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

This House was born 70 years ago,

on strong values and guided by a clear conviction – peace, to be lasting, must be rooted in the intellectual and moral solidarity of peoples, through dialogue between cultures, on the basis of mutual understanding.

It was a poet, Archibald MacLeish, who penned the first words of our Constitution:

“Since wars begin in the minds of men and women, it is in the minds of men and women that the defenses of peace must be constructed.”

At UNESCO, it is the poets, artists, intellectuals who have led the way and inspired programmes of action.

Many of them built this Organization, from Pablo Neruda to Paul Valery, from Levi Strauss to Jorge Edwards, from Carlos Fuentes to Amadou Bâ Hampâté.

Jawaharlal Nehru said that UNESCO was the “conscience of humanity.”

UNESCO is also a great laboratory of ideas, in which ground-breaking concepts are born, that go against the mainstream of accepted wisdom, that act always in the defence of human rights and dignity.

World Heritage, global citizenship, biosphere reserves...

Each of these ideas was born at UNESCO.

Each of them helped shape a new agenda – setting new goals to achieve, catalyzing new energy to overcome challenges, together.

Each of these ideas drew on the same inspiration and audacity that gave birth to UNESCO in 1945, to promote, in the wake of a devastating world war, moral and intellectual solidarity as the foundation for peace.

The thinkers, poets, artists that shaped UNESCO were not dreamers ...

they were visionaries... visionaries who helped States reach out, look beyond immediate challenges, imagine new ways to craft a better future for all.

Today, as in 1945, we face a vast array of challenges and threats.

We need the same audacity that gave birth to this house 70 years ago.

We need to think big again.

In the face of violence and violent extremism, we must raise high again the flag of solidarity, to build peace through education, through the dialogue of cultures, through mutual understanding on the basis of human rights and dignity. In the face of climate change, we must unleash the full power of human ingenuity, human creativity.

This is our ultimate inexhaustible renewable energy and this is UNESCO's mandate.

Every woman, every man – each of us holds infinite resources for peace and development, which we must nurture, through quality education, by sharing the benefits of sciences, through freedom of expression, by respecting the cultural heritage and diversity of all humanity.

This was true in 1945, and it remains ever more so today.

Irina Bokova
Director-General of UNESCO

Special Meetings and Events of the General Conference



Opening Ceremony

> **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 M. Simataa as President of the 38th session of the General Conference. Hon. Stanley M. Simataa is a Member of Parliament and Executive Branch, serving as Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology of Namibia.

Leaders' Forum: Celebration of UNESCO's 70th anniversary

> **16 – 17 November 2015, Room I**

Contact: Mr Genc Seiti (ext.: 81300 – email: g.seiti@unesco.org)

On 16 November 2015, UNESCO will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the adoption of its Constitution. To highlight this event, the Organization will convene the Leaders' Forum of the General Conference to coincide with this landmark celebration.

This high-level event will be reserved for keynote addresses by Heads of State and Government of Member States, who will be invited to share their vision for UNESCO and its place in the multilateral arena today and in the future, as it celebrates 70 years of action and as

the international community moves to implement the new global sustainable development agenda.

In the evening of Monday 16 November 2015, participants are invited to a performance by the World Orchestra for Peace in Room I, to be followed by an address of the Director-General and UNESCO's three former Director-Generals, Mr Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, Mr Federico Mayor and Mr Koïchiro Matsuura. Following the evening performance in Room I, participants will be invited to an official viewing party – architectural projection – involving a live media projection onto the UNESCO external facades. The projections will highlight events important to UNESCO in the context of its 70th anniversary.

High-level meeting to formally adopt the Education 2030 Framework for Action

➤ **Wednesday 4 November 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Rooms II (upon invitation only) and IV**

Contact: Ms Margarete Sachs-Israel (ext.: 80924 – email: m.sachs-israel@unesco.org)

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). This draft 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.

