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Welcome to the 41st session of the UNESCO General Conference!

Seventy-five years ago, on the moral and physical ruins of the Second World War, women and men gathered around a single conviction set down in our Constitution: that peace could only be founded “upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind”.

This 75th anniversary is an opportunity to take a look back at these decades of history, written by our Member States, but also to honour our founders. Their vision is all the more relevant today.

Indeed, years later, as our Member States gather for the 41st General Conference of UNESCO, this solidarity is more necessary than ever. Whether this means defending the right to education, reforging the relationship between humans and the environment, safeguarding the shared treasures of humanity, or creating an ethical compass for the technologies that are increasingly present in our lives, our Organization is working in all of the fields of its mandate to respond to these crucial challenges common to all humankind.

The agenda for the next fortnight reflects this well.

The pages that follow shine a spotlight on our many different fields of action, on our many different methods – from standard-setting to operations via international cooperation. In this way, this booklet pays tribute to all those who bring our Organization to life every day – the Secretariat, Member States, National Commissions, non-governmental organizations and civil society, especially young people.

Thanks to them, we are able to carry out the mission assigned to us three-quarters of a century ago: to give the international community a place where it can collectively address the upheavals affecting our world; a place where it can unite around the global common goods of humanity: education, culture, the sciences and information.

UNESCO has perhaps never been more necessary than today.

Audrey Azoulay
Director-General of UNESCO

Special Meetings and Events of the General Conference



Opening Ceremony

Tuesday 9 November 2021, 10:00, Room I

The 41st session of the General Conference will be opened in a formal ceremony by H.E. Mr Ahmet Altay Cengizer, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Turkey to UNESCO and President of the 40th session of the General Conference.

The election to the Presidency of the 41st session of the General Conference will be held in the same morning at around 11:30. The second plenary session will take place at 15:00 in Room I with the election related to the appointment of the Director-General, followed by the introduction by the Chairperson of the Executive Board, H.E. Mr Agapito Mba Mokuy and the Director-General to the General Policy Debate.

The investiture ceremony of the Director-General will be held in a special plenary meeting on Monday, 22 November 2021, in the afternoon.

High-Level Segment: UNESCO 75th Anniversary Celebration

Friday 12 November 2021, 16:00 – 20:00, Room I / Simulcast in Room II & online

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This unique celebration comes at a historic moment as UNESCO looks back upon seventy-five years of building peace in the minds of women and men around the world, and onwards to the future, as it adapts and responds to the existential global challenges of our age. Heads of State and Government will be front and centre with the Director-General during this unforgettable event, as they explore the role of UNESCO in advancing mutual understanding and international cooperation through education, science, culture and communication over the decades. World-renowned musicians and artists from every continent will take the stage to provide inspirational cultural interludes, culminating in a very special group photo.

Note: Due to the firm security and health requirements, attendance of the High-Level Segment is strictly limited. Access to Room I for the event will require a specific badge, with name and photo, issued for this purpose.

12th UNESCO Youth Forum "Co-creating with youth the post-COVID"

Friday 19 November 2021, from 13:00 –17:00, online

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The 12th UNESCO Youth Forum will take place at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has created a multi-dimensional crisis for young people around the world, aggravating systemic challenges. Unless decisive and collective action is taken now by governments, in partnership with young people, the long- and short-term prospects of the current and future youth generations will be jeopardized.

Building on the findings of the global initiative Youth as Researchers on COVID-19 (<https://en.unesco.org/covid19/youth/yar>), the 12th UNESCO Youth Forum will bring together young people from around the world to discuss how UNESCO's mandate can be mobilized to fight the negative effects of the pandemic on youth.

The Forum will give rise to a draft Plan of Action by and for Youth for the post-COVID-19 period that will be presented to Member States at the General Conference.

Calendar of other side events



Indigenous knowledge in the Pacific Islands and the Decade of the Ocean

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 07:00 – 08:00, online

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UNESCO's Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems Programme (LINKS) of the Division of Science Policy and Capacity Building of the Natural Sciences Sector in coordination with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC), will organize a virtual event on "Indigenous Peoples of the Pacific Islands and their knowledge of the ocean and traditional navigation". The event will comprise a round table and a presentation addressing: How to value traditional knowledge in the framework of the Decade of Ocean Sciences; Ancestral voyaging knowledge of women and men in the Pacific as a key resource for achieving SDGs; Building resilience and enhancing Ocean knowledge in the context of the UN Ocean Decade.

