis of the Office of the Historian of the City of Havana). [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).



Press Law Reform in Cape Verde (5 January 2007)

Through a cooperation agreement between Cape Verde's Directorate for Social Communication and the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), a process is underway for supporting the preparation and revision of media laws and legislation as well as for the publication of a new social communication code for the country. [\[More\]](#)
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).



'Youth Visioning for Island Living' Newsletter (January-February 2007)

During 2006, ten projects contributing to the Youth Visioning for Island Living initiative (sponsored by UNESCO, Lighthouse Foundation and TakingITGlobal) were completed, and a further fifteen projects started. In the January-February issue of the initiative's electronic newsletter, plans for three recently launched projects are flagged (in the Marshall Islands, Mauritius and San Andres). Featured are accounts of three ongoing field projects: on fish-farming in Kolgpeng (Papua New Guinea), on teaching and promoting the traditional fire-knife dance in Samoa, and on environmental awareness raising in Haiti. [\[More\]](#)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XIX (Culture) and XX (Implementation).

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December 2006

Boosting Education for Sustainable Development in the Pacific: University of South Pacific Recognized as Centre of Excellence by ACCU-UNESCO)

The University of the South Pacific has been endorsed as a Centre of Excellence for Education for Sustainable Development by the Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO. Among the tangible reflections of that recognition is the launching of a new five-year (2006-2010) project to enhance education-based capacity building for sustainable development in Pacific Island Countries. The project has three main components: teacher education, sustainability education and community empowerment. Further information is given in the December 2006 issue of Oceanic Waves, the newsletter of START(Global Change SysTEM for Analysis, Research and Training)-Oceania, which is based at USP's Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (PACE-SD). [\[More: www.usp.ac.fj/start\]](http://www.usp.ac.fj/start)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters I (Climate change and sea-level rise) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

13-15 December 2006

International Crafts Fair in Havana and UNESCO's SEAL of Excellence for Handicrafts Products

Craft products from four Caribbean countries – Aruba, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti – received UNESCO SEAL of Excellence Awards. Piloted in the Southeast Asian region, the Seal of Excellence Awards aims at raising the standards of quality of handicraft products and enhancing international market awareness of products coming from a given region. [\[More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32414&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html\]](http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32414&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIII (Trade: Globalization and Trade Liberalization) and XIX (Culture).

12-14 December 2006

Launch of Pacific Island MAB Network in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

In June 2005, the first two biosphere reserves in Pacific Island countries were approved by the Bureau for the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme: Utwe in the Federated Sates of Micronesia and Ngaremeduu in Palau. In both sites, the emphasis is on community-level approaches to conservation and sustainable development of coastal-marine as well as land areas. Follow-up was provided through a workshop in Pohnpei to develop the MAB network in Pacific Island countries. And through diffusion and use of an illustrated 'discovery kit' guide to the island biosphere reserves of the Pacific (comprising an atlas, activity booklet and poster), published by UNESCO-Apia in late 2006. Enquiries to the UNESCO-Apia Office (apia@unesco.org).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), VI (Land resources), IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

11-12 December 2006

Museum Development for Timor Leste

Within the Museum to Museum partnership, a seminar hosted by the University of Melbourne served to launch a programme of international technical cooperation with the Department of Culture and Education of Timor Leste. The aim is to develop a museum-to-museum programme of international standing for the preservation of cultural material and the heritage of Timor Leste. [More: <http://www.unesco.or.id/activities/culture/programme/325.php>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).

9 December 2006

First Caribbean Travelling Film Festival

Recent films by Caribbean film and video directors working in various genres (fiction, documentary and animation) were among those selected by an international jury and presented during a press conference in Havana, Cuba. Representing a total projection time of about 14 to 16 hours of images and narratives, the selected films came from various parts of the wider Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Belize, Curaçao (Lesser Antilles), Dominican Republic, French Antilles (Guyana, Martinique and Guadeloupe), Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St Lucia, St-Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. With the support and collaboration of UNESCO, the festival will take place simultaneously in several Caribbean countries beginning in February 2007. The project is an initiative of the Cuban national film institute (Instituto Cubano del Arte y la Industria Cinematográficos, ICAIC), with logistic and financial support from the UNESCO Offices in Havana, Kingston and Port-au-Prince. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32417&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).

6 December 2006

Caribbean Regional Launch of EFA-2007 Report

Jamaica's Minister of Education and Youth, the Director of the UNESCO Office for the Caribbean, and representatives of the Caribbean Community Secretariat and UNICEF, were among the speakers at the launch in Kingston (Jamaica) of the 2007 Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2007, focused on Early Childhood Care and Education. A regional overview for Latin America and the Caribbean of the 2007 EFA report is accessible electronically, together with earlier regional overviews for 2006 (Literacy), 2005 ('The Quality Imperative') and 2003-2004 (Gender). [More: http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=51935&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

5-8 December 2006

Youth Envisioning Contest and APEID-2006

A Youth Envisioning Contest was organized in 2006 as a 'fun way' for young people and teachers in the Asia-Pacific region to think holistically about sustainability issues, with visions being expressed in any medium (stories, art, photos, poems, etc). Prize winning entries and participants featured in displays and discussions at the 10th International Conference of the Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development (APEID), which was held in Bangkok (Thailand) from 5-8 December 2006 around the theme of 'Learning Together for Tomorrow: Education for Sustainable Development'. For more information on the Youth Envisioning Contest, contact: the UNESCO Office in Bangkok (bangkok@unesco.org). [More: <http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=3811>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), and XX (Implementation).

4-6 December 2006

Regional Sandwatch Fair in Trinidad

Provided a platform to showcase and expand the Sandwatch approach within Trinidad & Tobago and the wider Caribbean Region. [More:

[http://www.sandwatch.ca/The%20Sandwatcher/Symposium%20report%20\(16.01.07\).doc](http://www.sandwatch.ca/The%20Sandwatcher/Symposium%20report%20(16.01.07).doc)]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters I (Climate change and sea-level rise), IV (Coastal and marine resources), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

27 November-1 December 2006

Fifth FRIEND World Conference – Water Resource Variability: Processes, Analyses and Impacts (Havana, Cuba)

Flow regimes in SIDS under climate change and climate variability was an important focus of the Fifth World Conference on Flow Regimes from International Experimental and Network Data (FRIEND), one of the flagship initiatives of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP). [More:

http://webworld.unesco.org/ihp_db/events/GenericView.asp?KEY=265]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters I (Climate change and sea-level rise) and V (Freshwater resources).

27-29 November 2006

Transformations 2006 Conference at ANU-Canberra

Global and local trends in cultural diversity and sustainable development was the theme of the second Transformations Conference, which took place at the Australian National University in Canberra under the aegis of the Pacific Asia Cultural Observatory on Cultural Diversity (<http://www.pacificasiaobservatory.org>). [More:

<http://dt6.cgpublisher.com>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

16-20 November 2006

Cyprus: Euro-Mediterranean Youth Forum

'Young People and the Dialogue among Civilizations, Cultures, and Peoples: Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue to Ensure Peace' was the theme of this youth forum. For further information, contact the Youth Section of UNESCO (ucj@unesco.org) or the Cyprus National Commission for UNESCO (ghoplarou@moec.gov.cy).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVI (National and regional enabling environments), and XX (Implementation).

11-16 November 2006

Bahrain: Regional Training Workshop on Trans-Boundary Diagnostic Analysis on Coastal and Marine Environmental Issues

Participants from eight riparian countries of the Gulf region will take part in this training workshop, organized jointly by the UNESCO Office in Doha, the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Contact: Benno Boer in the UNESCO-Doha Office (b.boer@unesco.org)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter IV (Coastal and marine resources)

November 2006

Caribbean Indigenous and Endangered Languages Portal

This first authoritative website on indigenous languages and their cultures in the Caribbean showcases and promotes the preservation of more than 20 indigenous languages in the region. The website is operated by the Jamaica Language Unit of the Department of Language, Linguistics and Philosophy of the University of the West Indies, with the sponsorship of UNESCO. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=23354&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XIX (Culture).

November 2006

'Earthquake Spectra' Overview of the Indian Ocean Earthquakes and Tsunamis

Forty-four substantive contributions, totalling over 900 pages, provide a detailed account of the great Sumatran earthquakes and Indian Ocean tsunamis of December 2004 and March 2005. A copublication of UNESCO Publishing and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, the special issue of the journal 'Earthquake Spectra' addresses such topics and dimensions as seismology, geology and geophysics, tsunami field surveys and analyses, performance of structures and lifelines, preparedness, societal impacts, and recovery and reconstruction. The volume includes an overview on tsunami 'run-up' measurements from all over the Indian Ocean, as well as individual field surveys from 12 countries, including the Maldives and Mauritius and neighbouring islands. The foreword to the volume is by Patricio Bernal, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. [More: http://publishing.unesco.org/details.aspx?&Code_Livre=4495&change=E#]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

October 2006

Marine Protected Areas in INSULA Journal

Experience and plans from Costa Rica's Cocos Island, Palau and the Wider Caribbean are among those described in contributions to the magazine of the International Scientific Council for Island Development (INSULA), the *International Journal of Island Affairs* (Year 15, No.1). [More: <http://www.insula.org>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources) and IX (Biodiversity resources).

