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No. 1

Highlights

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

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

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

Yesterday, Monday 2 November 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tomorrow, Wednesday 4 November 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We wish you an inspiring session.

Rossella Salvia
Delegates' Information Bureau



Special events

Special lunch to endorse the Safe Schools Declaration

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

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

Special Announcement

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

Programme of meetings

Today -Tuesday, 3 November 2015

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

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

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

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

Official visit of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon of Norway

Credential Committee

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

Nominations Committee

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

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

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

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

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



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Wednesday, 04 November 2015

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No. 2

Highlights

Today, Wednesday 4 November 2015

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

Yesterday, Tuesday 3 November 2015

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

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

Tomorrow, Thursday 5 November 2015

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

Special events

Launch event for the Gender Summary of the EFA GMR 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room IX

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

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

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room XII

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

Launch of *Rethinking Education* publication

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Room II

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

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

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

Presentations

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

Programme of meetings Wednesday, 4 November

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

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General Committee

9:00 a.m.	Item	First Meeting	X
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Plenary Meeting

10:00 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	I
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Legal Committee

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

Qualifications in Higher Education (document 38 C/72)

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

APX Commission

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

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

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

Legal Committee

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

Joint Meeting of Commissions

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

APX Commission

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

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



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Highlights

Today, Thursday 5 November 2015

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

Yesterday, Wednesday 4 November 2015

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

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

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

Tomorrow, Friday 6 November 2015

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

Special events

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

1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room II

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

Achieving the SDGs: Rethinking Education and Learning

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room VII

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

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

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

Mini-conference

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

Presentations

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

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

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

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

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

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MORNING

Plenary Meeting

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

APX Commission

10:00 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	XI
	11.2	Mandate of the Headquarters Committee	
	11.1	Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex	
		If time allows	
	3.1	Methods of preparing the budget, budget estimates for 2016-2017, and budgeting techniques	
	3.5	Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling	
	3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017	
		Part I General Policy and Direction	
		Part II.A UNESCO Institute for Statistics	
		Management of Field Offices	
		Part II.B Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit Africa	
		Coordination and monitoring of action to benefit	

gender equality
UNESCO's response to post-conflict and post-disaster situations
Strategic planning, programme monitoring and budget preparation
Organization-wide knowledge management
External relations and public information

ED Commission

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

AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

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

3:00 p.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	XI
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ED Commission

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

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	APX Commission	XI
	ED Commission	II



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Highlights

Today, Friday 6 November 2015

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

Yesterday, Thursday 5 November 2015

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

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

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

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

Tomorrow, Saturday 7 November 2015

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

Special events

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

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

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

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

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Bar 7th Floor

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

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

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

Presentations

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

UNESCO 2015 Stamps

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

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2015

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	Nominations Committee	IV
	APX Commission	XI
	ED Commission	II
3:00 p.m.	Eighth Plenary Meeting	I
	APX Commission	XI
	ED Commission	II
	LEG Committee	VI

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Bureau

9 a.m.	Item	Second Meeting	X
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Plenary Meeting

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

APX Commission

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

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

ED Commission

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

Nominations Committee

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

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Plenary Meeting

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

APX Commission

10:00 a.m. Item Sixth Meeting XI

ED Commission

3:00 p.m. Item Fourth Meeting II

LEG Committee

3:00 p.m. Item Third Meeting VI

Examination and adoption of the draft reports of the Legal Committee

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Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Ninth Plenary Meeting	I
	Nominations Committee	IV
	APX Commission	XI
	ED Commission	II

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AFTERNOON

ED Commission

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

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	Nominations Committee	IV
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3 p.m.	APX Commission	XI
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Highlights

Today, Saturday 7 November 2015

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

Yesterday, Friday 6 November 2015

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

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

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

Monday 9 November 2015

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

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

Special announcement

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

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2015

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

There will be no meeting of NOM Committee and APX Commission

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

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

Education Commission

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

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AFTERNOON

ED Commission

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

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3 p.m.	APX Commission	XI
	SC Commission	II



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Highlights

Today, Monday 9 November 2015

- H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, will pay an official visit to the General Conference and address the plenary.
- H.E. Mr. Jorge Carlos De Almeida Fonseca, President of the Republic of Cabo Verde, will pay an official visit to the General Conference and address the plenary.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 10 November 2015

- *UNESCO Science Report 2015* will be launched on the occasion of World Science Day for Peace and Development. Every five years, this unique report monitors the status of science, technology and innovation around the world, providing a snapshot of current trends and developments in human and financial investment, research priorities and scientific productivity, using data provided by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and other sources.

The 2015 edition examines the impact on higher education, research and innovation of the financial and economic crisis of 2008–2009, the Arab Spring of 2011 and other momentous events. It analyses which development path countries are choosing and how they are balancing support for public good science with the imperative of industrial development and international competitiveness. It also examines developments in international relations, including as regards trends in scientific co-operation and science

diplomacy, at a time when regional economic communities are placing science, technology and innovation high on their development agenda.

Special events

“Promoting South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development” under Malaysia-UNESCO Cooperation Programme

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room IX

This round table discussion will highlight key achievements of the projects included in the Malaysia-UNESCO Cooperation Programme (MUCP) which are consistent with Malaysia’s commitments to the UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development as well as UNESCO’s priorities to tackle today’s acute economic, social and environmental challenges for achieving sustainable societies.

