

XII 39th session of the General Conference

104 Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5)

The General Conference,

Having examined document 38 C/7,

Recalling 197 EX/Decision 7, 197 EX/Decision 40 and 197 EX/Decision 5 (IV,A) of the Executive Board,

1. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the contributions made by UNESCO in its fields of competence to the preparation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
2. *Underscores* the enduring relevance of UNESCO's mandate to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and *stresses* the importance for UNESCO to contribute to the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda at appropriate levels, in particular by delivering assistance and technical support to Member States in its various fields of competence;
3. *Also underscores* the continued relevance of UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2014-2021, of its two overarching goals of peace and sustainable development, of its two global priorities "Africa" and "gender equality" and of its priority target group of small island developing States (SIDS);
4. *Draws attention* to the importance of the role of UNESCO in terms of intercultural dialogue, tolerance and the fight against all forms of discrimination;
5. *Stresses* the importance of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme in the design of public policies based on foresight and scientific evidence to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and *further underscores* the need to define a clear and effective communication strategy for the programme and to establish coordination mechanisms for its activities and cooperation with other United Nations agencies and regional organizations;
6. *Welcomes* the Director-General's efforts to focus the Organization's programme and resources on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the initial mapping provided in this regard in document 38 C/7;
7. *Invites* the Director-General to complete, in light of the debates, 197 EX/Decision 7, 197 EX/Decision 40 and 197 EX/Decision 5 (IV, A) of the Executive Board, and the present resolution, the Annex to document 197 EX/7 entitled "Mapping UNESCO's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): some initial highlights";
8. *Also invites* the Director-General, given the high social content of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to promote a consultation process aimed at drafting Major Programme III in terms of its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a whole and to present a report to the Executive Board at its 199th session;
9. *Requests* the Director-General, when preparing draft document 39 C/5, to review all documents and related references in accordance with the Statutes of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) so that they conform with those Statutes, particularly taking into account the intergovernmental nature and functional autonomy which the Commission enjoys in UNESCO;
10. *Also requests* the Director-General, when preparing draft document 39 C/5, to take into account the debate and decision on this item as well as the Executive Board's decision on the structured dialogue on financing (197 EX/Decision 5 (IV,B)), especially regarding the need for:
 - (a) focusing on UNESCO's comparative advantages and added value;
 - (b) identifying the right balance between UNESCO's normative and operational roles, setting global standards and building capacity;
 - (c) enhancing intersectorality and a multidisciplinary approach in UNESCO's work in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
 - (d) further gender mainstreaming in all UNESCO's programmes and activities;
 - (e) strengthening collaboration within the United Nations system as well as with other relevant partners;
 - (f) formulating exit strategies and sunset clauses taking into account indicators tailored to each of the programmes;
 - (g) strengthening the use of results-based management (RBM) and results-based budgeting (RBB);

11. *Further requests* the Director-General to proceed with the consultations of Member States and relevant stakeholders on the preparation of the Draft Programme for 2018-2021 and Budget for 2018-2019 (39 C/5) according to the roadmap presented in Annex III of document 38 C/7;
12. *Requests* the Director-General to include the annual structured dialogue on financing in the roadmap for the preparation of the 39 C/5.

Resolution adopted on the recommendation of the Joint Meeting of Commissions at the 18th plenary meeting, on 18 November 2015.

105 Venue of the 39th session of the General Conference

The General Conference,

Having regard to the provisions of Rules 2 and 3 of its Rules of Procedure,

Considering that, on the date fixed by Rule 3, no Member State had invited the General Conference to hold its 39th session in its territory,

Decides to hold its 39th session at the Headquarters of the Organization in Paris.

Resolution adopted at the 13th plenary session, on 13 November 2015.