October 2006

UNESCO Courier Issue on 'Learning is Child's Play'

Feature stories from Jamaica and Papua New Guinea are among those in an issue of the UNESCO Courier devoted to early childhood care and education. In Jamaica, the Roving Caregivers Programme concentrates on reaching toddlers from the most disadvantaged and rural areas. In Papua New Guinea (a country with over 800 languages), pre-primary school classes provide children with two years of basic education in their mother tongue. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=34822&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), and XIX (Culture).

October 2006

'60 Women Contributing to the 60 Years of UNESCO'

Four eminent personalities from Small Island Developing States figure among the contributors to a volume grouping a panoply of women's visions of UNESCO and suggestions for the Organization's future work: Allissandra Cummins of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, currently Chair of the National Commission for UNESCO ('UNESCO in a small island State', pp.66-70); Fiame Naomi Mata'afa, Minister of Education of Samoa 1991-2005 ('UNESCO in practice', pp. 152-156); Delia Vera Medina, national coordinator of the schools associated with UNESCO in Cuba ('Relation to the UNESCO Associated Schools'); Sheilah Solomon, Trinidad & Tobago diplomat, first Director of UNESCO's Bureau for Field Coordination ('New challenges in the field', pp. 230-233). [More: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001475/147530E.pdf>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), and XX (Implementation).

30 October-4 November 2006

Cyprus Conference on 'The evolution of Information Technology in Cultural Heritage. Where Hi-Tech Touches the Past: Risks and Challenges for the 21st Century'

Aims of this event included the exchange and sharing of know-how in the areas of cultural heritage and information technology, focusing on e-documentation and computer graphics. [More:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/310>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision making) and XIX (Culture).

11-13 October 2006

ACP Cultural Events in Santo Domingo

Ministers of Culture of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States held their second meeting in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic). Among specific initiatives presented and discussed was an interagency (UNESCO-ILO-UNCTAD) project aimed at 'Strengthening the creative industries in ACP countries through employment and trade expansion.' The project is carried out within the framework of the Global Alliance, with the support of the ACP Group and the European Development Fund. Associated with the ministerial meeting was the first ACP festival promoting the cultural diversity of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (14-21 October). [More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=31885&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIII (Trade: globalization and trade liberalization)) and XIX (Culture).

9 October-8 November 2006

Underwater Archaeological Expedition of the 'Forgotten Slaves' Store Ship

On 31 July 1761, a store-ship of the French East India Company (*L'Utile*) was wrecked in the southwestern Indian Ocean, as it was carrying slaves from Madagascar to the Ile de France (present-day Mauritius). The crew took to sea aboard a makeshift vessel, abandoning 60 slaves on the island of Tromelin. Fifteen years later, on 29 November 1776, eight survivors were found on the island. How did they survive all those years on a desertsic island, little more than one square kilometre in area? Shedding light on this enigma is the goal of a research and education project organized and piloted by the French naval archaeology group, GRAN, with the support of UNESCO and other bodies, within the framework of the Slave Route project and a regional initiative on the oral memory of the southwestern Indian Ocean. The Forgotten Slaves project includes historical, genealogical and archaeological investigations, with underwater submarine archaeology a principal focus of activities in 2006. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32082&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

5 October 2006

World Teachers Day: 'Quality Teachers for Quality Education'

UNESCO National Commissions, educational institutions and teachers' associations in several SIDS organized special events to commemorate World Teachers' Day 2006. With an overall theme of 'every child needs a teacher', the Seychelles launched a week of activities ranging from marketing and recruitment to a teachers' talent contest. In the Netherlands Antilles, students composed an essay, poem or rap on teachers who have made an impact on their life. In Trinidad & Tobago, media attention focussed on seven teachers who received national awards for outstanding service. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=50805&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

4-6 October 2006

Barbados Meeting of the Regional Committee for the Memory of the World Programme

Options for encouraging the creation in the Caribbean of National Committees for the Memory of the World Programme, and approaches for boosting the preservation of analogue and digital documentary heritage, were among the topics discussed at a meeting of the Regional Committee for Latin America-Caribbean for the Memory of the World Programme. Presentations made during the meeting included those on an ongoing project entitled 'Caribbean Inventory of Documentary Heritage', on the preservation of the documentary heritage in the event of

disasters, and a case study on Jamaica's Audio-Visual Information Network. For further information, contact the UNESCO-Kingston Office (kingston@unesco.org) or the Chairperson of the Barbados National Commission for UNESCO, Ms Allisandra Cummins (barbnatcom.unesco@gmail.com). [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22976&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision making) and XIX (Culture).

September 2006

Education in Emergencies and Reconstruction

A case study on 'Learning independence: education in emergency and transition in Timor Leste since 1999' is among the on-the-ground experience infusing a substantive 'Guidebook for Planning Education in Emergencies and Reconstruction' prepared by the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP). The 38-chapters cover four subject themes: Access and inclusion; Teachers and learners; Curriculum and learning; and Management capacity. The guidebook is available in pdf by chapter, by section or the full document (640 pages). Or can be obtained in paper as well as CD format. [More: http://www.unesco.org/iiep/eng/focus/emergency/emergency_1.htm]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters), X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development and, XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision making)..

26-27 September 2006

Pacific Islands Forum: Education Ministers Meeting

Meeting in Nadi (Fiji), Ministers of Education of the Pacific Island Forum considered issues related to the implementation and enhancement of the Forum Basic Education Action Plan and to Education for Sustainable Development in the Pacific. [More:

[http://www.forumsec.org/_resources/article/files/PIFS\(06\)FEDMN%2003%20Forum%20Basic%20Education%20Action%20Plan.pdf](http://www.forumsec.org/_resources/article/files/PIFS(06)FEDMN%2003%20Forum%20Basic%20Education%20Action%20Plan.pdf)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

22 September 2006

Tsunami Teacher Information and Resource Kit

Developed by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and its International Tsunami Information Centre, this toolkit aims at raising the ability of people to recognize an approaching tsunami, to grow the capacity of nations to respond rapidly and effectively to tsunami warnings when they are issued, and to mitigate impacts when they occur. There are four main sections: Getting Started; Training Modules (for different audiences); Workshops and Evaluation; Resource Collection. [More: <http://ioc3.unesco.org/itic>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters), X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

20 September 2006

Finalists in Mondialogo School Contest 2005/2006

Schools from Cyprus, Dominican Republic and Fiji were among the 25 partner teams representing 50 schools from 37 countries, selected as finalists for the Mondialogo School Contest by a panel of experts and confirmed by an international jury, meeting at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 20 September. Some 2,537 teams – totalling 35,000 students -- took part in this year's contest. The event, initiated by DaimlerChrysler and UNESCO in 2003, encourages dialogue between students from different cultures, paired with each other to work across continents on a joint project. Laureates will be announced at the Mondialogo Symposium in Rome from 4-6 November. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=34809&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters, XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision making and XIX (Culture).

27 September-1 October 2006

Second African Diaspora Heritage Trail Conference in Bermuda

Following an inaugural gathering in May 2002, the general theme of this second conference is 'Linking our Futures'. The Conference provides a forum to share experiences on the protection and promotion of cultural heritage for a sustainable tourism development programme. Through its Slave Route project, UNESCO's contribution includes panel discussions on 'Our Cultural Heritage along the Trail' by Prof Rex Nettleford, Chair of the International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=31848&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources) and XIX (Culture).

12-15 September 2006

Leadership Workshop for Directors of Caribbean Marine Institutes

The Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies (Kingston, Jamaica) was the venue for the First IOC (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission) Leadership Development Workshop for Heads of Marine Institutes in the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions. Topics addressed included initiating and leading change and identifying the region's most important issues in the sustainable management of oceans and protection of coastal zones. [More: http://www.ioc-cd.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=30&Itemid=48]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

21-26 August 2006

'The Digital Pacific': 2006 Pacific Internet Conference

Encouraging the emergence of 'real' Pacific blogs (as distinct from accounts written by transient tourists) was among the contributions of UNESCO to the 2006 Pacific Internet Conference in Apia (Samoa). This is in line with the Organization's commitment to empowering people through the free flow of ideas and using cyberspace to protect and enhance freedom of expression. Blogging experts as well as media personnel and others interested in the challenge of promoting 'real' Pacific blogs are invited to contact the Adviser for Communication & Information, at the UNESCO Office for the Pacific States, Apia (apia@unesco.org). [More: <http://www.picisoc.org/tiki-index.php>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XX (Implementation).