Parallel to the discussion, an exhibition will showcase the key projects supported by the MUCP, including display of informational and promotional materials and a short video clip.

Celebration of the 50th anniversary of UNESCO’s water programmes

1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m., Room II

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of UNESCO’s water programmes and the 40th anniversary of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP), the IHP Secretariat organizes a jubilee event during the General Conference. A panel of regional representatives will share their views about the impact of UNESCO’s water programmes in their regions over the past fifty years, as well as their vision for the future of their collaboration with IHP. The event will help IHP strengthen its role for the Member States in addressing water-related challenges and implementing the water-related goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Launch of *Sex disaggregated indicators for water assessment, monitoring and reporting* publication

2:10 p.m. – 2:50 p.m., Room II

This technical paper is the first tool and output of a broader project financed by the World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) on Gender-sensitive water monitoring, assessment and reporting. It provides a groundbreaking path for professionals, researchers, development practitioners and government ministries to mainstream gender in their statistics on water.

CONNECT-U, a story of knowledge sharing innovation across UNESCO in Africa

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room XI

CONNECT-U is about creating One-UNESCO where knowledge sharing and collaboration among colleagues are an integral part of how we do business. It all started in Africa as part of

UNESCO's Field Reform. Join us to hear the inspiring story of the organizational innovation in UNESCO.

11th Coordination Meeting of ISESCO's Member States Heads' of Delegation participating in the 38th General Conference of UNESCO

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Room X

This meeting will be attended by the Heads of Delegation of ISESCO-UNESCO Joint Member States. It will be an opportunity to highlight the vital dimensions of the partnership between the two institutions, and sensitize the concerned Member States to strongly support this cooperation.

#Unite4Heritage and NET-MED Youth photo exhibit

From 9 to 20 November 2015; Fences of UNESCO building

The Networks of Mediterranean Youth (NET-MED Youth) exhibit is held in partnership with La Maison de l'Image in Tunisia as a foretaste of an upcoming street art campaign that brings young Tunisian photographers together to represent, through photography, the rich tangible and intangible heritage of their country. This exhibit showcases the commitment of NET-MED Youth to rally youth and encourage their participation in building peaceful and sustainable societies, sharing common youth challenges. The exhibit also displays images of the involvement of youth across the world as part of the different #Unite4Heritage initiatives. NET-MED Youth is a project implemented by UNESCO and funded by EU. This project works with youth and youth organizations in eastern and western Mediterranean countries. It aims at building the capacities of youth and promoting their active engagement in the development and implementation of national policies and strategies on youth, ensuring that youth issues are adequately covered by national and regional media, and identifying workable models for improving youth access to employment and youth inclusion in different sectors.

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presentation of the work of the Social and Human Sciences Commission with the Secretariat of the Commission

Presentations

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. World Mountain People Association
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. International Federation of Training Centres for the Promotion of Progressive Education (FICEMEA)
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pax Christi International

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2015

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	APX Commission	XI
	SC Commission	II
	Nominations Committee	IV
11:30 a.m.	Plenary – Item 8.3	I
3 p.m.	APX Commission	XI
	SC Commission	II
5:30 p.m.	Plenary	I

MORNING

Plenary Meeting

10 a.m.	Item	Tenth Meeting	I
		DG's Reply to General Policy Debate	
11.30 a.m.		Plenary	I
	8.3	Request for the admission of the Republic of Kosovo to UNESCO	

APX Commission

10 a.m.	Item	Seventh Meeting	XI
	9.1	Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2013, and report by the External Auditor	
	9.2	Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the year ended 31	

December 2014 – Report by the External Auditor

- 5.2 Follow-up to the United Nations Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) recommendations concerning the methods of work of UNESCO's intergovernmental bodies – Report by the External Auditor
- 5.8 Governance and working procedures and methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO
- 5.7 Amendments of Financial Regulation 12.10

SC Commission

- 10 a.m. Item First Meeting II
- 4.5 Conclusions of the youth Forum: Young Global Citizens for a Sustainable Planet
- 3.4 Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) – Science

Nominations Committee

- 10 a.m. Item Third Meeting IV
- 1.5 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs of the Commissions and Committees
- 12.1 Election of Members of the Executive Board
- 12.2 to 12.15 Elections of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference

AFTERNOON

APX Commission

- 3 p.m. Item Eight Meeting XI

SC Commission

- 3 p.m. Item Second Meeting II

Plenary Meeting

5:30 p.m.	Item	Address by H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia	I
	Item	Address by H.E. Mr. Jorge Carlos De Almeida Fonseca, President of the Republic of Cabo Verde	I

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Time	Organ	Room
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	SHS Commission	XII
	CI Commission	XI



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Highlights

Today, Tuesday 10 November 2015

- The “**UNESCO Science Report 2015**” will be launched on the occasion of World Science Day for Peace and Development. Every five years, this unique report monitors the status of science, technology and innovation around the world, providing a snapshot of current trends and developments in human and financial investment, research priorities and scientific productivity, using data provided by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and other sources.

Written by about 60 experts, each covering the country or region from which they hail, the “UNESCO Science Report: towards 2030” provides more country-level information than ever before. The trends and developments in science, technology and innovation policy and governance between 2009 and mid-2015 described here, provide essential baseline information on the concerns and priorities of countries that should orient the implementation and drive the assessment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the years to come.