Launch of *UNESCO Science Report: Towards 2030*

➤ **Tuesday 10 November 2015, 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., Room IX**

Contact: Ms Susan Schneegans (ext.: 84143 – email: s.schneegans@unesco.org)

For two decades now, the *UNESCO Science Report* series has been mapping science, technology and innovation (STI) around the world on a regular basis. Since STI does not evolve in a vacuum, this latest edition summarizes the evolution since 2010 against the backdrop of socio-economic, geopolitical and environmental trends that have helped in shaping contemporary STI policy and governance. More than 50 experts have contributed to the present report which will be launched on the occasion of World Science Day for Peace and Development. The Director-General will be accompanied by Ms Flavia Schlegel, Assistant Director-General for

Natural Sciences, and Mr Luc Soete, lead author of the Executive Summary of the report, who will present its main findings.

#Unite4Heritage: Safeguarding and Celebrating Cultural Heritage at Risk

➤ **Thursday 12 November 2015, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room II**

Contact: Mr Tim Francis (ext.: 83664 – email: t.francis@unesco.org)

Launched in March in Baghdad by the Director-General, 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 our Field Offices. Join us for a look at the campaign so far, and an insight into UNESCO's activities related to the safeguarding of cultural heritage now and in the future. For more information on the campaign, visit: www.unite4heritage.org

This MAG offers an overview of the special meetings and side events which will take place throughout the session and it 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, FAQ, etc. You will also find the e-journal outlining 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 85267.

We wish you an inspiring session.

Rossella Salvia
Delegates' Information Bureau

Election of the Executive Board

➤ **The election of Members of the Executive Board** will take place on **Wednesday 11 November 2015**

A polling station will be opened in Room V from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The results of the ballot will be announced in plenary in the afternoon.

Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, former Prime Minister of Israel

➤ **Wednesday 4 November 2015, 2.30 p.m., Tolerance Square**

Contact: Mr Fuad Pashayev (ext.: 81829 – email: f.pashayev@unesco.org)

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, and in 1993 in recognition of their efforts to broker peace between Palestinians and Israelis. The ceremony will take place by 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.

Award Ceremony of the 2015 UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science

➤ **Wednesday 4 November 2015, 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Room IX**

Contact: Ms Dafna Feinholz (ext.: 84994 – email: d.feinholz@unesco.org)

In 2015, the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science will be awarded for the fourth time. 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 winner of the 2015 edition is the Pakistani Professor of Biotechnology and Bioethicist, Zabta Khan Shinwari.

Award Ceremony of the 2015 UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development

➤ **Thursday 5 November 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m., Room II**

Contact: Ms Miriam Tereick (ext.: 81668 – email: m.tereick@unesco.org)

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.

Award ceremony of the UNESCO-Equatorial Guinea International Prize for Research in the Life Sciences

➤ **Saturday 14 November 2015, 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Room I**

Contact: Ms Souad Rouabah (ext.: 84141 – email: s.rouabah@unesco.org)

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 three 2015 laureates will receive their prize during this ceremony.

Designation ceremony of Mr Mwai Kibaki as a UNESCO Special Envoy for Water

➤ **Tuesday 17 November 2015, 1:30 p.m., Hall Ségur**

Contact: Mr Fuad Pashayev (ext.: 81829 – email: f.pashayev@unesco.org)

The Former Kenyan President Mr Mwai Kibaki will be designated as a UNESCO Special Envoy for Water.

Calendar of Other Events

Launch event for the Gender Summary of the EFA GMR 2015

› **Wednesday 4 November 2015, 9 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Room Ségur (7th Floor)**

Contact: Ms Katharine Redman (ext.: 80575 – email: k.redman@unesco.org)

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.

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

› **Wednesday 4 November, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room IX**

Contacts: Mr Christophe Cornu (ext.: 80877 – email: c.cornu@unesco.org)
Ms Mascha Wismans (email: mascha.wismans@minbuza.nl)

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.

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

› **Wednesday 4 November 2015, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room Ségur, 7th floor**

Contacts: Mr Anil Mishra (ext.: 83947 – email: a.mishra@unesco.org)
Ms Bárbara Ávila (ext.: 84026 – email: b.avila@unesco.org)

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.

