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ITEM 15 OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of recommendations

Recommendations of the 9th session of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)

The IFAP Intergovernmental Council thanked the outgoing Chairperson and Bureau for the results achieved and congratulated them on their efforts to enhance the Programme.

The Council noted that systematic attention should be given across all IFAP priority areas to better understanding the societal and other transformations resulting from the rapid evolution in the use and application of information and communication technologies. IFAP's work in this area should serve to provide forward-looking advice to policy-makers especially at the national level. This approach should cut across all of IFAP's actions;

The Council, noting that several important issues have been discussed, adopted the following recommendations:

- 1. Continue the efforts and initiatives undertaken in view of implementing the objectives of IFAP with a view to updating its strategic plan in line with the C/4 and C/C5 to reflect changes within IFAP, as well as contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the WSIS + 10 Agendas. This effort will be conducted in close collaboration with all members of the Council, the members of the Bureau and the Secretariat;*
- 2. Systematically intensify cooperation between the IFAP Council, Bureau, Working Groups, National IFAP Committees, the Secretariat, UNESCO Intergovernmental Bodies, as well as other partners. This cooperation should be oriented to enhance the achievement of IFAP's objectives;*
- 3. Take concrete steps to enhance the visibility of IFAP's objectives, contributions and results with key actors at the international, regional and national level. Efforts to promote wider understanding of IFAP and involvement of diverse stakeholders in the activities being undertaken within its priority areas, both within and outside the intergovernmental frameworks should be pursued. Tools such as social media should be used to enhance IFAP's outreach including among youth. In addition, IFAP should work with media and specialized academic centers, civil society, private sector and other actors;*
- 4. Take further steps to attract additional resources (financial and in-kind) at the national, regional, and international levels from governmental and intergovernmental sources as well as the private sector. Attention should be given to exploring and establishing mechanisms appropriate to funding sources and attaining IFAP's objectives;*
- 5. Continue the work by the Bureau on the draft text on proposed modifications to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of IFAP taking into account the recommendations emerging from the governance review process at UNESCO;*
- 6. Strongly encourage the voluntary participation of past-IFAP Council members and other experts in the ongoing activities of the Working Groups to support knowledge sharing;*
- 7. Continue to improve the documents of the Council and Bureau to support the preparation of debates and decision-making as well as communicating and respecting the statutory deadlines;*
- 8. Continue to improve the modalities of operation by harmonizing and improving the terms of reference of the Working Groups taking into account the discussions and*

suggestions of the Council regarding the Implementation of the IFAP priorities and invite all Members States of the Council to nominate experts to the Working Groups;

9. Provide clarity around the guidelines and/or criteria for the funding of activities from the IFAP Special Account;

10. Appreciate and keep abreast of the ongoing and future initiatives aimed at the development of IFAP-labeled UNESCO Chairs and Category II Centers;

11. Strengthen the use of virtual tools in addition to face to face meetings to enhance communication and decision-making of the Council, Bureau and Working Groups;

12. Requests the Bureau to ensure the effective implementation of the recommendations of the intergovernmental Council;

13. Requests the Director-General to continue to support IFAP's work in the developing countries and to implement IFAP-related events;

14. Urges the Members of the Intergovernmental Council to take concrete steps to promote IFAP, including organizing IFAP-labeled events in their countries and regions.