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Media calendar

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Calendar of events taking place at UNESCO Headquarters, in Field Offices and with other partner organizations.

*Journalists are requested to apply for accreditation prior to events
at Headquarters:*

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HIGHLIGHTS

CULTURE

4 - 8 December, Republic of Korea, Jeju Island

Intangible Heritage List Committee

The Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will decide upon the nominations to be inscribed on the Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists. Intangible cultural heritage includes traditions or living expressions inherited from our ancestors and passed on to our descendants, such as oral traditions, performing arts, social practices, rituals, festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe or the knowledge and skills to produce traditional crafts.

This year there are 34 nominations for the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage and six requests for inscription on the Intangible Cultural Heritage Urgent Safeguarding List.

[For more information](#)

PARIS HEADQUARTERS

INTERNATIONAL DAY/CULTURAL EVENT

4 December

Celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities is to mobilize support for issues relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in society. To celebrate the day at UNESCO Headquarters, there will be a round table discussion, followed by a theatrical performance "In-Touch" which captures the real stories of deaf-blind, blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard-of-hearing, sighted and hearing people, told through an eclectic style of spoken, signed and physical theatre, which was first performed at the UK National Theatre. The celebrations will end with a concert by the UNESCO Artist for Peace, Zara.

[For more information](#)

EDUCATION

5 December

Report: assessing literacy skills

UNESCO and IEA (International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement) will release the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS and ePIRLS) 2016 report during a roundtable debate. The discussions will explore the application of international assessments, such as PIRLS, in measuring the UN Sustainable Development Goal on education (SDG4), and key findings related to the school environment, gender disadvantage, and early childhood education as a foundation for learning.

[For more information](#)

NATURAL SCIENCES

7 - 8 December

“Changing Minds, not the Climate”: International Forum of NGOs

UNESCO’s different programmes - hydrology, geosciences, man and biosphere, oceans, management of social transformations, education - provide valuable tools and data as well as possible solutions for mitigation and adaptation to climate change. This work is reinforced through cooperation with non-governmental organizations many of whom will join these discussions on three general themes: “The role of Civil Society Organizations in addressing Climate Change”; “Ocean and Climate Change” & “World Heritage, Biosphere Reserves and Indigenous People’s Knowledge and Action”.

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CULTURE

14 December

Report: 2018 edition of UNESCO’s Global Report “Re|Shaping Cultural Policies”

The Global Report series tracks on a biennial basis the implementation of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions by analyzing trends, showcasing successes and highlighting challenges faced by Parties to the Convention. The report’s theme is “advancing creativity for development.”

[For more information](#)

INTERNATIONAL DAY/CULTURAL EVENT

18 - 19 December

World Arabic Language Day

A roundtable discussion will be organised on the topic of the Arabic Language and the New Technologies. It will be followed by a concert by UNESCO Artist for Peace, Naseer Shamma. World Arabic Language Day is celebrated every year on 18 December, to acknowledge the immense contribution of the language to science and universal culture, including philosophy and the arts.

UNESCO AROUND THE WORLD

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

4 - 5 December, Italy, Venice

International Conference “Ocean Literacy for All”

The conference will address topics covered by the UNESCO Ocean Literacy for All commitments, which aim to raise awareness about how health of the ocean affects our daily lives. Speakers include Gesine Meissner, Member of the European Parliament; Peter Thomson, UN Special Envoy for the Ocean, Barbara Degani, Vice-Minister of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea of Italy

and, Francesca von Habsburg, Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary. Barbara Degani Vice-Minister of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea of Italy.

[For more information](#)

CULTURE

11 - 12 December, Oman, Muscat

World Conference on Tourism and Culture: Fostering Sustainable Development

The Conference will explore ways to build and strengthen partnerships between the Tourism and Culture sectors. Gathering Ministers of Tourism and Ministers of Culture as well as private sector stakeholders and experts, the Conference will address a wide range of topics, including governance models, tourism development and protection of cultural heritage, culture and tourism in urban development and creativity, and exploring cultural landscape in tourism as a vehicle for sustainable development.

[For more information](#)

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