2 August 2006

Small Island States Universities Consortium: Plans for UNESCO/UNITWIN Cooperation Programme

The Universities Consortium of Small Island States (UCSIS) was officially launched on 14 January 2005, during the Mauritius International Meeting. Among follow-up actions, the University of West Indies (as Secretariat to the Consortium) and UNESCO have inaugurated a Cooperation Programme on capacity-building for implementing the Barbados Programme of Action (BPoA) and the Mauritius Strategy in the framework of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme. A Memorandum of Understanding on this programme was signed on 2 August by UWI Vice Chancellor, Professor E. Nigel Harris, and Mr Paolo Fontani, Officer in Charge of the UNESCO-Kingston Office. For further information, contact Sonia Bahri in UNESCO's Education Sector (s.bahri@unesco.org), or the UNESCO-Kingston Office (kingston@unesco.org) or Dr Fazal Ibrahim Ali, the Universities Consortium Coordinator at the University of the West Indies (faiz@admin.uwi.tt).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

31 July- 2 August 2006

Moving Towards an Operational System for Tsunami Warning and Mitigation in the Indian Ocean

'Local knowledge and planning the key to a successful tsunami warning system' was among the conclusions of the third session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWS), which was held in Bali, Indonesia. Among the discussion items was the **Implementation Plan for the IOTWS** (http://ioc3.unesco.org/indotsunami/documents/IOC_TS_71web.pdf) [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=34035&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

31 July-2 August 2006

Community Visioning Panel at Islands of the World IX Conference

Maui Community College in Hawai'i was the venue for the International Small Islands Studies Association's 2006 Conference -- the general theme of which was 'Sustainable Islands - Sustainable Strategies' with emphasis on the interconnected topics of *po`okela* (economy), *mālama`āina* (ecology), and *ho`ohanohano* (social equity and heritage). Among the UNESCO-related sessions was that on 'Community Visioning: A Strategy for Sustainable Island Living' (31 July). Representatives from Cook Islands, Hawaii, Mauritius, Palau and San Andres Archipelago were among those taking part. [More: <http://www.unesco.org/csi/smis/siv/inter-reg/comvision-panel.htm>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVI (National and regional enabling environments), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XX (Implementation).

28 July 2006

Participation Programme: Approved Projects in SIDS

In a report prepared for the 175th session of the Executive Board (175 EX/36), the Director-General provides a list of projects approved under the 2006-2007 Participation Programme and those under emergency assistance. Approvals include some 78 projects (totalling US \$1,437,100) in 27 individual Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and UNESCO Associate Members in oceanic regions.

In the Caribbean, 37 projects: Antigua & Barbuda (2 projects), Aruba (3), Barbados (2), Cuba (2), Dominican Republic (2), Grenada (2), Haiti (6), Jamaica (4), Netherlands Antilles (4), St Kitts & Nevis (3), St Lucia (3), St Vincent & the Grenadines (3), Trinidad & Tobago (1).

In the Pacific, 23 projects: Cook Islands (4), Marshall Islands (3), Niue (2), Palau (3), Papua New Guinea (1), Tonga (2), Tuvalu (3), Vanuatu (5).

In the AIMS region (Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, South China Sea), 18 projects: Bahrain (3), Cape Verde (5), Cyprus (3), Maldives (3), Malta (1) Seychelles (3).

As an ensemble, these projects touch on many of the issues and areas of concern addressed in the SIDS Programme of Action. [More: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001465/146570e.pdf>]

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20 July 2006

Slavery-Slave Route Roundtable at Zanzibar International Film Festival

'Images and Memory of Slavery: Can Cinema Fathom the Tragedy of the Slave Trade?' was the title of a whole day round table sponsored by UNESCO's History and Culture Section and Dar es Salaam Office. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=31368&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

19 July 2006

Indonesian Tsunami Highlights Shortcomings and Remaining Challenges for Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System

In extending condolences to the victims of the giant wave that struck the southern coast of the Indonesian island of Java on Monday 17 July, UNESCO Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura commented on initial lessons that might be drawn from this first real test of the fledgling Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System. In spite of considerable progress achieved over the last 18 months, the system still has big gaps, notably in getting the warnings to the coastal communities in time. Whence the importance of maintaining the momentum of the past year-and-a-half and reinforcing national capacities to react effectively when such disasters strike. Reviewing progress in the development of the system, and revising priority actions in light of the events in Java, was subsequently addressed by the third session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (Bali, 31 July- 2 August). [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=33900&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

19 July 2006

New Approaches to Media and Journalism Training in the Pacific

Taking shape is a partnership initiative on teaching and learning in media and journalism in the Pacific that is both vocationally oriented and locally sustainable. The partnership includes institutes of technology and higher and community education in Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu, the media community and the media industry, the AusAID-funded Pacific Media and Communications Facility (PMCF) and UNESCO. [More:

http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22571&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication).

17-22 July 2006

Education for Sustainable Development at the Pacific Youth Festival (Tahiti)

The Pacific Youth Festival brought together over 1,000 young people from all parts of the Pacific, with discussions and events organized around four central pillars (fair globalization, sustainable development, cultural diversity and conditions for peace). UNESCO's inputs included support to the development of workshop contents and methodology, mobilization of networks and enhancement of ownership in the region. In line with the recommendations of the fourth UNESCO Youth Forum held in late September 2005, cooperation focused in particular on the theme of education for sustainable development. UNESCO's contributions were channelled through the Organization's Youth Section (contacts Jacqueline Groth (J.Groth@unesco.org) or Dulat Kasymov (D.Kasymov@unesco.org) and the Office for the Pacific States in Apia (apia@unesco.org)). [More:

http://www.spc.org.nc/Youth/Pacific_Youth_Festival_update.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVI (National and regional enabling environments), and XX (Implementation).

12-15 July 2006

Fiji Training Workshop and Demonstration Broadcast : Empowering Communities through Information

Freedom of information, freedom of communication and media, and ICTs for development were among the issues addressed at a workshop held at the femLINKPACIFIC Community Media Centre in Suva. Among conclusions and recommendations was the need for gender equality to be given much more attention in policies, programmes and initiatives in the ICT sector in the Pacific. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22582&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).

12 July 2006

Aapravasi Ghat (Mauritius) Inscribed on World Heritage List

Among new sites inscribed on the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee at its thirtieth session in Vilnius (Lithuania) is a set of buildings in Port Louis where the modern indentured labour diaspora began. It was at Aapravasi Ghat that almost half a million indentured labourers arrived between 1834 and 1920 from India to work in the sugar plantations of Mauritius, or to be transferred to Reunion Island, Australia, southern and eastern Africa or

the Caribbean. Mauritius had been selected by the British government to be the first site for what it called 'the great experiment' in the use of 'free' labour to replace slaves. The buildings of Aapravasi Ghat (formerly known as Coolie Ghat) are thus among the earliest explicit manifestations of what was to become a global economic system and one of the greatest migrations in history. [More: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/266>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

10-12 July 2006

Singaporean Entries in Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation

Three Singaporean properties figured among 36 entries from 11 countries considered by the jury for the 2006 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Culture Heritage Conservation, meeting in Bangkok.. Another Singaporean feature (Abdul Gaffoor Mosque) was among the entries for the 2006 Jury Commendation for Innovation. [More: <http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=480&type=98>http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22515&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

6 July 2006

Media Programmes on Poverty and Poverty Alleviation in Tonga

In ten, 30-minute programmes, structured around selected Millennium Development Goals, the Tongan Broadcasting Corporation has reported on living standards and well-being, on poverty and approaches to poverty alleviation, in all five Tongan island groups. Support to the series of radio and television programmes was provided through UNESCO's International Programme for the Development of Communications (IPDC). [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22515&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication)

July 2006

Caribbean: Quarterly Report on Education & HIV/AIDS

Among contributions to the fight against the HIV/AIDS pandemic, the UNESCO Office for the Caribbean in Kingston produces a quarterly report on Education & HIV/AIDS for United Nations Theme Groups in the region and other partners. The July 2006 issue (the eleventh such report over the past three years) highlights the recent landmark meeting of Caribbean Ministers of Education held in Trinidad & Tobago in June, including the 29-point Port-of-Spain Declaration on the Education Sector's Response to HIV and AIDS. For more information, contact Paolo Fontani, Education Programme manager in the UNESCO-Kingston Office (p.fontani@unesco.org). [More: <http://www.unesco.org/csi/B10/post-mim/EAreport-11.pdf>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVII (Health).

30 June 2006

Haitian President's Visit to UNESCO

Issues related to literacy and the use of new information and communication technologies were among those addressed during the first official visit to UNESCO of Haitian President M. René Préval. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=33467&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: General

28-29 June 2006

Northern Caribbean ESD Roundtable

The aim of this roundtable was to explore options and approaches for infusing Education for Sustainable Development in teaching and learning curricula in the Northern Caribbean. Taking part were principals and lecturers from teachers education institutions in Belize, Jamaica and Turks & Caicos. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=49075&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

23 June 2006

'Commercial Whaling: Sustainable Development or an Unsupportable Practice'

The discussions and decisions of the International Whaling Commission (meeting in St Kitts and Nevis) provided the trigger for exchanges between proponents and opponents of commercial whaling within the Small Islands Voice (SIV) Global Discussion Forum. [More: <http://www.sivglobal.org/?read=138>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources), IX (Biodiversity resources) and X (Transport and communication).

