



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

Organisation
des Nations Unies
pour l'éducation,
la science et la culture

International Coalition
of Inclusive and
Sustainable Cities – ICCAR

Coalition internationale
des villes inclusives et
durables – ICCAR

UNESCO Chairs Meeting

21-22 June 2017

UNESCO Headquarters, Room IX

Preliminary programme

DAY 1 - Wednesday 21 June 2017

Welcome coffee (09:00 – 09:30)

Opening Session (09:30 - 10:00)

Welcome Address:

Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General

Setting the stage:

This session will present an overview of relevant UNESCO priorities and actions, providing the framework within which this meeting is taking place.

- **Nada Al-Nashif**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

*Session 1 (plenary) – Leaving no one behind: a human rights approach
(10:00 - 11:30)*

This session will map issues and challenges towards the full realization of human rights, emanating from the commitments of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda.

Moderator: **Nada Al-Nashif**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

Speakers:

- **Patricia Tappatá Valdez**, Director, International Centre for the Advancement of Human Rights, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- **Alexander Leicht**, Chief, Section of Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship (TBC)
- **Nur Kholis**, Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights

- **Fons Coomans**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Peace, University of Maastricht, the Netherlands

Session 2 (plenary) - Contextualizing UNESCO's human rights mandate: challenges and lessons learned
(11:30 – 13:00)

Building on the discussions and outcomes of the previous session on current global strategic priorities, this session will highlight the opportunities and challenges that would inform UNESCO's action based on its mandate and comparative advantage. This will inform and feed into the breakout sessions of the meeting.

Moderator: **Golda El-Khoury**, Chief, Inclusion and Rights Section

Speakers:

- **Yvonne Donders**, Head, Department of International and European Public Law, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Driss El-Yazami**, President, National Human Rights Council, Morocco
- **Gloria Ramirez**, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in human rights, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico
- **William Bell**, Mayor, Municipality of Birmingham Alabama, Lead City of the United States Coalition of Cities against Racism and Discrimination

Lunch Break (13:00 – 14:30)

Session 3 (plenary): Contextualizing UNESCO's human rights mandate: opportunities and future perspectives
(14:30 – 15:45)

Moderator: **Dendev Badarch**, Division of Social Transformations and Intercultural Dialogue

Speakers:

- **Ioanna Kuçuradi**, UNESCO Chair in Philosophy and Human Rights, Maltepe University, Turkey
- **Anita Yudkin**, UNESCO Chair for Peace Education, University of Puerto Rico
- **Josep Maria Llop Torné**, UNESCO Chair in Intermediate Cities: Urbanization and Development, University of Lleida, Spain
- **Klaus Starl**, Executive Secretary, European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights, Graz, Austria

Coffee Break (15:45 – 16:15)

Session 4 - Towards a closer collaboration: A Roadmap for Joint Action
16:15-17:30

Following a plenary presentation on the main lines of action of UNESCO's programme on human rights and social inclusion, participants will break into three groups to discuss and develop concrete proposals for collaboration which will feed into the roadmap for collaborative action and the process of revising the UNESCO strategies on Human Rights and the Integrated Strategy to Combat Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and

Related Intolerance. A questionnaire will be shared with participants ahead of the meeting to learn about their initiatives, its synthesis will be presented at each working group.

Plenary session (16:15-16:30)

UNESCO's human rights and social inclusion programme:

- Anna Maria Majlöf
- Konstantinos Tararas
- Linda Tinio-Le Douarin

Introduction to working groups

Working groups (16:30-17:30)

Working group 1 - Human mobility: transforming the discourse

A short presentation followed by discussions which will feed into the roadmap for collaborative action.

Working group 2 - Fostering urban inclusion

A short presentation followed by discussions which will feed into the roadmap for collaborative action.

Working group 3 - Contextualizing UNESCO's human rights mandate: towards a new strategy

Discussions in this working group will feed into the discussions on the revision of the UNESCO strategy on human rights and the Integrated Strategy to Combat Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

DAY 2 - Thursday 22 June 2017

Welcome coffee (09:00 – 09:30)

***Session 4 (breakout sessions) – continued
(09:30 – 11:30)***

***Session 5: Sharing the breakout sessions outcomes - plenary
11:30- 13:00***

Rapporteurs of the working groups will present in plenary the key findings and takeaway messages developed by each group.

During the lunch break, the rapporteurs of the breakout sessions with the support of the respective moderators and of the Secretariat will prepare the documents that will be presented during the afternoon sessions.

Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:30

***Session 6 (plenary): Contextualizing UNESCO's human rights mandate: key findings and follow-up
14:30-15:30***

The objective of this session will be to discuss and review the draft document that will be produced on the process of revision of the UNESCO strategies based on the discussions at the plenary and the dedicated working group.

Coffee Break (15:30 – 15:45)

***Session 7 (plenary) – Charting a Roadmap for Collaborative Action
15:45- 16:45***

This session will discuss the roadmap for collaboration between UNESCO and the participating institutions.

Following the meeting, both draft outcome documents of the working groups will be finalised by the Secretariat and shared with participants. A process for follow up will be equally proposed.

***Session 8 (plenary) – Conclusions and evaluation
16:45 – 17:00***

Closing words:

Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

Group photo