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Agenda item:

FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONSULTATION MEETING ORGANIZED ON 25 JANUARY 2017, PARTICULARLY REGARDING IPDC'S EVALUATION AND THE ON-GOING REVIEW OF UNESCO GOVERNANCE ISSUES

INFORMATION NOTE

SUMMARY CONTENT OF DOCUMENT

This document presents a summary of the discussions held during the informal consultation and information meeting organized on 25 January 2017, particularly concerning IPDC's evaluation and the on-going review of UNESCO governance issues. The final version of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for an evaluation of IPDC is also attached for information.

FOLLOW-UP TO THE AUDIT OF THE GOVERNANCE OF UNESCO AND DEPENDENT FUNDS, PROGRAMMES AND ENTITIES

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1. BACKGROUND

The Chairperson of International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC) convened an informal meeting of Council members and donor countries on 25 January 2017 at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris, France. This occasion allowed for informal discussion on new initiatives launched by the programme as well as on the upcoming evaluation of the Programme and the on-going UNESCO governance issues. Minutes of the discussion are attached.

No decisions were taken at the occasion, but the IPDC Chair took cognisance of the points raised. In response to one intervention, Member States were allotted a fortnight to send in any further comments on the two documents circulated during the meeting:

1. Draft TORs for an IPDC evaluation, which includes the remarks made by Council members during the IPDC Council discussion as well as some comments shared by some Member States after the Council meeting;
2. Draft consultation paper on governance issues.

2. FOLLOW-UP

The terms of reference for the evaluation have continued to be honed, based on feedback received from Council members at the meeting and during the additional consultation period provided after the meeting. On the assumption that the outstanding additional funding of \$22 000 would be found by either new donors or an allocation by the Bureau, the evaluation procurement process was scheduled to start by mid-February. The evaluation work was expected then to commence after the IPDC Bureau meeting on 21-22 March. The inception report shall be shared electronically with IPDC Council members as soon as available. The evaluation should conclude before September when informal information meeting may take place.

The consultation on governance issues will integrate inputs provided by IPDC Council members and will be tabled at the IPDC 61st Bureau meeting in the form of an annex to this document. These inputs will also be shared with the house-wide Working Group on governance.

The Bureau of the Working Group on Governance met on 23 January 2017 under the Chair of the President of the General Conference, and decided to reschedule the meetings of Sub-group 2 on “Structure, composition and methods of work of UNESCO’s international and intergovernmental bodies” so as to ensure that all documents are being made available in the most inclusive way. IPDC inputs to this exercise so far were provided to all Member States through the internet site of the Working Group/Sub-Group 2 .

The meeting of the Sub-Group 2, which will consider IPDC’s governance, will take place on 31 March 2017. Inputs from the IPDC Council members as well as from the 61st Bureau meeting will be provided to the Sub-group by the Secretariat.

3. BUREAU ACTION

The Bureau takes note of the two on-going initiatives.

Annexes

1. Minutes of Information Meeting of 25 January 2017
2. Final TORs for an IPDC evaluation
3. Consultation paper on governance issues
4. IPDC Council responses to Consultation on governance issues (to be shared at the meeting)