21-28 June 2006

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission: 39th Session of Executive Council

Agenda items included reviews of progress and future IOC activities in the different oceanic regions and in such domains as ocean observations and services and tsunami early warning and mitigation. [More: http://ioc.unesco.org/iocms/categories.php?category_no=25]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters I (Climate change and sea-level rise), II (Natural and environmental disasters) and IV (Coastal and marine resources)

14 June 2006

Easter Island Archaeological Heritage

Restoration and preventive maintenance work of cultural heritage sites and monuments, and the provision of a specialized archaeological laboratory to the Sebastián Englert Anthropological Museum, have been among the activities in a four-year project on the 'Preservation of the archaeological heritage of Easter Island'. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/intranet/ev.php?URL_ID=9371&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201&reload=1150465079]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources) and XIX (Culture).

12-30 June 2006

Pacific Training Course on Surface Water and Groundwater for Hydrology and Water Resources Technicians

This was the third course in a three-year training programme organized by a consortium of national, regional and international bodies (including SOPAC, WMO, UNESCO, NIWA and NZAID). The training course was attended by participants from 13 Pacific Island countries, namely Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Each year's three-week programme is aimed at providing specialized training to technical staff in the National Hydrological Services of participating Pacific Island countries to assemble, maintain and apply data and information on national water resources in the field of surface and groundwater hydrology, and to be able to pass on this knowledge and skills to others. [More: <http://www.sopac.org/tiki/tiki-index.php?page=CLP%20Water%20Events%202006>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter V (Freshwater resources).

12-23 June 2006

Fiji Young Media Producers' Workshop on HIV/AIDS

Training young people in the production of documentary films was the aim of a workshop piloted by the Regional Media Centre of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, with the support of UNESCO's 'Young TV Producers Global Network on HIV and Aids'. Outputs of the two-week workshop included two short documentaries addressing HIV/AIDS issues in Fiji. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22539&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVII (Health).

12-14 June 2006

ICTs for Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the Pacific

A three-day workshop in Nadi (Fiji), with participants from seven Pacific countries, focused on information and communication technologies and their use for empowering persons with disabilities — particularly the role of ICTs in opening up opportunities for employment at all skill levels and opportunities to live independently in the community. Conclusions and recommendations were encapsulated in a two-page Nadi Declaration. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22512&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html] *Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVII (Health).*

6-9 June 2006

Understanding Sea-Level Rise and Vulnerability

Taking stock of the current state of the science, and identifying future research requirements for reducing uncertainties, were among the aims of this World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) workshop at UNESCO House in Paris. [More: <http://copes.ipsl.jussieu.fr/Workshops/SeaLevel/index.html>] *Mauritius Strategy: Chapter I (Climate change and sea-level rise).*

5-10 June 2006

Wastewater Management Training in the Northern Pacific Region

The UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Management was one of half-a-dozen co-organizers of a training course on Improving Sanitation and Wastewater Management in the Northern Pacific region, hosted by the Guam Environmental Protection Agency . [More: <http://www.sopac.org/tiki/tiki-index.php?page=CLP%20Water%20Events%202006>] *Mauritius Strategy: Chapters III (Management of wastes) and V (Freshwater resources).*

1 June 2006

Educational Materials for Disaster Preparedness in the Asia-Pacific Region

Training products and experience related to school-based education for disaster preparedness in the Maldives was among the case studies at a regional workshop organized by UNESCO Bangkok and the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC), within the context of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). [More: http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=48227&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html] *Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).*

30 May 2006

Ad-hoc Meeting of UNESCO-SIDS Delegates

This informal meeting of Ambassadors and Permanent Delegates, held at UNESCO House in Paris, provided an opportunity to exchange views on the profile of SIDS in UNESCO's programmes, priorities as perceived in the different national contexts, and identification of potential areas of tangible UNESCO intervention. For further information, contact the convener of the meeting, David P. Doyle, Permanent Delegate for St. Kitts and Nevis to UNESCO, dpdoyle@club-internet.fr. *Mauritius Strategy: General.*

29 May 2006

Caribbean Social and Human Sciences SIDS Strategy

A 30-page draft strategy document on ' Sustainable Development and SIDS' provided the starting point for discussions at a planning meeting in Port-of-Spain (Trinidad & Tobago) on UNESCO's future work in the Social and Human Sciences in the Caribbean. The meeting took advantage of the presence in Port-of-Spain of many intellectuals and researchers attending the Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association. For further information, contact UNESCO-Kingston (kingston@unesco.org).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVI (National and regional enabling societies).

22-24 May 2006

Taking Forward Plans for a Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas

The southern French city of Nice provided the venue for the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the NE Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas, known to aficionados by its acronym IGC/NEAMTWS. [More:

http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=48227&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters).

22 May 2006

Caribbean Community Multimedia Centres

Pilot schemes in Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago were among those that participated in an independent evaluation of UNESCO's Community Multimedia Centre initiative, with the findings presented in a 61-page report released in late May.

The CMC initiative developed out of the Organization's long-standing work with community media, especially radio, and the increasingly important and promising role played by new information and communication technologies in development efforts.

Further information on four CMCs in Caribbean SIDS is given in a 156-page **Global Directory of CMCs around the World**

(http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/file_download.php/093a62f3bd0480b83076033fcc798240CMC+Directory.pdf), published by UNESCO in November 2005: specifically, Radio GED in southeastern Barbados (pp. 93-94), Cocodrilo CMC in southern Cuba (pp. 95-97), Roots FM/Zinc Link in the Kingston area of Jamaica (pp. 101-103) and Toco Multimedia Centre in northeastern Trinidad (pp. 107-109). [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22129&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication)

18-21 May 2006

Integrated Community Media for Isolated Indigenous Communities in the Caribbean

A regional workshop on the use of ICTs for promoting social inclusion and sustainable human development of isolated indigenous communities in the Caribbean was held at the Tumul Kin Centre of Learning in Blue Creek (Belize), with over thirty persons participating from six countries. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/fr/ev.php-URL_ID=24677&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and X (Culture).

17-19 May 2006

Inventory of Sites and Places of Memory related to the Slave Trade and Slavery in the Caribbean

This meeting in Havana (Cuba) served to launch a new project in Aruba, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti and to discuss plans for the **Network of Research Institutions on Afro-American Religions**

(http://www.unesco.org/cu/Religiones/Religiones_obj_ingles_23_feb_04.htm), established at a meeting in Havana in March 2004 jointly organized by the UNESCO Regional Office for Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean and

the Fundación Fernando Ortíz . [More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=30815&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

16-17 May 2006

Tsunami 'Exercise Pacific Wave 06'

This first end-to-end Pacific-wide tsunami exercise for the Pacific Ocean was aimed at helping tsunami warning systems to maintain a high level of readiness in the face of fast-onset and rapidly-evolving natural disasters such as tsunamis. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32759&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

8-12 May 2006

Harnessing Science and Technology for Caribbean Development

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and UNESCO were co-organizers of this conference in Trinidad & Tobago. Objectives included contributing to the creation of a science culture through science education and the popularization of science, the establishment or refinement of science and technology policy in each CARICOM country, and the strengthening of links with the international scientific community. For further information, contact Maciej Nalecz, Division of Basic and Engineering Sciences (m.nalecz@unesco.org) or UNESCO-Kingston (kingston@unesco.org). [More: http://www.stabroeknews.com/index.pl/article_local_news?id=55438562]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XI (Science and technology).

8 May 2006

United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development: Special Day on SIDS

As part of the fourteenth session of the CSD (New York, 1-12 May), a one-day session on SIDS focused on the implementation of Barbados Programme of Action and new developments in the sustainable development of SIDS, with special attention on the thematic cluster of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change. For further information, see the reporting on the CSD-SIDS session on the **UN Webcast for 8 May** (<http://www.un.org/webcast/csd14/csd14.htm>) as well as the overview in the **Earth Negotiations Bulletin** (<http://www.iisd.ca/csd/csd14/8may.html>) [More: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd14/sids_programme.pdf]
Mauritius Strategy: General and Chapters I (Climate change and sea-level rise), VII (Energy resources) and XV (Sustainable production and consumption).

7-11 May 2006

World Heritage Conference on Outstanding Universal Value, Authenticity and Integrity in a Caribbean Context

Meeting in Barbados, representatives of 18 Caribbean States Parties addressed the World Heritage concept of 'outstanding universal value' and its applicability to reality and experience in the Caribbean, with a view to improving representation of the region on the World Heritage List. [More: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/313>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).

3-5 May 2006

Pacific Tsunami Coordinating Group

Progress in various technical fields (e.g. seismic measurements) and the status of subregional warning systems were among the issues addressed by the twenty-first session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System, which was held in Melbourne, Australia. [More: <http://ioc3.unesco.org/ptws>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

2-3 May 2006

Caribbean Media and World Press Freedom Day

'Freedom of the Press and Human Development in the Caribbean' was the theme of a regional conference organized in Bridgetown (Barbados) on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 2006. [More:

http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21933&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication).

