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Detailed Report on the activities of the Organization in 2006-2007

Participation Programme

Paragraph 11003

Participation Programme

Regular budget (rounded to \$ thousand)	
Planned: \$20,000,000	Actual: \$19,960,000

33 C/5 Expected Results	Achievements	Challenges/ Lessons Learnt	Cost-Effectiveness	Sustainability (Indicators or Measures)	Recommendations by the Executive Board
<p>Formulation, evaluation and follow-up of requests improved, so as to enhance the complementarity between the activities planned in the framework of the Programme and Budget and those supported under the Participation Programme, ensuring to remain in phase with the major priorities of the Medium-Term Strategy (C/4) and the Programme and Budget (C/5).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO implemented the PP on the basis of effective intersectoral cooperation with the sectors, services and institutions of UNESCO for the benefit of Member States and Associate Members and international non-governmental organizations. • During the 2006-2007 biennium more than 2,000 requests were received and analysed by the Participation Programme Section. As a result of this exercise, 1,686 requests representing \$38,589,717 were selected and evaluated by the programme sectors and services, of which 1,096 representing \$18,312,800 were approved by the Director-General in the framework of the present biennium, that is, an amount of \$17,397,300 for the benefit of Member States and Associate Members, and \$915,500 for 63 international non-governmental organizations. It should be noted that the amount allocated to Member States also includes the financial contributions granted as emergency assistance, that is, an amount of \$1,687,200 for 51 assistance grants accorded by the Director-General. • In September 2007, it was decided to reallocate some \$4,235,300 representing Participation Programme funds not allocated to Member States that had failed to submit their financial reports and evaluation reports relating to previous biennia of the Programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several Member States with outstanding financial and progress reports have not met their accountability obligations and so cannot be provided with the funds allocated for the current biennium. In addition, some Member States have been audited by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) and must either submit to the Secretariat additional supporting documents that are lacking (invoices, receipts, contracts, etc.) or repay UNESCO. • Requests submitted. The demands for PP awards continue to exceed the funding for the Programme. • Further to the Director-General's appeal for member countries of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to refrain from submitting project funding requests under the Participation Programme, the 15 following Member States responded positively: Belgium, Canada, Spain, United States of America, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; India also heeded the call. This remarkable show of solidarity thus resulted in more funds being available for the countries most in need, particularly the least developed countries (LDCs). 		<p>ERC/RSC/PP will keep up efforts to strengthen the evaluation of reports submitted after completion of each project as well as record-keeping in order to ensure proper use of funds, and will follow up the recommendations of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS), and will cooperate closely with the Bureau of the Comptroller (BOC) for financial reports.</p>	
<p>Better implementation of adjustable strategies to meet the special and urgent needs of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A relation ensured with the activities of the Organization, in particular with the strategic programme objectives and interdisciplinary 			<p>The selection of the Participation Programme projects will particularly</p>	

<p>certain groups of countries with common characteristics.</p>	<p>projects, and a more equitable balance pursued in the distribution of funds, by giving priority to Africa, the least developed countries, countries in transition, developing countries, post-conflict and post-disaster countries, small island developing States, women and young people, and the activities of the National Commissions for UNESCO.</p>			<p>take into account the priorities defined by the governing bodies for UNESCO's regular programme.</p>	
<p>Greater transparency of programme execution and strengthening of accountability mechanisms so as to ensure improved management and monitoring.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Intersectoral Committee on the Participation Programme, which plays a crucial role in managing the programme, met on eight occasions to consider the evaluations made by the programme sectors, institutions and services of UNESCO and make a final recommendation to the Director-General. This exercise contributes to the increased transparency of the Participation Programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Despite the difficulties inherent in the introduction of the computer management system SISTER, which as far as the Participation Programme is concerned only became operational in mid-March 2006, the first meeting of the Committee took place on 16 June 2006. •The challenge in 2008-2009 will be to reformulate the process which will move faster to assist project implementation. 		<p>The implementation of a request is the responsibility of the Member State or other applicant. The applicant shall assume full financial and administrative responsibility for implementing the plans and programmes for which participation is provided; at the close of the project, it should submit an itemized statement accounting for the activities executed and certifying that the funds allocated have been used for the implementation of the project, and return to UNESCO any balance not used for project purposes.</p>	
<p>mage of and impact of action by the Organization enhanced.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The various training sessions organized by ERC for National Commissions have had a positive impact on the presentation of requests and the quality of financial and activity reports by Member States, Associate Members and international non-governmental organizations. •To this should be added the educational role and added value of the guide to the Participation Programme which was published in English and French, and distributed widely. It was also posted on the Organization's website. The guide has made a significant contribution to improving the formulation and implementation of projects, and to capacity-building for National Commissions and other partners, not to mention raising the Organization's profile in its Member States. 			<p>An evaluation of the Participation Programme's impact and results in Member States and its consistency with the objectives and priorities set by UNESCO will be carried out during the biennium. The evaluation reports, submitted after completion of each project by Member States, will be used by the Secretariat for this purpose. An evaluation may also be undertaken while the project is being carried out.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The use of UNESCO's name and logo for the activities approved under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the directives approved by the governing bodies, will give this programme a higher profile when it is carried out at the national, subregional, regional or interregional level.				
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