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Media calendar

July-August 2018

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

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

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HIGHLIGHT

THE UNESCO COURIER

Artificial Intelligence : The promises and the threats

Can a machine think? What is an AI capable of at this stage of its evolution? To what degree is it autonomous? Where does that leave human decision-making?

More than ushering in a Fourth Industrial Revolution, AI is provoking a cultural revolution. It is undeniably destined to transform our future, but we don't know exactly how, yet. This is why it inspires both fascination and fear. In this issue, the Courier presents its investigation to the reader, elaborating on several aspects of this cutting-edge technology at the frontiers of computer science, engineering and philosophy.

[Read the latest issue](#)

[Available on 16 July or upon request (contact: Laetitia Kaci ; l.kaci@unesco.org)]

NATURAL SCIENCES

23-28 July,

30th session of the Man and the Biosphere Programme International Co-ordinating Council (MAB-ICC)

On this occasion, the MAB-ICC will decide upon the inclusion of new biosphere reserves into the World Biosphere Reserve Network and take note of recommendations on periodic review reports of biosphere reserves.

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HEADQUARTER

AFRICA

2 July

Conference "Diplomacy, Economy and Culture for Peace in Africa"

The conference aims to create a platform for exchange and reflection on alternative means and methods to the use of force, thus mobilizing youth, women and men to build peace in Africa.

[More information](#)

SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES

2 July

Launch event for the co-publication "Transforming the Future: Anticipation in the 21st Century"

The future can only be imagined, since it does not yet exist. So, the question is, when humans engage in conscious imagining, why are we using our imaginations and how are we constructing what we imagine? During the event, speakers will present findings of this landmark study into why and how people "use the future", explaining how UNESCO champions Futures Literacy.

[More information](#)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

5 July

Roger Revelle Memorial Lecture 2018 by Walter Munk

On this occasion, Walter Munk, the 100-year-old scientist, described by the New York Times newspaper as "the Einstein of Oceanography," will share his unique perspective on the evolution of oceanography over the past eight decades. The IOC Executive Council will also present Walter Munk with the UNESCO Roger Revelle Medal.

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UNESCO AROUND THE WORLD

EDUCATION

12-13 July, Bangkok, Thailand

4th Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 (APMED): Transforming Learning – Meeting the skills demand to achieve SDGs in the Asia-Pacific

The meeting will explore progress and challenges towards implementing and monitoring skills development and outcomes through formal, non-formal and informal education.

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SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES

19-20 July, Beirut, Lebanon

Recentering Humanities - knowledge and dialogue in the Arab region

A two-day meeting aims to coordinate among Arab scholars the knowledge production in the area of the Humanities. This event follows up on the World Humanities Conference process started in August 2017.

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And also...

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12 August

International Youth Day

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23 August

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

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