2 May 2006

Pacific Information For All Programme (IFAP)

At the inaugural meeting of the IFAP Pacific Regional Committee held in Wellington (New Zealand), three strategic priorities were adopted for guiding workplan development: Information Preservation, Information Literacy and Information Ethics. The meeting endorsed proposals to establish a Pacific Memory of the World register and to organize a series of virtual seminars across the Pacific region aimed at increasing the understanding and practice of information ethics among academics, journalists, publishers, government officials, information professionals, etc.

[More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=22223&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication).

1-2 May 2006

Director-General Visit to the Maldives

Non-formal and inclusive education, training of media professionals, community broadcasting and environmental sciences were among the topics discussed during Mr Koichiro Matsuura's mission to the Maldives, the first ever official visit to the Republic by a UNESCO Director-General. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32867&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: General.

25-28 April 2006

Caribbean Ministries of Education: Establishing a Regional Network of HIV and AIDS Coordinators

Strengthening the contribution of the Caribbean's education sector to the overall HIV and AIDS response was the aim of a meeting held in Kingston (Jamaica). Participants included delegates from fourteen CARICOM countries. For further information, contact Nuria Chat in the UNESCO-Education Sector (n.chat@unesco.org) [More:

http://www.unesco.org/csi/B10/post-mim/CaribNetwork_HIV-AIDS.doc]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVII (Health).

24-28 April 2006

World Heritage: Capacity-Building Workshop for Cultural and Natural Heritage Professionals in the Pacific Region

Technical training in the identification and preparation of site nominations for World Heritage listing was the aim of a workshop held in Apia (Samoa), designed for cultural and natural heritage professionals from Niue, Samoa and Tonga. [More: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/270>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).

24-27 April 2006

Valletta (Malta) Workshop on Seismicity and Earthquake Engineering in the Extended Mediterranean region

Organized by UNESCO and the US Geological Survey, this workshop explored regional approaches to improving seismic data (e.g. more accurate localization of earthquakes, better estimates of magnitude,) and earthquake risk mitigation. [More: http://www.unesco.org/science/earth/disaster/index_disaster.shtml]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

20 April 2006

Youth Visioning for Island Living: News on Field Projects

Projects in Cape Verde, Dominica and Solomon Islands were featured in the first issue of the bimonthly newsletter of the Youth Visioning initiative. [More: <http://www.unesco.org/csi/YV/index.htm>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).

11 April 2006

Sustainable Development in Small Islands and '60 Minutes to Convince'

Progress and challenges in moving towards sustainable living and development in small islands was the theme of Week 31 in a series of sixty weekly seminars, launched by UNESCO's Bureau of Public Information in September 2005 as one of the events to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the Organization. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=29196&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]
Mauritius Strategy: General.

2 April 2006

'The Slave Route' Brochure

A new eight-page folding brochure on 'The Slave Route' project describes various aspects of the project launched by UNESCO in 1994: origins, objectives, structure, programmes, achievements, publications, new perspectives and activities. [More: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001465/146546e.pdf>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources), X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and Culture (XIX).

1-30 April 2006

Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea) Workshop on World Heritage

As part of the World Heritage-Pacific 2009 Programme, the aims of this workshop included identifying projects to support natural and cultural heritage protection in PNG and reviewing the current legislative framework for World Heritage protection. [More: http://events.unesco.org/WS_acces.aspx?langRecherche=EN&idEvent=000000001A447390AA6611CD9BC800AA002FC45A09007B4BDA8D71164646B11CF38FABFBB6750000098060B00007B4BDA8D71164646B11CF38FABFBB675000001118DE40000]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).

April 2006

e-Discussion Group on Growth and Development in Small Islands

This discussion group was set up following exchanges on the viability of very small islands within the Small Islands Voice Global Internet Forum. The leader is Mr. Tutii Chilton of Palau Community College. [More: <http://www.unesco.org/csi/smis/siv/Pacific/pal-act8-e-discuss.htm>]
Mauritius Strategy: General.

30 March 2006

Mauritius-UNESCO Cooperation

Mauritius' adherence to Cultural Conventions, candidate World Heritage sites and a multidisciplinary regional centre of excellence were among the issues taken up in discussions between the Prime Minister of Mauritius and the Director-General of UNESCO. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32428&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: General.

31 March 2006

Enhancing Media Capacity at Radio St. Lucia

Boosting the digital newsroom at Radio St. Lucia was one of ten media development projects in the Caribbean supported in 2005 by UNESCO's International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC). In a second phase of the project, the quality of media content is being improved through the training of more than 30 journalists and news correspondents from St. Lucia as well as the broader Eastern Caribbean. Special attention is being given to electronic news gathering, production and dissemination, including technological convergence and reporting for multiple media platforms. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21696&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transportation and communication).

29 March 2006

Mauritius: Ratification of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

Mauritius became the first Member State to formally ratify this Convention, which had been adopted by the General Conference at its thirty-third session in October 2005. The Convention will enter into force three months after the date of deposit of the thirtieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32663&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

27-31 March 2006

World Heritage: Workshop for Preparing the Tentative List of the Solomon Islands

A workshop at Marovo Lagoon provided an opportunity to reassess the potential World Heritage value of the Marovo Lagoon and to identify and discuss the feasibility of other potential natural or mixed heritage sites for the Solomon Islands being considered for eventual inclusion on the Tentative List. [More: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/279>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).

23 March 2006

Bahamas: Launch of Library Cadet Training Programme

This aim of this project is to equip primary and high school students with literacy skills enabling them to access, retrieve, use and evaluate information effectively and efficiently. It has been developed by Bahamas Library Services with support of the Information for All Programme. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21697&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

21 March 2006

'Is the Water Clean?' Discussion Thread on Small Islands Voice (SIV)

An island territory taking on sewage waste from cruise-ships was the subject of a letter to the editor of a newspaper in the British Virgin Islands. Extracts from that letter formed the starting point of a discussion thread in the SIV Global Forum (over 40,000 persons connected), with the launch scheduled to contribute to World Water Day (22 March). [More: <http://www.sivglobal.org/?read=132>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters III (Management of wastes), IV (Coastal and marine resources), V (Freshwater resources), VIII (Tourism resources) and X (Transport and communication).

20-24 March 2006

Elections Training Workshop for Pacific Media

The Fijian capital of Suva provided the venue for this workshop for 35 media representatives from five Pacific SIDS. The aim was to address media practices ahead of elections in Samoa, Solomon Islands, Fiji and Tuvalu

Mauritius Strategy: [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21822&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development and XVI (National and regional enabling environment).

20 March 2006

Upgrading Media and Journalism in the Solomon Islands

Over 40 participants from every media and communications organization in the Solomon Islands, as well as NGOs with active media programmes, attended intensive training in radio presentation, sales and marketing, writing for news and investigative journalism outputs included a Training Manual for use at three further seminars before the end of the year. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21558&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication).

8-10 March 2006

Pacific Consultative Meeting on Education for Sustainable Development

Pacific practitioners and experts met in Apia (Samoa) to develop a collaborative mechanism for the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development in the Pacific islands region. [More:

<http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=3994>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

7-9 March 2006

Cape Verde: Note on the Situation of Teachers

This 15- page document (in French) by Pires Ferreira and Ana Cristina was prepared for a meeting in Dakar (Senegal) of national coordinators for UNESCO's Teacher Training Initiative for Sub-Saharan Africa. [More:

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001448/144825f.pdf>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

28 February 2006

Launch of Pacific Online Community Website: pactoc.telecentre.org

A four-day workshop of the Pacific Telecentre Online Community (PacTOC), held in Auckland and coordinated by the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO, culminated in the launch of a website to support and develop the telecentre movement in the Pacific. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21406&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication).

27 February-3 March 2006

Caribbean Workshop on Marine World Heritage

Raising awareness on nominating marine areas from the Caribbean as World Heritage -- and providing technical knowledge for doing so -- was the aim of a regional training workshop held in Soufriere, St Lucia, in the vicinity of the Pitons Management Area World Heritage site. [More: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/244>]
Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources) and IX (Biodiversity resources)

27 February-1 March 2006

New Media Development Projects in Dominican Republic and Maldives

Projects approved by the Bureau of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) included those on 'Strengthening freedom of expression in the Dominican Republic' and 'Reinforcing community broadcasting at atoll media centres in the Maldives'. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=20756&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=-465.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

17 February 2006

University of the West Indies (UWI) Science and Media Project

The pilot phase of the University of the West Indies (UWI) Science and Media Project was launched with the release of three short 10-minute films (in addition to seven one-minute Public Service Announcements on HIV/AIDS), through a partnership between the UWI and the UNESCO-Kingston Office.

The three main productions are:

'Sick to Death: The Science of HIV/AIDS': the film, together with seven short Public Service Announcements on HIV/AIDS, draws attention to HIV/AIDS prevention while communicating the science of HIV/AIDS in non-technical terms.

'Seeing Red: The Science of Violence' features a presentation on the scientific aspects of violence and was based on research with regional scientists who are experts in the field of human physiology and behaviour.

'Danger' focuses on key environmental science dimensions of illegal sand-mining and improper solid waste management.