Yesterday, Monday 9 November 2015

- H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, called for a “globalization of peoples” in his address to the plenary. “The United Nations were created for the sake of unity, life and the planet,” declared Evo Morales, “for peace, justice, equality and the dignity of peoples. [...] “This new millennium is a time when the people are in command through democratically elected presidents, which is why we need transnational organizations such as UNESCO to be organizations of integration.” “Bolivia has made much progress over a short period of time. In government, thanks to the participation of the people, in the economy, thanks to the nationalization of basic

services such as water, and the redistribution of wealth for the benefit of the people.” Evo Morales went on to declare that “politics are about service, commitment and sacrifice for the people.”

The President thanked UNESCO for its recognition of a number of Bolivian intangible cultural traditions and welcomed the recent restitution of cultural artefacts such as El Ekeko from Europe where it had been since 1840. He called on UNESCO to continue helping Bolivia reclaim its indigenous heritage.

- H.E. Mr. Jorge Carlos De Almeida Fonseca, President of the Republic of Cabo Verde, addressed the plenary.

After praising the work of UNESCO over the past 70 years, the President pointed to the challenges facing humanity, such as the state of quality education, the protection of the environment and the development of effective citizenship.

“To these challenges we must add the fight against intolerance, the culture of violence and extremism, which unfortunately do not spare defenseless populations, nor iconic symbols of human creativity and cultural heritage that is historic and universal”.

“As a developing African island State, Cabo Verde welcomes the priority given to Africa and to Small Island Developing States, and we are convinced that this will be reflected significantly in the mobilization of resources”.

The President reiterated his country’s support to UNESCO’s activities, which support dialogue, the culture of peace and citizenship education. “We must act as a global family in which solidarity, cooperation and partnerships take on a truly humanist and constructive form.”

- A vote took place in the Plenary on the request for admission of the Republic of Kosovo to UNESCO. In accordance with UNESCO’s Constitution, a two-thirds majority of Member States present and voting is required for the decision to be carried forward. Following a roll call vote, the General Conference decided not to take this proposal forward, by 92 votes in favour, 50 votes against and 29 abstentions. A majority of 95 was needed.

Executive Board Elections

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

The day before the ballot, **Tuesday 10 November 2015**, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., ballot papers (colour-coded by electoral group) and envelopes will be available in the voting room (Room V), and can be collected either at that point, or on the actual day of the ballot. The delegate collecting them on behalf of his/her delegation shall write his/her name on the list of Member States entitled to vote at this session of the General Conference, and sign it.

Special events

IIEP Open House for National Commissions and Delegations

11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., IIEP

IIEP's Open House is an opportunity for National Commissions and Delegations to learn about IIEP's support to Member States. A formal presentation on the training, research and technical cooperation work will be followed by a Q&A session. Displays of publications, brochures and online portals will allow for informal exchanges.

CONNECT-U – Innovative knowledge sharing initiative to connect UNESCO colleagues worldwide.

Presented daily on the dedicated stand in the Hall of Pas perdus with special presentation sessions at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

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| 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Quadrennial Report of the Director-General – General overview |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | The #Unite4Heritage Campaign |

Presentations

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| 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. | International Catholic Child Bureau |
| 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | World Jewish Congress (WJC) |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (IFWLC) |

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2015

Time	Organ	Room
9 a.m.	Bureau	X
	Nominations Committee	IV
10 a.m.	SC Commission	II
	CI Commission	XI
3 p.m.	SC Commission	II
	SHS Commission	XII
	CI Commission	XI

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Bureau

9 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	X
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Nominations Committee

9 a.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	IV
	1.5	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs of the Commissions and Committees	
	12.1	Election of members of the Executive Board	
	12.2 to 12.15	Elections Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference	

Natural Sciences Commission

10 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	II
	4.20	Contribution by UNESCO in combating climate change	
	4.19	Proclamation of 26 July as the : International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove System	

Communication and Information Commission

10 a.m.	Item	First Meeting	XI
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reports on the implementation of the Information for All Programme (IFAP) (2014-2015) by its Chairperson- Report by the Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) on its activities (2014-2015)	
	3.4	Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5)	
	4.5	Conclusions of the Youth Forum	

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Natural Sciences Commission

3 p.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	II
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Social and Human Sciences Commission

3 p.m	Item	First Meeting	XII
		Presentation of a joint statement on behalf of the Chairpersons of the five intergovernmental/international scientific programmes (MAB, IGCP, IHP, MOST and IBSP) and the IOC	
	3.4	Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5)	
	4.5	Conclusions of the Youth Forum	

Communication and Information Commission

3 p.m.	Item	Second Meeting	XI
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Provisional schedule of meetings
Wednesday 11 November 2015

Time	Organ	Room
10 a.m.	SHS Commission	XII
	CI Commission	XI
	Nominations Committee	IV
Afternoon (5:00 p.m. approx.)	Plenary	I
3:00 p.m.	SHS Commission	XII
	CI Commission	XI
	Nominations Committee	IV



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Executive Board Elections

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

[PERSIST: UNESCO forges partnerships against the loss of digital heritage](#)

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m., Room XI

Much of the world's documentary heritage exists in digital form, created by the authors using the particular software and hardware products that existed at the time. With the passage of time, these technologies became obsolete, withdrawn from the market and no longer supported. In many cases the digital material still exists but cannot be rendered in a useable form. In effect, the digital documentary heritage is lost to humanity, not because the primary source material is lost but because we have lost the ability to read it. The UNESCO PERSIST Project aims at fostering a high-level policy dialogue between heritage institutions (in the broadest sense of the term), government and ICT-industry on digital preservation under the aegis of UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme.