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

› **Wednesday 4 November, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room XII**

Contacts: Mr Edem Adubra (ext.: 81558 – email: e.adubra@unesco.org)
Ms Susana Franco (ext.: 83483 – email: s.franco.mx@unesco-delegations.org)

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

> Wednesday 4 November 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Room II

Contact: Mr Sobhi Tawil (ext.: 80903 – email: s.tawil@unesco.org)

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.

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

> Thursday 5 November 2015, 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room II

Contact: Delegation of Sweden to UNESCO (ext.: 83450 – email: dl.sweden@unesco-delegations.org)

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.

High-Level event on Preventing Violent Extremism through Education

> Friday 6 November 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., UNESCO Restaurant

Contacts: Ms Nuria Chat (ext.: 81438 – email: n.chat@unesco.org)
Ms Erin Renner (tel.: 01 43 12 74 58 – email: renner@state.gov)

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 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.

By invitation only.

From Goal to Action: UNESCO leads the agenda to monitor education globally

> Saturday 7 November 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Room VII

Contact: Ms Amy Otchet (email: a.otchet@unesco.org)

Without accurate data to help countries monitor progress and develop evidence-based policies, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will remain just that – a set of goals. In response, UNESCO, through the Institute for Statistics (UIS), is taking a leadership role in developing the frameworks and indicators needed to monitor key targets in the SDGs, especially related to education. UIS will present these developments, including a new global observatory on equity and inclusion in education.

Promoting and Enhancing Gender-Sensitive STEM Education for Adolescent Girls to support Gender Equality

> Saturday 7 November 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., UNESCO Restaurant

Contact: Mr Adrien Boucher (ext.: 80865 – email: aa.boucher@unesco.org)

The session 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. The panel discussion will gather representatives of Member States, international experts, practitioners, and advocates for gender equality and STEM education for adolescent girls.

By invitation only.

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

➤ **Monday 9 November 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room IX**

Contact: Ms Sharizad Sulaiman (email: s.sulaiman@unesco.org)

This 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) which are consistent with Malaysia's commitments to the UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development as well as UNESCO priorities to tackle today's acute economic, social and environmental challenges for achieving sustainable societies. The roundtable discussion will be accompanied by an exhibition on 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

➤ **Monday 9 November 2015, 1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m., Room II**

Contact: Mr Alexander Otte (ext.: 84005, 84001 – email: a.otte@unesco.org, ihp@unesco.org)

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. During this 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. A light lunch will be provided to all participants.

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

➤ **Monday 9 November 2015, 2:10 p.m. – 2:50 p.m., Room II**

Contact: Mr Engin Koncagul (ext.: 83881 – email: e.koncagul@unesco.org)

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

➤ **Monday 9 November 2015, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room XI**

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

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

➤ **Monday 9 November 2015, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Room X**

Contact: Ms Samia Djacta (ext.: 84542 – email: dl.isesco@unesco-delegations.org)

This meeting will be attended by the Heads of Delegation of ISESCO-UNESCO Joint Member States, participating in the ongoing General Conference, and will also 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.

Presentation of PERSIST project with exhibition

➤ **Wednesday 11 November 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room XI**

Contact: Ms Maria Liouliou (ext.: 83813 – email: m.liouliou@unesco.org)

The event will present the results and prospects of the UNESCO PERSIST project and open the exhibition of Memory of the World (MoW) Educational materials prepared by the MoW Sub-Committee on Education and Research. The UNESCO PERSIST project - A Digital Roadmap for Long-Term Access to Digital Heritage, is a platform that brings together the ICT industry, governments and heritage institutions in order to exchange and to collectively work on solutions for digital preservation.

10th Anniversary of the launching of the African World Heritage Fund

- › **Thursday 12 November 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria 7th Floor**

Contact: Mr Edmond Moukala (ext.: 83619 – email: e.moukala@unesco.org)

This 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.

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

- › **Friday 13 November 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Room II**

Contact: Mr Edouard Planche (ext.: 84404 – email: e.planche@unesco.org)

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.