Editorial

This MAG offers an overview of all the special meetings and side events, dates of elections and ceremonies, which will take place throughout the session.

In order to get more detailed information, we kindly invite you to visit the website of the General Conference every day: you will be able to get all the information related to its work, find electronic access to documents and statements; list of speakers, who is who; FAQ; etc. In our webpage you will also find the e-journal with the daily agenda of the work of the Commissions and Committees, summaries of debates as well as information on official visits and exhibitions.

The agenda and the programme of the meetings will also appear on the screens located in the main Halls of Fontenoy and Bonvin buildings and next to the meeting rooms of the commissions and committees.

We are very pleased to receive you despite the challenges imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic. Your presence testifies to your strong commitment to the ideals of UNESCO. To ensure the success of this General Conference, we invite you to read and respect the special health measures that you find in this MAG and in the dedicated webpage. This will enable all of us to work together safely, reduce risks from the virus and enjoy the coming weeks.

This year the team of the Delegates' Information Bureau is located in the Hall Miró (ext. 85277). We shall assist you during the course of the session, should you need any information on the programme of meetings and events, including updates and changes of schedule.

We wish you a healthy and inspiring session.

Rossella Salvia
Delegates' Information Bureau

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For more information

Election of the Executive Board

The election of Members of the Executive Board will take place on **Wednesday 17 November 2021**. A polling station will be opened in **Room V from 10:00 to 13:00**. The results of the ballot will be announced in plenary session in the afternoon.

Launch of the Futures of Education Report

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 13:30-14:30, Room I and online

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Drawing on extensive consultations with one million people, the International Commission has prepared the report *Reimagining our futures together: a new social contract for education*. This launch event will present the key ideas and recommendations of the new flagship report to Member States and kick off the mobilization of the global education community and UNESCO strategic partners to take forward the global debate and action on the futures of education.

2021 Global Education Meeting: Invest now for the recovery and the futures of education

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 14:30-18:00, Room II and online

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UNESCO will co-host, with the Government of France, the high-level segment of the 2021 Global Education Meeting to galvanize political commitments to raise the profile of and investment in education, as a catalytic driver for the world's COVID-19 recovery, acceleration of the Education 2030 agenda and the futures of education.

Global Teacher Prize Ceremony

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 19:00 – 20:00, Room I and online

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The Global Teacher Prize 2021 (<https://www.globalteacherprize.org/>) of the Varkey Foundation will this year be awarded in partnership with UNESCO to recognize exceptional teachers. The Prize was set up to recognize one exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession and to shine a spotlight on the important role teachers play in society. The event will feature the laureate of this USD 1 million prize as well as the other nine finalists, selected from over 8,000 nominations and applications from 121 countries.

Healthy & educated: The double dividend of investing in health and well-being through education

Thursday 11 November 2021, 14:00-15:00, Room X and online

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Co-hosted by UNESCO and the Government of Sweden, this event will highlight the positive, transformative effects of education for health and well-being. It will explore the main health and well-being challenges faced by children and young people, the recommended approach to school health, and UNESCO's role in driving forward comprehensive sexuality education and safe school environments.

The Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education

Thursday 11 November 2021, 18:00 – 19:00, Room X

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Two years after the adoption of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education, this event will renew momentum around this global treaty and support Member States' efforts to both ratify and implement it. Co-organized by the Governments of Norway, Tunisia and the United Kingdom in cooperation with UNESCO, the event will highlight the key benefits of joining the Global Convention, including facilitating the recognition of qualifications, and the mobility and circulation of knowledge and research between countries.

Award Ceremony of the UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International Prize for the Creative Economy

Thursday 11 November 2021, 18:30 – 19:15,
Room I (Webcast available), followed by the reception to take place in
the 7th floor cafeteria (19:30-21:00).

