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Reporter's notebook

October 2017

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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HIGHLIGHTS (looking ahead...)

ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL

The 58 members of the Executive Board will nominate the new Director-General, chosen by secret ballot during its meeting 4-18 October (voting will begin on 9th, see link below for further information).

The General Conference (of all Member States, 30 October-14 November) shall then consider this nomination and elect, by secret ballot, the candidate.

The **official announcement of the new Director-General will be on 10 November** and the new Director-General will take office on 15 November.

[For more information on the candidates](#)

[For more information on the voting procedure](#)

[For more information on Executive Board](#)

[For more information on General Conference](#)

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CULTURE

4-8 December, Republic of Korea

Intangible Heritage List Committee

The Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage will announce the successful candidates to be inscribed on the Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists.

[For more information](#)

PARIS HEADQUARTERS

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

28 September

2017 IPDC Talks: Powering Sustainable Development with Access to Information



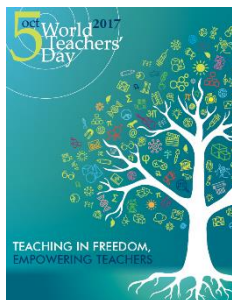
The short « TED-style » talks feature high-profile speakers to discuss the essential role that access to information, independent and free media and freedom of expression play to achieve a sustainable future. Amongst the speakers will be prominent journalists, such as Amy Goodman from Democracy Now!, global leaders from the public and civil society such as Salil Shetty, Secretary-General of Amnesty International

and Tarja Halonen, former Prime-Minister of Finland, as well as community leaders and human rights activists.

[For more information](#)

EDUCATION

5 October



World Teachers' Day

The 2017 edition of World Teachers' Day will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel with a special focus on institutional autonomy and academic freedom to encompass this year's slogan "Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers".

[For more information](#)

EDUCATION

24 October

Global Education Monitoring Report release



The theme of this year's Global Education Monitoring Report is accountability. It will be launched in Maputo, Mozambique on 24th October & 1st November in Paris (during the General Conference). The second in the new GEM Report series, the 2017/8 Report, will continue its assessment of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goal on education (SDG 4) and its 10 targets, as well as other related education targets in the SDG agenda.

[For more information](#)

NATURAL SCIENCES

18 - 20 October

Knowledge Forum on Water Security and Climate Change



UNESCO-International Hydrological Programme organizes the Knowledge Forum on Water Security and Climate Change.

The aim of the Knowledge Forum will be also to facilitate knowledge exchange and to develop new projects.

[For more information](#)

SOCIAL & HUMAN SCIENCES

25 October - 26 October

10th UNESCO Youth Forum



Since 1999, the UNESCO Youth Forum have provided an opportunity for youth to work in dialogue with UNESCO, to shape and direct the Organization's approach and to present their concerns and ideas to Member States. At the end of the Forum, a list of recommendations is presented to the General Conference, reflecting the pressing needs and concerns of

youth today.

[For more information](#)

UNESCO AROUND THE WORLD

NATURAL SCIENCES

25 - 29 September, Rwanda, Kigali

Africa Engineering Week

The theme of this year's UNESCO-Africa Engineering Week is "Effective Waste Management in Africa". More than 1000 participants are expected to participate. During this week, schools pupils across Africa will participate in educational activities to increase the visibility of engineering and its role in sustainable development, to encourage students to study engineering by supplementing science, technology, engineering and maths curriculum with practical engineering applications.

[For more information](#)

EDUCATION

25 - 27 September, Senegal, Dakar

African Regional Conference on gender mainstreaming in ICT policies and programmes

The Senegal Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications organises a conference on gender mainstreaming in Information and Communications Technologies policies and programmes.

[For more information](#)

COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

25 October - 1 November, Jamaica, Kingston

Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2017

"Media and Information Literacy in Critical Times: Re-imagining Ways of Learning and Information Environments" is the theme of this year's Media and Information and Literacy Week. It will address approaches for the challenges of the so-called "post-truth Era" which threatens to erode our civic, social and economic lives.

[For more information](#)

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