The three films are aimed at youth and the general public in the Caribbean, and feature science-related issues such as human physiology and behaviour, environmental management and HIV/AIDS from a pedagogical viewpoint. This initiative has been developed within the framework of UNESCO's programme to produce and disseminate local content and build capacity in respect to Communication and Science work in the Caribbean, in addition to contributing to the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and the UN Literacy Decade.

For further information contact the UNESCO Office in Kingston (kingston@unesco.org).

Mauritius Strategy : Chapters III (Management of wastes), IV (Coastal and marine resources), X (Transport and communication), XI (Science and technology), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development), XVII (Health).

11-24 February 2006

IBE-Mauritius Seminar on Competencies-Based Approaches in Curriculum Development in Primary Education

The International Bureau for Education and the Ministry of Education and Human Resources joined forces in organizing this two-week workshop for Mauritian curriculum specialists. [More:

<http://www.ibe.unesco.org/curriculum/Mauritius.htm>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

7-26 February 2006

University of the Sea 2006 Cruise in the South Pacific

Nineteen students from seven countries (including Fiji and Solomon Islands) took part in the IOC-sponsored Asia-Pacific 'Training-Through-Research' cruise organized by the Australian National University's 'University of the Sea'. Departing from Auckland, the French *Marion Dufresne* vessel went via Noumea to finish in Sydney. The training was associated with a research programme developed by marine geoscientists from Geoscience Australia to evaluate the gas hydrates ('frozen' methane) in ocean sediments. [More: <http://uos.anu.edu.au/calendar/2006.html>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources) XI (Science and technology) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

7-10 February 2006

Havana Meeting on 'New Approaches to Cultural Diversity: the Role of Communities'

The meeting consisted of three inter-related workshops focusing on community participation for Intangible Cultural Heritage, Living Human Treasures in the Latin Caribbean, Cultural Mapping and Indigenous Peoples. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=29830&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

29 January-2 February 2006

Pacific Museums in Sustainable Heritage Development

This Annual ANU (Australia National University) Asia Pacific Week Heritage Workshop was the largest ever meeting of Pacific Islander museum and cultural centre directors, heritage specialists and researchers. [More: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/asiapacificweek/heritage.php>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

23-27 January 2006

Third Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands

'Moving the Global Oceans Agenda Forward' was the focus of the third in a series of global conferences organized by the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands. Among twelve panel sessions, Panel 5 addressed 'Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Small Island Developing States'. Chaired by the outgoing chair of the Alliance for Small Island States (AOSIS), discussants included panellists from Cook Islands, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Seychelles, together with the vice-chair of AOSIS and representatives of the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute, UNEP Caribbean Programme, South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme and Atlantic-SIDS. Other sessions during the Global Forum included those on 'Island life – Island Biodiversity, Livelihoods and International Agreements', 'SIDS, with emphasis on Ocean and Coastal Management' and 'Next Steps in SIDS'. [More: <http://www.globaloceans.org/paris3/index.html>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources) and IX (Biodiversity resources).

22 January- 2 February 2006

Maldives: Television News Production Course

This two-week course aimed at fine-tuning the broadcasting skills of journalists, camera-operators and video-editors from Television Maldives. [More: http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=21375&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

15 January 2006

Communications Plan for the Interim Tsunami Advisory Information Service for the Indian Ocean Region

These proposals draw on experience of tsunami mitigation in the Pacific region, including that of the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre and the Japanese Meteorological Agency. [More:

http://ioc3.unesco.org/indotsunami/documents/IOTWS_CommunicationPlan_15Jan06.pdf]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

10-12 January 2006

Developing a Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions

With Bridgetown (Barbados) as venue, this meeting built on long-term work carried out by the IOC-Caribbean Working Group on Tsunamis, and on the conclusions and recommendations of an 'International Conference for the Development of a Tsunami and Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean Sea and Adjacent Regions', organized jointly by the IOCARIBE-Sub-Commission, UN-ISDR, WMO and UNEP CAR-CU (Mexico City, June 2005). [More: <http://ioc3.unesco.org/cartws>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

January 2006

Status of Coral Reefs in Tsunami Affected Countries: 2005

Edited by Clive Wilkinson, David Souter and Jeremy Goldberg, and with contributions from some 60 authors, this 154-page volume includes chapters on the status of coral reefs in individual countries affected by the 26 December 2004 earthquake and subsequent tsunamis, including the Maldives and Seychelles. The report was produced as an extension of the biennial assessment reports of the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, the sponsoring organizations of which include the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO. [More: <http://www.aims.gov.au/pages/research/coral-bleaching/scr-tac2005/index.html>]

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters), IV (Coastal and marine resources) and IX (Biodiversity resources).

2005

14-16 December 2005

Indian Ocean Tsunami: Hyderabad Meeting (<http://ioc3.unesco.org/indotsunami/hyderabad/index.htm>)

Review of the reports of five working groups figured among the agenda items at the second meeting of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for a Tsunami Warning and Mitigation Group for the Indian Ocean.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

12 December 2005

Media and Education for All in Jamaica (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=20799&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

This seminar sought to combine the expertise of media practitioners across print, electronic and new media with educators at different levels of the education system, towards promoting and championing a deeper and wider understanding of EFA.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

December 2005

'Resilience and Vulnerability' Dossier in the International Journal of Island Affairs

(<http://www.insula.org/publication.htm>)

Among the international NGOs that work closely with UNESCO is the International Scientific Council for Island Development (INSULA), with 'Resilience and vulnerability' the focus of a special dossier in the December 2005 (Year 14, No. 2) issue of the International Journal of Island Affairs.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XX (Implementation).

30 November-2 December 2005

Cape Verde: Biosphere Reserves as a Tool for Biodiversity Conservation

At a workshop in Praia, a range of stakeholders discussed the implementation of the second National Environment Action Plan (PANA II) for Cape Verde, including recommendations for an national action plan for biosphere reserves. For further information, contact Noeline Raondry Rakotoarisoa in the UNESCO-Dakar Office (n.raondryrakotoarisoa@unesco.org).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters VIII (Tourism resources), IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIV(Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

29 November-1 December 2005

Sandwatch Workshop at Port Royal, Jamaica

(http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=30983&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Sandwatch provides a framework for school students, with the help of their teachers and local communities, to work together to critically evaluate the problems and conflicts facing their beach environments and to develop sustainable approaches to address these issues. This workshop was aimed at informing Jamaican educators about Sandwatch and its potential as an educational tool for sustainable development.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources) and XIV(Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

29 November 2005

UNESCO Working Group on Small Island Developing States (http://www.unesco.org/csi/B10/WG-SIDS_MSI29-11-05_SumRec.doc)

Participants presented insights on UNESCO's recent and planned activities in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of SIDS.

Mauritius Strategy: General.

25 November 2005

Cocola Dance Drama Tradition (Dominican Republic) and the Intangible Cultural Heritage

(http://www.unesco.org/culture/intangible-heritage/144ac_uk.htm)

One of a third set of Proclamations of Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage, this dance drama was developed by Caribbean English-speaking migrant workers who came to the Dominican Republic in the mid-nineteenth century. This Masterpiece joined others in SIDS proclaimed in 2001 and 2003, from Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Tonga and Vanuatu.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

21-22 November 2005

Towards a Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (<http://ioc3.unesco.org/neamtws-i>)

At the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for this regional system held in Rome, four intersessional working groups were set up, addressing : Hazard assessment, risk and modelling; Seismic and geophysical measurements; Sea-level measurements; Advisory mitigation and public awareness.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

18 November 2005

‘Are Tiny Islands Viable in the 21st Century?’ (<http://www.sivglobal.org/?read=132>)

Reflections from Micronesia launched a five-part discussion thread in the Small Islands Voice (SIV) Global Discussion Forum. Major challenges to tiny islands flagged in the exchanges included transportation and communication, provision of health and education services, patterns of small-island dependency, the meaning of the word ‘viability’ and developing alternative industries and livelihoods.

Mauritius Strategy: General.

7-10 November 2005

Digital Preservation as Means to Protect Caribbean Cultural Heritage (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=20723&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Antigua was the venue of a second workshop for professionals from the Caribbean region to deal with aspects of the digital preservation and documentation of cultural heritage. Organized as part of the Information for All Programme, a first workshop had been held in Jamaica in July.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).

24-29 October 2005

Pacific Training Course for Municipal Wastewater Managers and Training of Trainers (<http://www.unesco-ihe.org/vmp/articles/News/NEW-20051012-18-12-24.html>)

This training course on wastewater and sanitation management in Pacific Islands was held in Suva (Fiji), organized by the UNESCO Institute for Water Education (IHE) and partners (UNEP, SPREP, SOPAC, USP,...). A CD-ROM on the topic, prepared by the same consortium of institutions, was launched during the course.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters III (Management of wastes) and V (Freshwater resources).

21 October 2005

UNESCO General Conference Resolution on SIDS
(<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001428/142825e.pdf>)

At the end of its 33rd session, the UNESCO General Conference adopted a resolution on the ‘Programme of Action for the sustainable development of small island developing States: further implementation’, following discussions and reports of all five Commissions (I to V) of the General Conference.