This event will present PERSIST's achievements up to now concentrating especially on the cooperation of heritage institutions and ICT-community and to the plans for creating a Heritage Software Platform and on the Guidelines for Selection of Digital Heritage. The Side event will also inaugurate the exhibition on Memory of the World educational materials showing two best-practice examples of developing innovative curricula and research on Memory of the World

and/or on documents, especially in an interdisciplinary and international manner and often related to the internet.

Yesterday, Tuesday 10 November 2015

- The “**UNESCO Science Report 2015**”, which monitors the status of science, technology and innovation around the world, was launched on the occasion of the World Science Day for Peace and Development.

“In the wake of the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals to 2030 by the United Nations General Assembly, the UNESCO Science Report clearly shows that research is both a motor for economic development and a cornerstone in the construction of societies that are more sustainable and more respectful of the planet,” said the Director-General, Irina Bokova.

Despite the economic crisis, global spending on Research and Development (R&D) has increased, owing a great deal to the private sector, which has compensated for frozen or reduced public spending in a number of industrialized countries. It has been identified as a key factor in promoting economic growth and development. As a result, many countries, regardless of the size of their income, now see research and innovation as a way to keep up in a highly competitive world and technologies fostering sustainable development are an emerging priority.

This investment in research also translates into an increase in the number of scientists, more mobile, and students going abroad, having now a wider choice (South Africa, Cuba, Malaysia...). Even countries suffering from brain drain, such as Sudan or Ethiopia, are now attracting researchers. Nevertheless, research is still a very male world. Women have more limited access to funding than men and are less well represented in prestigious universities. A number of countries have put in place policies to reverse this trend.

“Formulating a successful national science and innovation policy remains a very difficult task”, conclude the authors of the report. “This will require simultaneous action on several fronts, whether it is education, basic research, technological development or indeed private investment in R&D”.

Tomorrow, Thursday 12 November 2015

- Launched in March 2015, the **#Unite4Heritage campaign** has reached millions of people in its efforts to raise awareness of the need to safeguard and celebrate cultural heritage and diversity, and provide an alternative narrative to the violent propaganda of extremists. The intersectoral approach takes advantage of new technologies and brings together UNESCO’s expertise in Culture, Communications and Youth issues, combined with the critical on-the-ground reach of Field Offices. The event will present an insight into UNESCO’s activities related to the safeguarding of cultural heritage now and in the future.

The #Unite4Heritage side event will bring together heritage champions from around the world to speak about their experiences in protecting cultural heritage from destruction. These include Iraqi Dominican priest Najeeb Michael and El Boukhari Ben Essayouti, current Head of the Cultural Mission of Timbuktu. Annie Sartre, a world-renowned expert on Palmyra and its famous ruler Queen Zenobia, will share her insights on the destruction of this hugely important site, which reverberated around the world this year. The Director-General of UNESCO Irina Bokova will also speak, and officially launch the Heritage Preservation Fund, which supports the safeguarding of cultural heritage wherever it may be under attack.

- The **10th anniversary of the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF)** will be celebrated during an event which will also be the occasion to provide information on African World Heritage Day to take place every year on 5 May following the decision of the 197th session of the Executive Board.

Special events

Presentation of International Sustainable Energy Development Centre (ISED) activity report

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m., Room IX

The International Sustainable Energy Development Centre (Category 2 Centre under the auspices of UNESCO) will present its activity report for the biennium 2014-2015, including publishing projects.

ONG stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

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| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Presentation of the work of the CLT Commission with the Secretariat of the Commission |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Use of the name, acronym and logo of UNESCO: Guidelines for NGOs |

Presentations

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| 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | International Alliance of Women |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | International Association of Educators for Peace (IAEP) |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | International Association of Friends of Museums from Egypt (AME) |

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	Executive Board Elections	V
10 a.m.	SHS Commission	XII
	CI Commission	XI
3:00 p.m.	SHS Commission	XII
	CI Commission	XI
Afternoon (5:00 p.m. approx.)	Plenary	I

MORNING

Executive Board elections

From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. V

SHS Commission

10 a.m.	Item	Second Meeting	XII
	3.4	Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) (continuation) - Reply by the representative of the Director-General	
	3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Budget for 2016-2017 (38 C/5)	
		Part II.A: Major Programme III – Social and Human Sciences	
		Two draft resolutions proposed by Iran (Islamic Republic of) and China	
		Noting of reports of: IBC and IGBC; MOST; CIGEPS; COMEST	

CI Commission

10 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	XI
	4.13	Outcome document of the “CONNECTing the Dots: Options for Future Action” Conference (38 C/53)	
	4.23	Proclamation of 28 September as the “International Day for the Universal Access to Information” (38 C/70)	
	6.1	Draft recommendation on preservation and access to documentary heritage including digital heritage (38 C/24)	

AFTERNOON

SHS Commission

3 p.m.	Item	Third Meeting	XII
	4.9	Revision of the International Charter of Physical Education and Sport	
	4.12	Proclamation of an International Day of University Sport	

CI Commission

3 p.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting (continued)	XI
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Plenary

5 p.m. approx.	Item	Results of the Election of members of the Executive Board	I
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**Provisional schedule of meetings
Thursday 12 November 2015**

