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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Document</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction by the Chair of the ICC</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Opening remarks by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deputy Director General of UNESCO</b></li> <li>• <b>Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO</b></li> <li>• <b>President of the 39th session of the General Conference of UNESCO (to be confirmed)</b></li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Report of the Chair of the ICC</b>  In his report, the Chair informs the Council of specific activities/initiatives he had contributed towards the implementation of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and other aspects of World Network of Biosphere reserves (WNBR) activities since the 30th session of the MAB-ICC.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Adoption of the agenda and timetable</b>	SC-19/CONF.231/1 SC-19/CONF.231/2 SC-19/CONF.231/3
<b>5</b>	<b>Report of the Secretary of the MAB Programme</b>  The Secretary provides an overview on actions and activities undertaken by the MAB Secretariat since the 30th session of the MAB-ICC.	SC-19/CONF.231/4
<b>6</b>	<b>Reports on actions undertaken by Member States / regional and thematic MAB Networks in the context of MAB with a focus on the Lima Action Plan</b>  Member States, regional and thematic MAB Networks will be given the opportunity to provide brief reports on their activities since the last MAB Council session, with a focus on	SC-19/CONF.231/5



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	<p>the implementation of the Lima Action Plan. Written reports received prior to the session will be available on the MAB website.</p>	
7	<p><b>Implementation of the "Process of Excellence and Enhancement of the WNBR as Well as Quality Improvement of All Members of the World Network"</b></p> <p>This documents contains an update as regards the sites concerned by the excellence process as well as an update on sites that are not meeting the criteria and were not included in the Exit Strategy (for the period 2014-2017).</p> <p>The MAB ICC is invited to take note of the implementation progress and to provide guidance for sites not meeting the criteria for the period 2014-2017.</p>	SC-19/CONF.231/6
8	<p><b>Periodic Review Reports and Follow-Up Information Received since the last MAB International Coordinating Council (MAB ICC) Meeting</b></p> <p>This document contains the recommendations concerning the periodic reviews on individual biosphere reserves considered by the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves (IACBR) in February 2019. The MAB-ICC is invited to consider the IACBR's recommendations.</p>	SC-19/CONF.231/7
9	<p><b>Proposals for New Biosphere Reserves and Extensions/ Modifications/ Renaming to Biosphere Reserves that are Part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR)</b></p> <p>This document contains the recommendations on proposals for new biosphere reserves and extensions/modifications to existing biosphere reserves considered by the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves in February 2019. The MAB ICC is invited to consider those recommendations as well as the additional information received by the Secretariat since February 2019 and to decide on the complete list of new sites that will be designated as biosphere reserves in 2019 and extensions or changes to biosphere reserves that are already part of the WNBR.</p>	SC-19/CONF.231/8
10	<p><b>Update on the MAB Communication Strategy and Action Plan</b></p> <p>The document provides an update on the global communication strategy and action plan, including the presentation of the new MAB website. No decision to be taken.</p>	SC-19/CONF.231/9



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<b>11</b>	<b>MAB Young Scientists Awards Scheme</b>  The document announces the 2019 winners of the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme as suggested by the Bureau of the MAB-ICC. The MAB-ICC is invited to consider and endorse the proposed winners of the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme of 2019.	SC-19/CONF.231/10
<b>12</b>	<b>Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management</b>  The document introduces the 2019 winner who will present her/his case study	SC-19/CONF.231/11
<b>13</b>	<b>Implementation of the Lima Action Plan</b>  The MAB ICC is invited to examine results achieved under the the Lima Action Plan and to provide its guidance for future implementation efforts.	SC-19/CONF.231/12
<b>14</b>	<b>Technical Guidelines for Biosphere Reserves (TGBR)</b>  The document presents the progress report towards the development of TGBR since the 30th session of the MAB ICC. The MAB ICC is invited to endorse the decision of the MAB Bureau pertaining the content of the Technical Guidelines pertaining to the four thematic areas: zonation, Policy, Monitoring and Governance .	SC-19/CONF.231/13
<b>15</b>	<b>MAB Youth Activities and MAB Forum 2019</b>  The Secretariat will report in detail on the Youth activities carried out since the 30 <sup>th</sup> session of the MAB-ICC and will present the MAB Youth Forum 2019 to take place in China. The MAB Council is invited to discuss these inputs and elaborate recommendations for the strengthening of youth engagement in the MAB Programme.	SC-19/CONF.231/14
<b>16</b>	<b>Date and venue of the 32nd session of the MAB-ICC</b>  The Council is requested to decide dates and venue for the convening of the 32nd session of the MAB-ICC.	
<b>18</b>	<b>Other Matters</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>Adoption of the Report</b>	
<b>20</b>	<b>Closure of the Session</b>	