Mauritius Strategy: General.

15 October 2005

‘UNESCO’s Response to HIV and AIDS’ (http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=30172&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

This 44-page booklet provides examples of UNESCO’s approach and priorities to address HIV/AIDS and the impact of the epidemic, focusing on prevention and education. Illustrations of regional and country level action include the development in the Caribbean of a regional strategy on education and HIV/AIDS, workplace training materials on HIV and AIDS for educational institutions and strengthening institutional responses to the pandemic.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVII (Health).

12-14 October 2005

Caribbean Workshop on ICTs and Development (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=20135&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Community media practitioners from nine countries took part in this regional workshop on ICTs and sustainable development of remote, rural and marginalized communities, held in Paramaribo, Suriname.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

12 October 2005

'The Canoe is the People' CD-ROM

(http://portal.unesco.org/sc_nat/ev.php?URL_ID=3543&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201&reload=1128099564)

A special ceremony during the UNESCO General Conference in Paris served as the launch for a CD-ROM and learning pack on exploring and sharing traditional navigational knowledge in the Pacific – prepared within the intersectoral project on Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems (LINKS).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XIX (Culture).

October 2005

Science Teacher Workshop in Suva, Fiji (http://info.anu.edu.au/cpas/001PP_About_CPAS/UNESCO.asp)

Part of a joint programme of the Centre for the Public Awareness of Science at the Australian National University and the UNESCO-Apia Office, this workshop built on an earlier training workshop for science teachers held in Samoa.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XI (Science and technology) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

October 2005

INSULA Dossier on Biotechnology, Biodiversity and Culture (<http://www.insula.org/publication.htm>)

Biocultural diversity in island communities, and Medicinal plants in the Pacific Islands, were among the articles in the October 2005 (Year 14, No. 1) issue of the International Journal of Island Affairs, the magazine of the International Scientific Council for Island Development (INSULA).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources), XI (Science and technology), XVII (Health) and XIX (Culture).

28-30 September 2005

ILO/UNESCO Sub-Regional Caribbean Workshop in Kingston (Jamaica): Improving Responses to HIV/AIDS in Education Sector Workplaces (<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001473/147322E.pdf>)

Among the tasks of this workshop was review and modification of 'An HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy for the Education Sector in the Caribbean' (<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001472/147278E.pdf>). This policy provides a framework for addressing HIV and AIDS as a workplace issue in education sector institutions and services through social dialogue processes. In reviewing draft proposals, overarching issues that the participants grappled with were the kind of instrument needed in the present context of countries' approaches to HIV and AIDS, to whom did such a policy apply and who would use it?

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVII (Health).

22 September 2005

Disaster Information Kit for the Caribbean Media, Communities and Families

(http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=19996&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Updated resources to aid news-reporting on hazards and disasters in the Caribbean have been brought together in the sixth edition of a 'Disaster Information Kit for the Caribbean Media', a joint initiative of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA) and UNESCO.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters II (Natural and environmental disasters), X (Transport and communication) and XVII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

5-8 September 2005

World Heritage: Regional Workshop on Potential Themes for Serial and Transboundary Cultural Heritage Sites in the Pacific (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/219>)

Examining serial and transboundary cultural themes for assisting the Pacific Island countries in developing their own Tentative Lists, was the principal aim of a workshop held in Port Vila, Vanuatu, with conclusions and recommendations incorporated in a 21-page workshop report

(<http://whc.unesco.org/uploads/activities/actions/documents/action-91-1.pdf>).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources) and XIX (Culture).

September 2005

'Introduction to Sandwatch: An Educational Tool for Sustainable Development'

(<http://www.unesco.org/csi/pub/papers3/sande.htm>)

Published as Coastal regions and small island papers 19, this 91-page report outlines the origins, development and approaches of Sandwatch. With an initial focus on the Caribbean, objectives include training schoolchildren in the scientific observation of beaches through field measurements and data analysis, and assisting schoolchildren (with the help of teachers and local communities) to use the information collected to better manage the region's beaches.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine resources) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

September 2005

'Embarking on Mauritius Strategy Implementation' (<http://www.unesco.org/csi/B10/msibroch.htm>)

This six-page booklet provides glimpses into UNESCO's initial activities during 2005 in support of the Mauritius Strategy, with particular emphasis on those carried out and supported by Field Offices.

Mauritius Strategy: General.

24 August 2005

'Alternatives to Rising Oil Prices' (<http://www.sivglobal.org/?read=116>)

Using coconut oil and sugar cane derivatives for engine fuels, and capturing energy from sun, wind and waves, were among the opportunities flagged by contributors to a six-part moderated exchange of views within the Small Islands Voice (SIV) Global Discussion Forum.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters V (Energy resources) and X (Transport and communication).

23 August 2005

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

(http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=28104&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Making the slave trade part of the world's collective memory was among the points stressed in the Director-General's message to mark this International Day.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

18-22 July 2005

Jamaica Regional Workshop on Digitization of Cultural Heritage in the Caribbean

(http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=19393&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

This regional workshop on digital preservation and documentation of cultural heritage combined theoretical and hands-on sessions, the presentation of case studies and on-site visits. Taking part were some 40 specialists from the

region who operate within public, private and NGO entities such as libraries, museums, archives, national cultural commissions, national media producers and producers of cultural content.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XIX (Culture).

11-16 July 2005

Inter-regional Small Islands Voice (SIV) Planning Meeting in Bequia, St Vincent and the Grenadines

(<http://www.unesco.org/csi/smis/siv/inter-reg/SIVplanmeet-svg.htm>)

Representatives from thirteen small islands scattered around the globe met in Bequia to share sustainable development experiences and to plan future activities for Small Islands Voice within the overall framework of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy.

Mauritius Strategy: General.

11-15 July 2005

Apia (Samoa) Workshop on the Use of Technology for Museums of the Pacific Island Region

(<http://www.pacificasiaobservatory.org/projects.php?projectyear=2005>)

Workshop geared to assessing the digital needs of Pacific Island museums and cultural centres, especially in relation to the setting up of web sites. Organized under the aegis of the International Council of Museums and the Pacific Asia Observatory for Cultural Diversity in Human Development.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XIX (Culture).

4 July 2005

Launch of Online Course on Local e-Governance in the Caribbean (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=19336&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

An initiative of UNESCO and the University of the West Indies Distance Education Centre (UWIDEC), this course has been designed to improve the knowledge, skills and capabilities of people in governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations in the Caribbean in the use of ICTs in governance and government. The pilot version of the course ran for ten weeks, from 19 September to 25 November 2005.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).

30 June 2005

Towards a Global Early Warning System for Tsunamis and Other Ocean-Related Hazards

(<http://ioc.unesco.org/indotsunami/IOC23/resolution13.htm>)

Building on the existing arrangements for the Pacific and the emerging system for the Indian Ocean, at its 23rd General Assembly in June 2005, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission adopted resolutions for establishing somewhat analogous warning systems for tsunamis and other coastal hazards for the Caribbean and adjacent regions (Resolution 13) and for the northeastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and connected seas (Resolution 14), as well as a framework for an overall global system (Resolution 15).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

30 June 2005

Setting up of Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (<http://ioc3.unesco.org/indotsunami>)

During its twenty-third session (21-30 June 2005) in Paris, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) formally established the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWS), through Resolution IOC-XXIII-12.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

29 June 2005

Marshall Islands: Workshop on Transparency and Good Governance (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=19329&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

The third in a series of UNESCO workshops in the Republic of the Marshall Islands dedicated to the principles of good governance and transparency has seen the generation of two new initiatives by the staff of the government radio station, V7AB. One project concerns the need for establishing clear and concise freedom of news and information policy for government broadcasting, the other is a plan to assist in raising public awareness of educational standards.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).

21 June 2005

'Saving for the Future' in Small-Island Communities (<http://www.sivglobal.org/?read=108>)

A central challenge for policy makers is how to stimulate creativity and optimize the resourceful energies of island peoples. This was among the themes running through a four-part moderated discussion in the Small Islands Voice Global Forum.

Mauritius Strategy: General.

21 June 2005

Collections from Cuba and Trinidad & Tobago Inscribed on the Memory of the World Register

(http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=19320&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

The 'Fondo Jose Marti Perez' inscription from Cuba and the C.L.R. James Collection from Trinidad & Tobago were among 29 new documentary collections added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme and Register, established to preserve and raise awareness of documentary heritage, the memory of the world, which reflects the diversity of languages, peoples and cultures.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XVII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XIX (Culture).

27-29 June 2005

First Biosphere Reserves in Pacific SIDS (http://www.unesco.org/mab/icc/bureau/2005June/eng/E_report.pdf)

The first two biosphere reserves in Pacific Island countries were approved by the Bureau for the Man and the Biosphere MAB Programme at its meeting in Paris.