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	SHS Commission	XII
	CLT Commission	II
	Elections of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference	IV
3:00 p.m.	CLT Commission	II



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Highlights

The **Election of Members of the Executive Board** took place on Wednesday 11 November. The following Member States were elected for a four-year term:

Elections of Members of Executive Board - Results

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V (a)	Group V (b)
France (163)	Lithuania (171)	Brazil (168)	Iran (Islamic Republic of) (128)	Cameroon (100)	Lebanon (131)
Greece (165)	Russian Federation (162)	Haiti (150)	Malaysia (165)	Côte d'Ivoire (101)	Oman (142)
Italy (165)	Serbia (161)	Mexico (158)	Pakistan (135)	Ghana (101)	Qatar (121)
Spain (164)	Slovenia (167)	Nicaragua (152)	Republic of Korea (137)	Kenya (119)	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (156)		Paraguay (158)	Sri Lanka (149)	Nigeria (132)	
United States of America (158)			Viet Nam (156)	Senegal (135)	
				South Africa (139)	

The results of the voting for UNESCO's Executive Board produced a tie in Group V (b). Saudi Arabia and Sudan had the same number of votes for the last of the four seats to fill in a race among seven countries. There will be a runoff election between Saudi Arabia and Sudan. A polling station will be open in Room IV on

Friday 13 November 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon)

The 198th session of the Executive Board will take place on 20 November 2015.

Today, Thursday 12 November 2015

The elections of members of the Headquarters Committee, the Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference will take place
from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room IV.

The ballot papers will be distributed in the room.

The results of the vote will be announced in the afternoon,
at 5 p.m. (to be confirmed), in Room IV.

- Launched in March 2015, the **#Unite4Heritage campaign** has reached millions of people in its efforts to raise awareness of the need to safeguard and celebrate cultural heritage and diversity, and provide an alternative narrative to the violent propaganda of extremists. The intersectoral approach takes advantage of new technologies and brings together UNESCO's expertise in Culture, Communications and Youth issues, combined with the critical on-the-ground reach of Field Offices. The event, organized **from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room II**, will present an insight into UNESCO's activities related to the safeguarding of cultural heritage now and in the future.

The event will bring together heritage champions from around the world to speak about their experiences in protecting cultural heritage from destruction. These include Iraqi Dominican priest **Najeeb Michael** and **El Boukhari Ben Essayouti**, current Head of the Cultural Mission of Timbuktu. **Annie Sartre**, a world-renowned expert on Palmyra and its famous ruler Queen Zenobia, will share her insights on the destruction of this hugely important site, which reverberated around the world this year. The Director-General of UNESCO **Irina Bokova** will also officially launch the Heritage Preservation Fund, which supports the safeguarding of cultural heritage wherever it may be under attack.

Tomorrow, Friday 13 November 2015

- **10th Anniversary of the UNESCO Database of National Cultural Heritage Laws.** The Database was launched in 2005 and contains more than 2,600 laws of 188 Member States. Available online free of charge, this user-friendly database plays an important role in fighting the illicit traffic in cultural property and highlights the importance of the #Unite4Heritage Campaign.
- **Information meeting on the Luanda Biennial, Pan-African Forum for the Culture of Peace in Africa**, which will be held in September 2016. The event is organized by the Permanent Delegation of Angola to UNESCO.

- Denmark, Norway and Sweden together with UNESCO are organizing a panel discussion on the **Status of the Artist and Artistic Freedom** to improve the status of the artist and artistic freedom, which are grounded in two of UNESCO's normative instruments: the 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist and the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

Special events

50 Years, 50 Movies on Water: Meeting Water Security Challenges under Climate Change

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., Open UNESCO Exhibition

Screening of a selection of movies on water-related disasters and hydrological changes as part of the “50 years, 50 movies on water” series, proposed by the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of UNESCO's water programmes. The session will also introduce the main challenges and some of UNESCO's related actions, including in the framework of the upcoming COP21

10th Anniversary of the African World Heritage Fund

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria 7th Floor

The event aims at informing of the decision of the 197th session of the Executive Board to proclaim 5 May as African World Heritage Day, in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of UNESCO's decision to create the African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) (2006-2016). In the decision national authorities and the civil societies are invited to join efforts in promoting their World Heritage Properties while enhancing their conservation.

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Presentation of the work of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee

Presentations

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM)
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	B'nai B'rith International
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	International Society for Education through Art (INSEA)
4.00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES)

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2015

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference	IV
10:00 a.m.	CLT Commission	II
	SHS Commission	XII
3:00 p.m.	CLT Commission	II
5:00 p.m. (to be confirmed)	Announcement of the results of the elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference	IV

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Elections of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee, and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. IV

CLT Commission

10 a.m.	Item	First Meeting - Election of the Bureau of the Commission: Chairperson, 4 Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur - Organization of the work of the Commission and adoption of the timetable	II
	3.4	Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5)	
	4.5	Conclusions of the Youth Forum	

SHS Commission

10 a.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	XII
	6.4	Desirability of preparing a declaration of ethical principles in relation to climate change	
	8.4	UNESCO's Support for the Implementation of the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali of 15 May and 20 June 2015	

AFTERNOON

CLT Commission

3 p.m.	Item	Second Meeting	II
		(continued)	

Nominations Committee

5 p.m.		Announcement of the results of the elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs of the General Conference	IV
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Provisional schedule of meetings Friday 13 November 2015

Time	Organ	Room	
9:00 am	Bureau		X
10:00 a.m.	CLT Commission		II
3:00 p.m.	Thirteenth Plenary		I
	CLT Commission		II



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Highlights

Today, Friday 13 November 2015

- The results of the voting for UNESCO's Executive Board produced a tie in Group V (b). Saudi Arabia and Sudan had the same number of votes for the last of the four seats to fill in a race among seven countries. There will be a runoff election between Saudi Arabia and Sudan. A polling station will be open in Room IV:

Today from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon).

