

Weekly Newsletter

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Message from the Director

This is the last weekly newsletter for 2016. As you can see there are still several activities taking place.



In Madagascar, the Peacebuilding Fund projects have kicked off with the first dialogue session between security forces and journalists. Editors and media owners also pledged their support for investigative journalism and documentation centres. They identified training needs for them to provide better services in the public accessing public information. In Uganda, a National Stakeholders Meeting on CapED activities is taking place.

As we approach the end of the year, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support that has contributed to UNESCO delivering to its Member States. As we saw during the retreat, the office achieved a lot and we have a lot of great ideas for the coming years.

This year was the first year of the 38 C/5 and we still have one year left to deliver on the programme. Work on the 39 C/5 has started and I encourage all of you to actively engage in the process of finalizing the programme and budget for 2018 to 2019 in order to have a 39 C/5 that corresponds to the needs of the Member States. The 39 C/5 will also be an opportunity for the office to work on its region strategy, plan for its implementation and put the necessary resources and tools in place to implement our aspirations for the region. The National Commissions are also gathering in Nairobi, Kenya in its efforts better integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in its work. The Regional Workshop on SDGs and National Commissions for East Africa is taking place from 19 to 20 December 2016 with the support of the German National Commission for UNESCO.

I would like to wish everyone in the office a happy festive season. As you know, the Director-General has decided to exceptionally grant to all staff and personnel two additional days of leave on the following dates: Friday 23 December 2016 and Tuesday 27 December 2016. I wish those who celebrate Christmas a merry Christmas!

In the spirit of Christmas, I would also like to acknowledge the UNEP Sports for Peace and Development initiative on 17 December 2016 at UNON in Nairobi, Kenya. The Office made some donations as Christmas gifts and I was asked to make a few remarks on the power of sport through which we can build peace, promote tolerance and enhance intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding. Let these key-words be our moto for 2017.

May 2017 bring a lot of goodwill and happiness to you all.

Ann Therese Ndong Jatta

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Ann Therese Ndong Jatta addressing children at UNON in Nairobi, Kenya © UNESCO

Web events of the week



[Djibouti examines its efforts to promote the creative industries and the diversity of cultural expressions](#)



[Students and Teachers in Rwanda Review and Validate the UNESCO Freedom of Expression Toolkit for Use in the National Context](#)



[East African participants benefit from listing, funding and capacity-building during the 11th session of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee](#)

Events of the week

Madagascar

20 to 21 Dec 2016: Workshop on the Restitution and Validation of the Guide on the Harmonization of Certification and Training Engineering in Antananarivo

22 Dec 2016: Workshop for the launch of the Global Monitoring Report on Education in Antananarivo

Uganda

19 to 21 Dec 2016: National Stakeholders Meeting on CapED Activities i.e. TMIS, National Teacher Policy, CPD Framework, Gender Responsive Pedagogy, and Social Dialogue Framework in Kampala

Special Events

Announced holidays by the Director General

23 December 2016

27 December 2016

2 January 2017



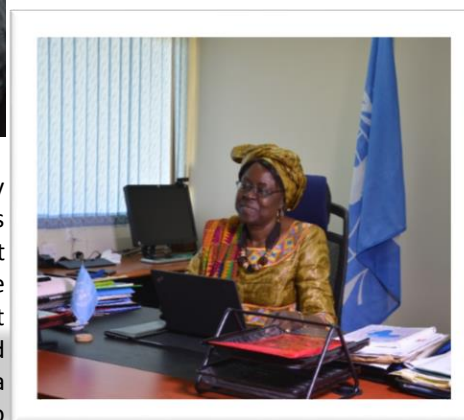
Birthdays



24 December
Walter Owuor's Birthday

Meetings

14 Dec 2016: UNESCO supporting the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education Documentaries in Nairobi, Kenya



UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa is supporting the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to document 'Voices of learners living with HIV' and 'Experiences from an adolescent girl' project respectively. Over the last one year UNESCO in partnership with the Ministry of Education and with financial support of the Government of Azerbaijan have been implementing the "Health literacy and behavior change practices among adolescent girls in the Kibera informal settlement". The primary objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness of the delivery of health information to enhance behavior transformation among adolescent girls and boost their retention in school. The documentation on learners living with HIV aims at strengthening the teachers' competencies in prevention, treatment, care and support. UNESCO's Regional Director, Ms. Ann Therese Ngong Jatta, was interviewed for the two documentaries. The final products will be shared in January 2017. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

14 Dec 2016: Somalia media development meeting in Nairobi, Kenya



Mr. Abdirashid Ibrahim, the Vice President of Marodijeh International University in Hargeisa Somaliland, held a meeting with Lydia Gachungi of CI sector to discuss possible areas of partnership towards strengthening the newly established Journalism degree programme. By adapting UNESCO model curricula for journalism education according to the country's context, the degree programme will offer courses that enable the journalists to be professional, produce media products that educate the youth and change their mind sets on radicalization and extremism that promotes terrorist activities as well as contribute to the country's democratic process and peacebuilding. Mr. Ibrahim has been a long-time key partner in UNESCO's effort towards upgrading the capacities of media training institutions in Somaliland, to ensure they offer high-quality training and journalism education. In 2008, he played a crucial role in the successful implementation of the University of Hargeisa Community Multimedia Centre establishment through UNESCO-IPDC funding. With the ongoing UNESCO teacher training in Somaliland, Mr. Ibrahim is also keen to support the sector's partnership with the media, in raising visibility of the ongoing capacity building activities.

14 to 15 Dec 2016: Education for Sustainable Development meeting in Nairobi, Kenya



UNESCO and the Ministry of Education-Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) core team held a 2- day meeting to collectively develop an action plan that will guide the ESD policy implementation at the national and county levels. After completion of the action plan, the next steps will entail capacity development of the county ESD focal persons to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the ESD policy at county levels with an oversight provided by the Ministry of education at national level. UNESCO will provide technical support in the development of the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials that will help in the training and dissemination processes.



14 Dec 2016: Dialogue session between police forces and journalists in Antananarivo, Madagascar

15 Dec 2016: Roundtable with media owners and editors on the importance of investigative journalism in Antananarivo, Madagascar





Wishing you a happy new 2017

