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37th session of the
UNESCO GENERAL
CONFERENCE

Welcome to the 37th session of the UNESCO General Conference!

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

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

We kindly invite you to visit the **website of the General Conference** every day: you will have electronic access to meeting programmes, documents and statements. 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 appear on the **screens** located in the main halls of Fontenoy and Bonvin buildings and next to the meeting rooms of the commissions and committees. The official visits and the activities foreseen in the framework of OPEN UNESCO will be also announced on a daily basis.

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

We wish you a productive and enjoyable session.

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Delegates' Information Bureau

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SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Opening Ceremony

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

The 37th session of the General Conference will be opened in a formal ceremony by the outgoing President, H.E. Ms Katalin Bogyay, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Hungary to UNESCO and President of the 36th session of the General Conference.

The UNESCO Chorus and Orchestra conducted by Mr Jorge Lozano-Corres will perform "Va, Pensiero" from the opera Nabucco to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi, born on 10 October 1813.

The Chairperson of the Executive Board, H.E. Ms Alessandra Cummins, and the Director-General, Ms Irina Bokova, will make statements.

The election to the Presidency of the 37th session of the General Conference will take place in the afternoon, during the second plenary meeting.

Leaders' Forum: "UNESCO mobilizing for and contributing to the post-2015 agenda through education, the sciences, culture and communication and information"

► **Wednesday 6 November 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Room I**

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This forward-looking policy dialogue, launched in 2011, is intended to address issues of strategic, global and interdisciplinary interest with a view to providing general orientations for the work of the Organization. This will be of particular importance at a time when the General Conference will decide on the new Medium-Term Strategy, which for the first time will stretch over a period of eight years, from 2014 to 2021. Special attention will be paid to the global priorities of the

Organization, Africa and Gender Equality, as well as to the needs of youth, Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The Forum will benefit from high-level keynote addresses by three Heads of State and Government and other dignitaries and will be moderated by H.E. Mr Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resource Development of India, and Mr Stephen Cole, Senior Presenter Al Jazeera English, Doha and London. The Leaders' Forum will also be an opportunity for interactive dialogue among Ministers.

Donation of the skull mould of Toumaï to UNESCO by the President of the Republic of Chad

- ▶ **Monday 11 November 2013, 1:00 p.m., Hall Fontenoy**

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The Director-General Irina Bokova will receive from H.E. Mr Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, the skull mould of Toumaï, the oldest known hominid estimated 7 million years old.

19th session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

- ▶ **Tuesday 19 November 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Room XII**
- ▶ **Wednesday 20 November 2013, 10:00 a.m. (continuation of elections if required) and 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Room XII**
- ▶ **Thursday 21 November 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Room XII**

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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.

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

Promoting Girls' and Women's Education for Gender Equality

- ▶ **Friday 8 November 2013, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Room XI**

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This event will provide an occasion to discuss efforts to promote girls' and women's education, and to outline continuing challenges and new solutions and ideas to overcome them. High-level personalities including Ministers of Education from several countries will take the floor during this event which also aims at providing an opportunity to present and share UNESCO's on-going work and recent publications regarding girls' and women's education around the world.

General History of Africa Project

- ▶ **Friday 8 November 2013, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Room XI**

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The aim of the information meeting is to discuss the progress of the General History of Africa project, its new development following the launch of the 9th volume as well as the needs related to its continuation.

World Science Day for Peace and Development 2013

- ▶ **Monday 11 November 2013, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Hall Ségur**

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This year's theme is "Science for water cooperation: sharing data, knowledge and innovations" in celebration of the UN International Year of Water Cooperation 2013. This event will include the UNESCO Microscience Kits demonstration, the launch of audiovisual science teachers' training modules in physics produced by

CERN (in English, French and Portuguese) and a display of posters from *Deyrolle Pour l'Avenir* in different languages.

Water Education and Capacity Development

► **Tuesday 12 November 2013,
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Room IX**

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Water education and capacity development are essential for freshwater security and the attainment of water-related development goals. This event will focus on the work of UNESCO and Member States on water education and capacity development, including examples from IHP, UNESCO-IHE, WWAP, category 2 centres, UNESCO Chairs, and cross-sectoral activities with ESD and ASPnet. The session will also emphasize the role of international cooperation and the post-2015 sustainable development agenda as a means to catalyze international efforts on water.

Official opening of the exhibition “Climate change impacts on mountain regions of the world”

► **Wednesday 13 November 2013,
10:00 a.m., Fontenoy entrance**

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Developed by the UNESCO IHP and the Man and Biosphere Programme (MAB), with generous support of the Government of Flanders, the exhibition “Climate change impacts on mountain regions of the world” (from 4 November to 20 December 2013) will highlight specific cases of climate change impacts in mountain regions worldwide, and their implications for water resources, ecosystems and livelihoods.