20th session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

- Wednesday 18 November 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday 19 November 2015, 10:00 a.m. (continuation of elections if required) and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday 20 November 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Information meeting to UNESCO Member States on the Luanda Biennial

- › **Friday 13 November 2015, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Room IV**

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Ms Filomena Aguiar (ext.: 82976 – email: f.aguiar.ao@unesco-delegations.org)

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.

Exchange session on the Status of the Artist and Artistic Freedom

- › **Friday 13 November 2015, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Room II**

Contact: Mr Anthony Krause (ext.: 84038 – email: a.krause@unesco.org)

Denmark, Norway and Sweden together with UNESCO's Secretariat will organize 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.

The General Assembly will be held in Room II, except for the morning of 18 November 2015 when meetings take place in Room XII.

Contact: Ms Isabelle Anatole-Gabriel (ext.: 84353 – e-mail: i.anatole-gabriel@unesco.org)

The General Assembly will be notably called upon to replace the outgoing members of the World Heritage Committee and will also 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.

Throughout the 38th session of the **General Conference**



Mosaic of Change project

> Monday 26 October to Saturday 12 December 2015, Hall Ségur and external facades

Contact: Ms Victoria Dellinger (ext.: 82396 – email: v.dellinger@unesco.org)

The Mosaic of Change project is composed of two innovative installations at the UNESCO headquarters:

The **'Media Wall'** in the Hall Ségur serves as the multimedia presentation, illustrating UNESCO's 70 years at the service of humanity. The exhibition focuses on UNESCO's seven crosscutting themes: Education for the 21st Century, Fostering Freedom of Expression, Building Knowledge Societies, Protecting our Heritage and Fostering Creativity, One Planet One Ocean, Science for a Sustainable Future, Learning to Live Together.

The **'Architectural Projection'** operating from 16 to 18 November 2015 involves a live light projection with video animations onto the UNESCO external facades. The projection will undoubtedly draw international attention, highlighting several major events important to UNESCO this November and December, including the Leaders' Forum, the General Conference and UNESCO's 70th anniversary.

Operating thanks to the support of the Li Ka Shing Foundation, the project is implemented by our partners, Millennium Art and Obscura, who organized the projection on the UN Headquarters in September 2014 for the UN Climate Summit.

Mountains: early warning systems for climate change

> Monday 2 November to Saturday 28 November 2015, External gates

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Ms Maria Rosa Cardenas (ext.: 84256 – email: m.cardenas@unesco.org)

Using satellite images, aerial and ground level photography, as well as descriptive texts, the exhibition explains the diverse climate change impacts on mountain ecosystems, glaciers, water resources and ecosystem services. It also stresses the role of mountains as early warning systems for climate change, raises awareness on potential solutions, as well as disseminates scientific data to policy and decision makers, diplomats and the general public.

For more information on events and activities of the 38th session of the General Conference:

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Cultural activities and visits offered during the UNESCO General Conference



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Stand UCA : Salle des Pas Perdus, near Room I (ext.: 84748 – email: uca@unesco.org)

The UNESCO Community Association (UCA) is a voluntary association aimed at promoting the mutual appreciation of the various cultures represented by UNESCO through the organization of social and cultural activities.

To book for an event and for more information, please contact UCA.

FASHION SHOW AND HERITAGE TOUR AT GALERIES LAFAYETTE

> Friday 6 November 2015, 3:00 p.m.

Meeting point at 2:40 p.m., Ground floor, Porte Mogador entrance
40 boulevard Haussmann, 75009 Paris
Metro Chaussée d'Antin

PALAIS DU LUXEMBOURG

> Friday 13 November 2015, 12:00 p.m.

Meeting point at 11:45 p.m., 15 rue Vaugirard, 75006 Paris
Metro Odéon, Mabillon or Saint-Sulpice / RER B: Luxembourg

The Palais du Luxembourg is the seat of the French Senate built from 1615 for Marie de Médicis. It shelters an exceptionally beautiful artistic heritage.

