



# UNESCO's Intergovernmental/Advisory Bodies

Structures and functions





## IFAP – IPDC – IHP

- CI's Intergovernmental programmes
- launched without a recommendation or convention
- International /intergovernmental Councils main governing bodies
- Member States elected by UNESCO's GC
- National Committees



# MAB Programme

- Intergovernmental scientific programme
- Launched in 1971 no recommendation or convention
- International Co-ordinating Council (ICC) main governing body
- 34 Member States elected by UNESCO's GC
- each MS one vote, many experts or advisers
- Observers: other Member States, UN Agencies, related organizations





# MAB Programme

- MAB Network
  - international, regional, sub-regional and ecosystem-specific networking
- National Committees
- Prizes and awards



# UNESCO's Bioethics Programme

- Secretariat of 2 advisory bodies:
- International Bioethics Committee (IBC)
- Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGCB)
- Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, adopted by the GC in 1997
- endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1998



# Bioethics Programme IBC

- Created in 1993
- Body of 36 independent experts
- Produces advice and recommendations on specific issues that are adopted by consensus
- Submit to the Director-General for transmission to MS, ExB and GC





# Bioethics Programme

## IGBC

- created under the Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC)
- 36 Member States
- meet every two years
- examine the advice and recommendations of the IBC
- informs the IBC of its opinions
- submits opinions and proposals for follow-up of the IBC's work to DG for transmission to MS, ExB and GC



# Bioethics Programme

- Assisting Bioethics Committees
- Ethics Education Programme
- Global Ethics Observatory (GEObs) system of databases with worldwide coverage





Thank you for your attention