- Denmark, Norway and Sweden together with UNESCO's Secretariat are organizing a discussion panel with high level experts on efforts to improve the **status of the artist and artistic freedom**, which are grounded in two of UNESCO's normative instruments: the 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist; and the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. A report on the implementation of the 1980 Recommendation will be discussed, with special emphasis on the importance of revitalizing artistic freedom and the status of the artist. Culture experts participating in the General Conference, together with independent experts and artists, are invited to participate in an inter-active debate on trends and challenges identified.

This event will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room II.

Yesterday, Thursday 12 November 2015

- The **elections of members of the Headquarters Committee, the Legal Committee and other Subsidiary Organs** of the General Conference took place in the morning. The **results of the vote were announced in the afternoon** in the Nominations Committee. The results of the elections are available [here](#).
- **#Unite4Heritage** event was presented today, bringing together ‘heritage champions’ from around the world to share their experiences, including Iraqi Dominican priest Najeeb Michael and El Boukhari Ben Essayouti, Head of the Cultural Mission of Timbuktu. Annie Sartre, renowned historian and the author of “Zenobia, from Palmyra to Rome,” also shared her insights on the destruction of Palmyra, which has reverberated around the world this year.

The Director-General Irina Bokova opened the event, and renewed UNESCO’s commitment to safeguarding the cultural heritage of humanity, evidenced through the recent rebuilding of the famed mausoleums of Timbuktu, and lauded the bravery of individuals on the frontlines of attacks against culture. “I want to say to all of the curators of museums, conservators and officials who exercise outstanding courage to protect culture, in Syria, in Iraq, in Mali and elsewhere: you are not alone – we stand with you,” She also called upon everyone to take part in the #Unite4Heritage campaign.

El Boukhari Ben Essayouti discussed how international solidarity following the destruction of the city’s mausoleums became the catalyst for Malian people to stand up for their cultural heritage as a fundamental part of their identity. The mausoleums were recently rebuilt by traditional artisans, along with international support from UNESCO and other partners.

Father Najeeb Michael turned his similar experiences as extremists overtook the city Mosul in Iraq in 2014, braving gunfire to save the manuscripts of his monastery, into a call for cooperation to protect the world’s heritage.

Launched in March in Baghdad by the Director-General, the #Unite4Heritage campaign aims to build an alternative to the violent online narratives of extremist groups, based upon the ideals of cultural diversity, tolerance and understanding. Tens of thousands of people around the world have participated in the campaign online, with campaign communications reaching millions of people every month. The campaign is also supported by UNESCO’s Field Offices, which are implementing on-the-ground activities and events involving young people, notably in the Arab region. More than 7,500 people have participated in these events since March.

For more information about the #Unite4Heritage campaign, visit the campaign website at <http://www.unite4heritage.org>, or view the online conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

To make an online donation to the Heritage Emergency Fund, visit the new donation portal by clicking on this [link](#).

Tomorrow, Saturday 14 November 2015

- The UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences will be awarded to the 2015 laureates.

Special events

10th Anniversary of the UNESCO Database of National Cultural Heritage Laws

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Room II

The UNESCO Database of National Cultural Heritage Laws was launched in 2005 and contains more than 2,600 laws of 188 Member States. Available online free of charge, this user-friendly database plays an important role in fighting the illicit traffic in cultural property and highlights the importance of the Campaign #Unite4Heritage launched by the Director-General last March in Baghdad. This event, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the database, is organized in the framework of the Culture Commission.

Traditional Japanese tea ceremony with UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Dr Genshitsu Sen

1:00 p.m., UNESCO Restaurant

A traditional Japanese tea ceremony will be offered by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador to celebrate the 70th anniversary of UNESCO.

Information meeting to UNESCO Member States on the Luanda Biennial

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room IV

The Permanent Delegation of Angola to UNESCO is taking advantage of the 38th session of the General Conference to give a presentation on the Pan-African Forum for the Culture of Peace in Africa - Luanda Biennial, to be held in September 2016 in Angola. The Information meeting will enable Member States to commit themselves and provide support to the organization of this Biennial, and more generally to activities in favor of a culture of peace in Africa.

