

5th Session of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)

Hotel Le Méridien Président, Dakar, Senegal, 5th to 9th December 2006

Provisional Programme

05/12/2006, Tuesday - Session reserved for COMEST		
09:00 – 18:00	<i>Session reserved for COMEST members</i>	
06/12/2006, Wednesday - Session reserved for COMEST and Forum of young African researchers		
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 10:30	Session reserved for COMEST members	<p>Forum of Young African Researchers on the theme Social Responsibility of Researchers in Africa, organized jointly by UNESCO, IDRC and the Ministry of the Scientific Research</p> <p>Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Pierre Sané, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences - A Representative of the Young African Researchers <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young African Researchers
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Session reserved for COMEST members (continued)	
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Break for lunch</i>	
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Forum of Young African Researchers (continued): Discussions with the COMEST members</p> <p>Chairpersons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Pilar Armanet Armanet, President of COMEST - Mr. Innocent Butare, Senior Program Specialist, IDRC <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Tafeeda Jarbawi, COMEST Member - Young African Researchers 	
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Forum of young African researchers (continued): Preparation and adoption of their declaration.</p>	
18 :00 –18 :00	Press conference	

07/12/2006, Thursday - Opening ceremony, inaugural conference, Ministerial Meeting, and plenary session 1			
08:00 – 09:00	Registration		
09 :00 – 09 :30	Morning coffee		
09 :30 – 10 :00	Seating of the participants		
10 :00 - 12 :00	<p>Opening ceremony Presided by the President of the Republic of Senegal</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Pilar Armamet Armamet President of COMEST - Mr. Souleymane Niang President of the Academy of Science and Technology of Senegal - Mr. Gilles Forget, Regional Director, International Development Research Centre (IDRC) - Mr. Pierre Sané, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences - His Excellency Maître Abdoulaye Wade President of Senegal <p>Inaugural conference on the Ethics of Science: challenges facing Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. El Hadj Ibrahima Sall, Philosopher and Economist Former Minister, Former International Officer (United Nations, World Bank) Chairman, West African Polytechnic University 		
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20:00 – 22:00	Cultural evening offered by the Government of Senegal		

08/12/2006, Friday – Plenary Sessions 2 and 3	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 2 - Teaching on ethics of science and technology - Consultation on the UNESCO draft core curriculum in these fields</p> <p>Chairpersons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Aminata Cissé Diaw, Professor, Philosophy Department, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Sénégal - Mr. Sang Song-yong, COMEST member <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ruben Apressyan, COMEST member - Mr. Clifford Tagoe, Professor, Vice-Chancellor, Lagon University, Accra, Ghana - Mr. Christophe Kwami Dikenou, Professor, Philosophy Department, Lomé University, Togo
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Session 2 - Teaching of ethics of science and technology (continued) - Promotion of diversity in the teaching of ethics</p>
12:00 – 14:00	Break for lunch
14:00 – 16:00	<p>Session 3 - Ethics of the Environment - Consultation on the UNESCO Draft Policy Advice on Environmental Ethics</p> <p>Chairpersons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO - Mrs. Nadja Tollemache, COMEST Member <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Johan Hattingh, COMEST member
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Session 3 - Ethics of the Environment (continued)-The question of toxic wastes in Africa</p> <p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs. Yveline Houenou, Agbo, Doctor, Department of Medical Sciences, Cocody University, Abidjan, Ivory Coast
09/12/2006, Saturday – Plenary Session 4, Ministerial working group, and Closing session	
09 :00-10 :30	<p>Session 4- Interactions between biodiversity, GMOs and biotechnology : African perspectives</p> <p>Chairpersons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Amadou Tidiane Ba, Director, Institute for Environmental Sciences, and Professor, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal - Mr. Al Ali, COMEST Member <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jeremy T. Ouedraogo, Geneticist, Institute of Environmental and Agricultural Research, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso - Mrs. Mame Oureye Sy, Doctor, Department of Vegetal Biology, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11 :00-12 :30	<p>Session 4- Discussion (continued)</p> <p>Working group of Ministers to finalise Declaration of Dakar on ethics of science and technology in Africa</p>

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