High-Level Panel Session: Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Adaptation Policies in Mountainous Regions

► **Wednesday 13 November 2013,
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Room IX**

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Organized by UNESCO-IHP, the session “Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Adaptation Policies in Mountainous Regions” gathers high-level dignitaries - ministers, policy-makers and experts - to share experiences, views and recommendations on coping with climate change impacts on water resources in mountainous areas, and on the development of adaptation strategies.

Launch of “Women in African History: An E-Learning Tool”

► **Wednesday 13 November 2013,
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Room XI**

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

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

► **Wednesday 13 November 2013,
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Room II**

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UNESCO’s IOC has been a catalyst for the development of ocean knowledge through international cooperation for over 50 years. Today this collaboration includes all of the communities involved with the ocean, because effective ocean stewardship requires the participation of all members of society. Concrete projects developed

with NGOs, foundations and civil society to empower ocean citizens for a Blue Society will be presented.

International Water Cooperation

- **Thursday 14 November 2013,
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Room II**

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In the framework of the Natural Sciences Commission, the UNESCO IHP is organizing a special programme on the UN 2013 International Year of Water Cooperation (IYWC), coordinated by UNESCO on behalf of UN-Water. Several Member States will present the events and activities undertaken during this campaign, highlighting contributions and preparations of future steps towards water security for the post-2015 development agenda.

Launch of the United Nations Creative Economy Report 2013

- **Thursday 14 November 2013,
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Room XI**

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

Launch of GO→SPIN country profiles on Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation

- **Thursday 14 November 2013,
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Room IX**

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GO→SPIN is the Global Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy Instruments. The GO→SPIN country profiles will form the basis of a new UNESCO e-publication series on STI policy. Botswana is the first country profile to be launched, demonstrating how GO→SPIN can promote a transdisciplinary approach not only towards data collection and analysis,

but also on the information gaps which need to be filled concerning policy instruments. The immediate objective for such an endeavour is to strengthen STI governance by analyzing the impact of respective STI national policies in addressing social inclusion and sustainable development.

Launch of World Social Science Report 2013: Changing Global Environments

- **Friday 15 November 2013,
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Room XII**

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The Report addresses the unprecedented environmental challenges that confront society today, which have potentially serious consequences for the well-being of people all over the world. Individuals and communities are already struggling to manage often precarious livelihoods and other social, economic and political crises - including persistent poverty, increasing inequalities and social discontent - which are intricately linked to and exacerbated by environmental change. The Director-General will be accompanied by a representative of the OECD Secretary-General and the Executive Director of ISSC, Ms Heide Hackmann.

Integrated Approaches to Science and Engineering for Sustainable Development

- **Monday 18 November 2013,
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Room IX**

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The priorities of science for sustainable development are defined by governments and other stakeholders and addressed through scientific research, observations and assessments. The need to address the question on how science can assist us in the quest for sustainability is reflected in the Outcome Document of the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, which calls for the strengthening of the science-policy interface.

SPECIAL DATES

- ▶ **The election of the Director-General is scheduled for Tuesday 12 November 2013 (morning) in Room I. An investiture ceremony will be held in a special plenary meeting on Monday 18 November 2013 (afternoon).**

- ▶ **The election of Members of the Executive Board will take place on Wednesday 13 November 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room V.**
- ▶ **The election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) will take place on Thursday 7 November 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Room X.**

THROUGHOUT THE 37TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE 5 – 20 NOVEMBER 2013

Open UNESCO

- ▶ **Exhibition Space, Hall Ségur**

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Once every two years, Delegates from the international community meet at the General Conference of UNESCO to examine the global state of education, sciences, culture and communication. For UNESCO staff, it is the best time to showcase programmes and projects that are making a difference around the world. This work is presented in an interactive, high-tech display called "Open UNESCO", situated in the Hall Ségur, both to enrich debate at the Conference and to inform the general public about UNESCO's mission and mandate.

Each theme in Open UNESCO is presented on multi-coloured, interactive "islands", inviting visitors to learn about UNESCO's activities and discover the commitment of men and women who make up UNESCO today. The seven cross-cutting themes of Open UNESCO are:

- UNESCO: an idea in action
- Crisis preparedness and response
- Knowledge sharing
- Cultural diversity
- One planet, one ocean
- Peace and dialogue
- Human rights

The use of multimedia technology provides Delegates with insight into UNESCO's daily activities through documentaries, interviews, photographs, publications and interactive applications. To complement the interactive displays, Open UNESCO hosts a series of presentations on projects from Members States, Programme Sectors, Field Offices and Institutes.

In partnership with the GDF SUEZ Foundation, Open UNESCO has been updated and enriched with new content, illustrating UNESCO's most recent achievements. The exhibition is also going virtual with the support of *Salon Films*, to make UNESCO's mandate and work more accessible, especially for young people.