NGO stand (Miro 2 – Fontenoy)

Mini-conference

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. UNESCO Participation Programme

Presentations

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. The Destree Institute, Millennia2025 Women and Innovation

12:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. International Catholic Cooperation Centre for UNESCO (CCIC)

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. International Federation of Catholic Universities

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2015

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	Bureau	X
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Executive Board Elections: Group V (b) Runoff election for the 4 th seat to fill	IV
10:00 a.m.	CLT Commission	II
3:00 p.m.	Thirteenth Plenary	I
	CLT Commission	II

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Bureau

9:00 a.m. X

Executive Board Elections

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Group V (b) Runoff election for the 4th seat to fill IV

CLT Commission

10 a.m.	Item	Third Meeting	II
	7.7	Report on the Implementation by Member States of the 2011 Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, including a glossary of definitions	
	7.4	Consolidated report on the implementation of the 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist	
	4.2	Jerusalem and the implementation of 37 C/Resolution 44	
	4.3	Implementation of 37 C/Resolution 67 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories	

AFTERNOON

Plenary

3 p.m.	Item	Thirteenth Meeting	I
		Announcement of the result of the second tour of election of Members of the Executive Board.	
	13.1	Venue of the 39th session of the General Conference	
		Report of the APX Commission	
		Report of the ED Commission	

CLT Commission

3 p.m.	Item	Fourth Meeting	II
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Time	Organ	Room
10 a.m.	Fifth CLT Commission	II



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Highlights

Today, Saturday 14 November 2015

- In line with UNESCO's goals to encourage research, mobilize science knowledge and policy for sustainable development and foster capacity-building in science and innovation, the **UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences** rewards life science research projects conducted by individuals, institutions or other entities with a view to improving the quality of human life. The prize will be awarded to the three 2015 laureates by the Director-General Irina Bokova and H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

The ceremony will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room I.

Yesterday, Friday 13 November 2015

- The election of Members of the Executive Board in Group V (b) produced a tie as Saudi Arabia and Sudan had the same number of votes for the last of the four seats to fill in a race among seven countries. The run-off election to fill the remaining seat was held yesterday. The result is as follows: Saudi Arabia 65 votes, Sudan 86 votes. The result will be formally announced in the plenary by the President of the General Conference.
- Key players from the world of culture debated the status of artists and freedom of artistic expression. Special guests included Ole Reitov, Executive Director of Freemuse independent arts organisation (Denmark), Deeyah Khan, Norwegian Film Director, Music Producer and Human Rights Activist and Mika Romanus, Deputy Director-

General of the Swedish Arts Council. The event was organized by Denmark, Norway and Sweden together with the UNESCO Secretariat and in the presence of the Director-General, Irina Bokova. Questions focussed on the following topics: Is the freedom of artistic expression understood and protected as part of the broader system of fundamental rights? How can we support artists that are threatened? How to follow-up on the recommendation of the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights? "I believe we need multi-faceted strategies to support artistic freedom. Cultural actors need direct support. Independent networks for monitoring threats to artistic freedom need to be established and supported. Safe spaces for artists must be nurtured," said Irina Bokova.

A new report on how UNESCO Member States are implementing the 1980 Recommendation Concerning the Status of the Artist was also presented, tracking the gains and pitfalls facing creative professionals globally. Since the last monitoring report in 2011, several countries have shown solid commitment by adopting regulations geared toward improving the status of the artist, including Burkina Faso and Lithuania. Morocco has built on its comprehensive law for better inclusion of artists. The report recommends that Member States should continue to develop policies benefiting of the collaboration with artists and their associations, as well as other relevant NGOs, to help ensure their laws and policies are as supportive as possible for artists.

Monday 16 November 2015

- An unprecedented number of Heads of State and Government of Member States are expected to attend the **Leaders' Forum**, which will take place on Monday 16 November and Tuesday 17 November. During this exceptional meeting, they will speak about the actions of UNESCO since its creation 70 years ago and about its current and future responsibility on the international stage, notably within the framework of the post-2015 sustainable development programme.
- On Monday 16 November, **UNESCO will officially celebrate its 70th anniversary**. The celebration will begin with a concert by the World Orchestra for Peace, a UNESCO Artist for Peace, at 7 p.m. in Room I. Following this, the Director-General and her three immediate predecessors Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, Mr Federico Mayor and Mr Koïchiro Matsuura will address the Plenary. The UNESCO Choir and Orchestra will accompany this celebration. The ceremony will be followed at 8:45 p.m. by the launch of a unique multimedia projection on the UNESCO Headquarters facades, which will be visible from the Suffren Piazza, the Hall Segur, the 7th floor Restaurant as well as from Avenue Lowendal. The architectural projection, lasting 15 minutes, will be shown continuously until midnight.

**PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS
SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2015**

No meeting

**Provisional schedule of meetings
Monday 16 November 2015**

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Leaders' Forum	I
3:00 p.m.	Leaders' Forum	I



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Highlights

Today, Monday 16 November 2015

- **World Leaders to mark UNESCO's 70th Anniversary standing for human rights and against violent extremism**

Today and tomorrow, 10 world leaders, including a representative from the French Republic, will participate in the Organization's Leaders' Forum, marking UNESCO's 70th Anniversary, taking a stand for human rights and human dignity and against violent extremism in the wake of the Paris attacks.

The Leaders' Forum, an integral part of the 38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO, will be introduced by the President of the General Conference Stanley Mutumba Simataa and Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, at the start of the morning meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Barring last minute changes, the following country representatives will take the floor between 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.:

- Bulgaria;
- The Republic of Cameroon;
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia;
- Libya;
- The Republic of Lithuania; and
- The Republic of India.

In the afternoon, two former Director-Generals of UNESCO, Mr. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow and Mr. Kochiro Matsuura, will address the plenary at 3:00 p.m. to reflect on the significance of the 70th anniversary of UNESCO.

The 70th Anniversary commemoration will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room I with a short performance by the World Orchestra for Peace. Musicians representing 19 nationalities will play works by Samuel Barber and Tchaikovsky – and their performance will be

dedicated to the families and to the memory of those killed in the terrorist attacks on Friday.