- **Utwe, Federated States of Micronesia**

(<http://www2.unesco.org/mab/br/brdir/directory/biores.asp?code=MIC+01&mode=all>)

- **Ngaremeduu, Palau** (<http://www2.unesco.org/mab/br/brdir/directory/biores.asp?code=PLW+01&mode=all>)

In both sites, the emphasis is on community-level approaches to conservation and sustainable development of coastal-marine ecosystems as well as land areas. With these two new biosphere reserves in the Pacific, the World Network of Biosphere Reserves comprised (in mid-2005) 482 sites in 102 countries.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IV (Coastal and marine ecosystems) and IX (Biodiversity resources).

27-31 May 2005

PNG Project Among Mondialogo Engineering Awards

(http://portal.unesco.org/sc_nat/ev.php?URL_ID=4764&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201&reload=1145633792)

A joint initiative of DaimlerChrysler and UNESCO, the Mondialogo Engineering Awards calls on students from industrial and developing countries to work together on technical proposals addressing the UN Millennium Development Goals, particularly the eradication of poverty and the promotion of environmentally sustainable

development. More than 1,700 young engineers and students from 79 countries registered for the 2005 contest. The winners were announced during an international **symposium and award-giving ceremony held in Berlin** (http://portal.unesco.org/sc_nat/ev.php?URL_ID=4566&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201&reload=1118396333). Among the prize-winning awards: **Remote Community Field Trials of Solar Powered Water Treatment for Remote Communities in Papua New Guinea**. (<http://www.mondialogo.org/engineering-award/winners/water-papua-new-guinea/?L=en>)

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters V (Freshwater resources), VII (Energy resources), XI (Science and technology) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

25 May 2005

Pacific Professionals Exploring Freedom of Expression in Cyberspace (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=19179&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

A week-long internship organized by the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO enabled five media and information professionals (from Cook Islands, Fiji and Solomon Islands) to examine issues related to freedom of expression and freedom of information in the digital world and as relating to Pacific Island countries.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).

19 May 2005

Press Freedom Workshops in the Caribbean (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18864&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

The Eastern Caribbean Press Council and UNESCO joined forces in organizing in St George's (Grenada) the first in a series of workshops on ethical practices, journalism training and management of press freedom in the Caribbean. The event marked World Press Freedom Day, and was followed by public discussion and debate focusing on the media's direct input in promoting good governance, journalistic ethics, self-regulation and the code of practice.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).

18-21 May 2005

Integrated Community Media for Isolated Indigenous Communities in the Caribbean (http://portal.unesco.org/fr/ev.php-URL_ID=24677&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Trainees from Dominica and St Vincent & the Grenadines were among those who took part in a regional workshop held at the Tumul Kin Centre of Learning in Blue Creek, Belize, aimed at promoting the use of ICTs for sustainable human development of Carib and other indigenous communities in the region.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XIX (Culture).

6 May 2005

IOC Handbook on Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management

This preliminary version of 'A Handbook for Measuring the Progress and Outcomes of Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management' (released as IOC Manuals and Guides 46/ICAM Dossier 2) aims to provide a tool for developing, selecting and applying indicators to measure, evaluate and report on integrated coastal and ocean management initiatives. Enquiries to IOC's Julian Barbieri (j.barbieri@unesco.org).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter IV (Coastal and marine resources).

5-8 May 2005

UWIHARP HIV/AIDS Research Conference in Barbados

(http://hivaidsclearinghouse.unesco.org/ev_en.php?ID=5091_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC)

Moving towards a strategic framework for HIV/AIDS research in the Caribbean -- with an emphasis on behaviour change – was a major aim of this conference.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVII (Health).

May 2005

Launch of Register of Pacific Scientists (<http://www.pacificscience.net>)

This register is a joint initiative of the UNESCO Office for the Pacific States in Apia and the Centre for the Public Awareness of Science at the Australian National University. It comprises an online database of scientists and people in areas related to science, science teaching and science communication in the Pacific.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XI (Science and technology) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

27-29 April 2005

Youth Creating and Communicating on HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean (http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=27290&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Representatives of youth organizations from eight Caribbean countries met in Trinidad to design a new web-based discussion and learning portal on HIV/AIDS for Caribbean young people. The workshop was organized by the UNESCO Office for the Caribbean, International Education and Resource Network (IERN) Trinidad and Tobago, and the UNESCO DigiArts Team in order to customize and re-design the existing web programme of ‘Youth creating and communicating on HIV/AIDS’ to the needs and aspirations of the Caribbean youth, especially tackling socio-cultural realities and issues related to this topic.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XVII (Health).

5 April 2005

Small Islands Voice (SIV) Discussion Forum: Water Supply and Conservation

(http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=29540&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

‘Water cuts normal for consumers in Fiji’ provided the starting point for a discussion thread in the SIV Global Forum . The lead item was based on an article in the Fiji Times and triggered many comments and suggestions from other islanders.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters V (Freshwater resources) and X (Transport and communication).

4-6 April 2005

‘Information for All’ Grants to Information Society Projects (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18593&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Projects approved by the eighth session of the Bureau of the Information for All Programme included those on ‘Recruiting and training library cadets for a sustainable Bahamas’, ‘Preservation as means of protecting Caribbean cultural heritage’ and ‘Information literacy training programme for public libraries across the Commonwealth’.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

April 2005

Maldives: Training of Media Professionals

(http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18744&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Eleven professionals from the Voice of Maldives and TV Maldives took part in an in-country training workshop organized by UNESCO and the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), as part of joint initiatives to reinforce the capabilities of radio and TV workers to produce quality content for development.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication) and XVI (National and regional enabling environments).

16 March 2005

Intersectoral Information Meeting at UNESCO House for Permanent Delegates and Observers

(http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=28850&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

This meeting provided an occasion within UNESCO to exchange views on the Mauritius International Meeting and its immediate follow-up. One conclusion was that the Mauritius Strategy calls for action in many fields related to UNESCO's concerns, programmes and priorities.

Mauritius Strategy: General.

7-9 March 2005

New Media Development Projects in SIDS (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18385&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

At its forty-eighth session, the Bureau of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) approved 51 new projects, including proposals for Cape Verde, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Micronesia, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines and Tonga, as well as regional projects in the Caribbean and Pacific.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

17-19 February 2005

Intangible Cultural Heritage: Caribbean Regional Meeting at Roseau, Dominica

(http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=25802&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

This meeting was the seventh of a series of eight organized by UNESCO in different regions of the world to promote the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter XIX (Culture).

16 February 2005

Science Education Policy Forum in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=25816&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Developing a framework for science education policy, which could be adapted to the various needs and cultures of the countries of the region, was among the recommendations of this meeting.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters XI (Science and technology) and XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development).

9 February 2005

Small Islands Voice (SIV) Discussion Thread on 'Communities Planning Their Future in a Post-Tsunami World' (<http://www.sivglobal.org/?read=88>)

Extracts from a newspaper article in Mauritius' News on Sunday provided the starting point for a discussion thread in the SIV discussion forum (some 40,000 individuals connected), which highlighted the vulnerability of islanders throughout the world to natural hazards such as tsunamis and gave examples of how communities in different regions perceive and address that issue.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapter II (Natural and environmental disasters).

February 2005

Marshall Islands: Media Workshop on Transparency and Governance (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18261&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

'Getting the Message Across - Transparency and Governance in the Marshall Islands' was the theme of a two-week workshop sponsored by the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), designed for staff of the government radio station V7AB.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

28 January 2005

Director-General Condemns Murder of Haitian Radio Journalist (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18134&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

UNESCO Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura condemned the murder of Haitian radio reporter Abdias Jean, allegedly killed by police in the Village de Dieu sector of the capital Port-au-Prince on 14 January.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVI (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).

27 January-4 February 2005

Digitizing Samoa's Radio Archives (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18282&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Preserving the sound archive of the Samoa Broadcasting Corporation was the underlying aim of a workshop conducted by the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, with support from UNESCO's International Programme for the Development of Communication. The archive's 2,500 tapes contain recordings of the country's music and culture as well as political and religious events of more than 40 years of Samoa's history.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making) and XIX (Culture).

27 January 2005

Reef and Rainforest: An Environmental Encyclopedia of the Marovo Lagoon, Solomon Islands (http://portal.unesco.org/sc_nat/ev.php?URL_ID=4286&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201&reload=1105712346)

This bilingual encyclopedia of the local knowledge of the coral reef and rainforest communities of Marovo Lagoon was published as 'Knowledges of Nature 1' and launched on the occasion of an international conference on 'Biodiversity: Science and Governance' held at UNESCO House in Paris.

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters IX (Biodiversity resources), XIV (Sustainable capacity development and education for sustainable development) and XIX (Culture).

19 January 2005

On Grassroots Activities and Income Generation: femTALK Radio in Fiji (http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=18033&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Policies underpinning the activities of a foundation that promotes rural integrated enterprises have been featured in a women's community radio project in Fiji, which uses a low power (100 watt) transmitter to broadcast within local communities. The project is supported by UNESCO's Intergovernmental Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC).

Mauritius Strategy: Chapters X (Transport and communication), XIV (National and regional enabling environments) and XVIII (Knowledge management and information for decision-making).