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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED DURING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FREE OF CHARGE

► 5 November - 20 November 2013

Stand UCA: *Salle des Pas Perdus*, near Room I
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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.

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► Friday 8 November 2013, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meeting point at 10:10 a.m. in front of the Jewellery entrance

9, rue de la Paix, 75002 Paris
Metro Opéra

French Jewellery House of Kings and Emperors, guided tour

HOTEL MATIGNON

► Tuesday 12 November 2013, 3:00 p.m. Meeting point at 2:40 p.m.

57, rue de Varenne, 75007 Paris
Metro Varenne

Visit of the interior of the official residence and workplace of the French Prime Minister*

* the visit is subject to change depending on the Prime Minister's schedule

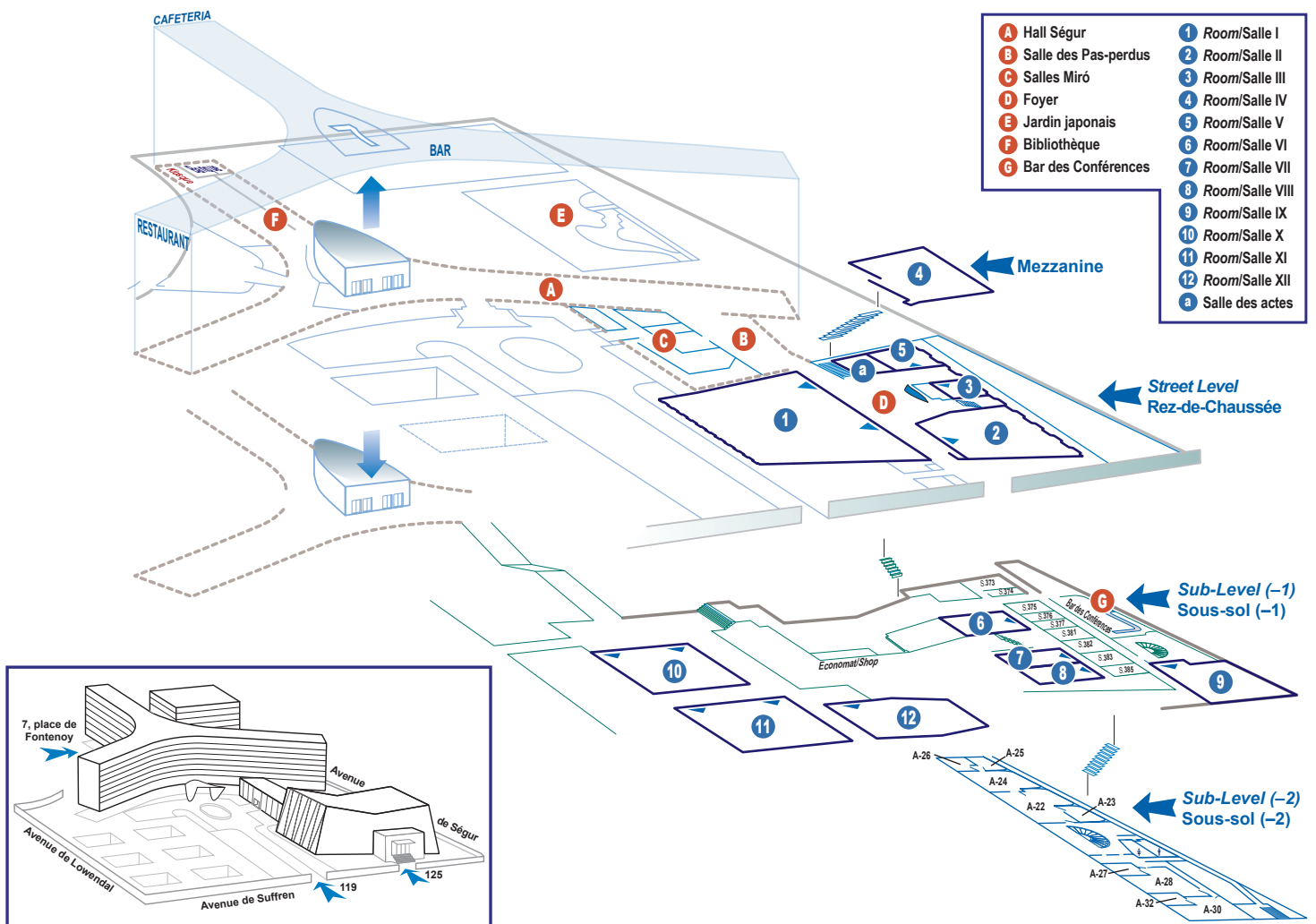
Fashion show at Galeries Lafayette: Fall/Winter 2013-2014 Collection

► Friday 15 November 2013, 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

The meeting for the Delegates interested in these exhibitions will be on site 20 minutes before the start of the visit. Please do not hesitate to consult UCA in case of need.

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<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/general-conference/>