The Anniversary will continue with a live architectural projection on the facades of UNESCO's Headquarters wishing for 'Peace' in the six languages of the Organization. The projection, which started on Saturday in light of the terrorist attacks in Paris with a press conference of the Director-General, will be projected until 18 November, between 8:30 p.m. and midnight.

The video of Saturday evening can be seen [here](#).

The day and evening programmes will be available via [live webcast](#).

- **Minute of silence - at noon**

In this context of solidarity with the decisions of the host country, a minute of silence will be observed in the Fontenoy and Miollis buildings at noon on Monday 16 November.

- **Security Measures**

On 14 November the Director-General organized two Crisis Response meetings of the Senior Management Team to discuss security aspects of the current situation as they relate to UNESCO, in coordination with the French authorities and the Quai d'Orsay. The following security measures have been taken and apply to all members of UNESCO's community to best ensure their safety.

- You are kindly requested to come to the reception and identify any visitor you may have;
- Parcels will not be accepted at the guard post;
- All incoming mail will be subjected to X-ray examination;
- Entering vehicles may be subject to inspection and it is strongly recommended to drivers that they make sure no dangerous object is placed in the vehicle when they are outside of the Organization;
- Any suspicious or simply unusual situation must be immediately reported to the security section at the following extensions 81637 or 82580;
- The badge must be permanently worn by everybody entering the buildings.

The Fontenoy building will also be subject to increased measures of a similar nature, especially during the Leaders' Forum.

Since everyone's safety is everyone's business we count on everybody's understanding and precious cooperation.

Saturday 14 November 2015

- In view of the tragic events that took place in Paris last night, and of the state of emergency declared by the Host Country, kindly note that the Award Ceremony of the UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences has been postponed and will now take place at a later date.
In line with UNESCO's goals to encourage research, mobilize science knowledge and policy for sustainable development and foster capacity-building in science and innovation, the UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life

Sciences rewards life science research projects conducted by individuals, institutions or other entities with a view to improving the quality of human life.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 17 November 2015

- The following country representatives are expected to take the floor between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.:
 - The Slovak Republic;
 - The Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - The Republic of Malta; and
 - The French Republic.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2015

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Leader's Forum	I
3:00 p.m.	Leader's Forum	I
7:00 p.m.	Ceremony of the 70 th Anniversary	I
8:30 p.m.	Architectural projection "Mosaic of Change"	Fontenoy

Provisional schedule of meetings Tuesday 18 November 2015

Time	Organ	Room
9:00 a.m.	Bureau	X
10:00 a.m.	Leader's Forum	I
3:00 p.m.	Leader's Forum	I



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The 198th session of the Executive Board will take place on 20 November 2015 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.) in Room X.

The "Mosaic of Change" will be illuminated for the last time on the exterior facades of UNESCO's Headquarters at 6:00 pm this evening until midnight.

Today, Wednesday 18 November 2015

- This afternoon, the 38th session of the General Conference will be closing in a plenary session at 3:00 p.m. in Room I with the adoption of the report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions and the Appropriation Resolution for 2016-2017. The ceremony will be closed by the UNESCO Choir, conducted by Mr Jorge Lozano-Corres.
- The 20th session of the General Assembly of States Parties to the World Heritage Convention will be held today. The venue of the morning session is Room XII, whereas the afternoon session, as well as the sessions of 19 and 20 November will be in Room II. The session will be called upon to replace the outgoing members of the World Heritage Committee and determine the amount of the contributions of States Parties to the World Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the World Heritage Convention.

The elections of members of the World Heritage Committee will take place today from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Rooms VI and VII. The ballot papers will be distributed today in Room II at the beginning of the afternoon session of the 20th session of the General Assembly of States Parties at the start of the election process (Item 6 of the provisional agenda).

Yesterday, Tuesday 17 November 2015 - Second Day of the Leaders' Forum

The following **Heads of State and Senior Government Officials** addressed the plenary after unanimously expressing their solidarity with all the victims of last Friday's attacks, condemning the heinous crimes perpetrated by terrorists:

- H. E. Ms Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of the Republic of Malta;
- H.E. Mr Miroslav Lajcak, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic;
- H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- H.E. Ms Crystal Nix-Hines, Permanent Delegate of the United States of America read the speech of H.E. Mr Barack Obama, President of the United States of America.
- H.E. Mr François Hollande, President of the French Republic;
- H.E. Mr Nurul Islam Nahid, Minister of Education of Bangladesh.

Videos of the speeches given during the General Policy Debate will be available [here](#).

Election of the new Members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and Caribbean (IESALC)

On 5 November 2015, the plenary meeting of the Heads of Delegations of the Latin American and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC), in the framework of the 38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO, elected the new Members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and Caribbean (IESALC) for the period 2015-2019. The meeting, chaired by El Salvador, as president of GRULAC to UNESCO was attended by all the Delegates participating in the General Conference, in the presence of the Deputy Secretary of the General Conference, as representative of the Director-General. The countries elected unanimously for a period of four years are the following:

For Latin America: Dominican Republic

For CARICOM: Jamaica

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2015

Time	Organ	Room
10:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting of Commissions 3.4 - Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) 3.3 - Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2016-2017	II
3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting Report of the Joint Meeting of Commissions Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2016-2017 Closure of the General Conference	I

The Delegates' Information Bureau wishes
you a safe homeward journey and
looks forward to seeing you at the
39th session of the General Conference of UNESCO