MAISON DU LIMOUSIN

> Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

30 rue Caumartin
75009 Paris

Presentation of the Limousin region and the Aubusson tapestry

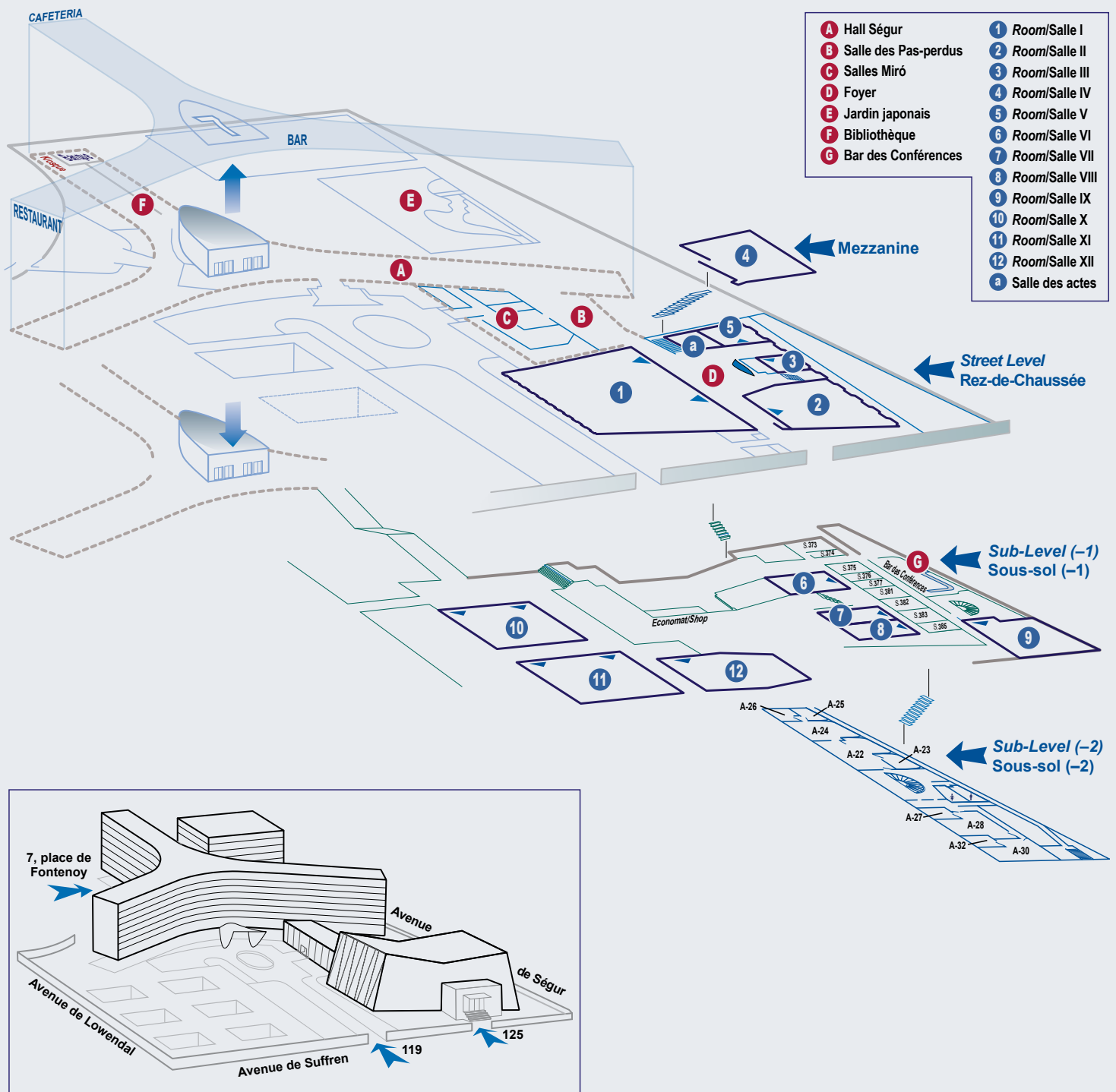
HÔTEL DE VILLE DE PARIS

> Wednesday 18 November 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

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