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Supported by the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the prize bears the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in honour of the father of the nation. Created in 2020 on the centenary of his birth and awarded in celebration of the UN 2021 International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development, the prize, USD 50,000, recognises and rewards exceptional initiatives of an entity that supports business skills development for young people in the field of the creative economy.

More information on:

<https://en.unesco.org/creativity/activities/unesco-bangladesh-bangabandhu-sheikh-mujibur>



SDG 4 benchmarks, visualizations and data gaps linking global, regional and national levels

Friday 12 November 2021, 8:30-09:30, Room X and online

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This high-level policy dialogue event will look at key developments on monitoring progress towards SDG 4, the global education goal, from a quantitative and qualitative perspective. Co-hosted by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) and the Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report, the event will offer an opportunity to build momentum around the development of national benchmarks for measuring progress towards SDG 4.

Global Education Coalition: Acting for recovery, resilience and reimagining education

Friday 12 November 2021, 13:15-14:45, Room X and online

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As the annual meeting of UNESCO's Global Education Coalition, this event will bring together partners to share their projects, successes, and lessons learned since the launch of the Coalition in March 2020. This event will also be an opportunity to discuss the future of the Coalition and its next steps in supporting learning recovery, digital transformation and continuing to work towards SDG 4.

2020 Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology

Monday 15 November 2021, 13:00 – 14:30 for the ceremony at Room X,
followed by a reception at Bar des Conferences from 14:30 – 15:30

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The Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology is a biennial scientific prize that was established by the Government of Cuba and UNESCO. Finlay was a Cuban epidemiologist who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of microbiology, specifically on yellow fever. The prize is awarded in odd years during the UNESCO General Conference. The prize was established to acknowledge the importance of microbiology for human health and to honour one of the most important microbiologists in history. Since the first prize in 1980, it rewards the efforts of an individual, or of an institution, non-governmental organization, or other entity, which through research and development, has made an outstanding contribution to the field of microbiology and its applications. Through awarding this prize, the Government of Cuba and UNESCO aim to encourage research and development of Microbiology.

More information on

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/science-technology/basic-sciences/life-sciences/carlos-j-finlay-unesco-prize-for-microbiology/introduction/>



Fit for Life Official Launch Event

Monday 15 November 2021, 13:15 – 15:00, Restaurant 7th floor

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"Fit for Life" is designed to accelerate COVID-19 recovery and enhance the well-being of youth through smart investments in sport as a driver of health, education and equality outcomes from policy to practice. The side event presents a unique opportunity to learn about the planned activities within "Fit for Life", as well as emergent findings from UNESCO's survey on quality physical education. Country representatives, athletes, young leaders and high-level personalities will be invited to provide testimonials on the power of sport and to engage in a series of panel discussions. Member States and interested partners will learn how they can join this new initiative.

COVID-19 measures

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNESCO has put in place health measures to reduce the risks of the virus spreading from and within the Organization.

The premises are sanitized regularly as is the technical equipment (headsets and microphone windshields in particular). Specific instructions are available in the buildings to remind users of the best practices to follow.

Medical service:

If you have been in contact with someone who is a potential risk case or developing symptoms, or if you have any doubts about your state of health, contact UNESCO's Medical Service immediately, before going there:

+ 33 (0) 1 456 - 80867 or

by email: service.medical@unesco.org

In addition, we thank you for scrupulously observing the following health instructions:

Barrier gestures:

- Wear a mask as soon as you enter the UNESCO grounds and change it regularly. The mask must be worn at all times and in all circumstances;
- Wash your hands regularly and use the hydroalcoholic gel made available in UNESCO spaces before entering rooms;
- Only use the headset and microphone in the seat assigned to you;

Physical distancing:

- Maintain a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres from people; avoid groups;
- In conference rooms, sit only in your assigned seat; do not change seats;
- Avoid using lifts, most of them can only accommodate one to six people at a time;
- Follow the instructions and arrangements set up in the restaurant areas;

Public movement:

- Respect the signs relating to the prevention of COVID-19 placed in the various spaces of UNESCO: For example, in meeting rooms, doors are designated for the entry and exit of participants, and the direction of movement of people in the room is indicated.

Award Ceremony of the 2021 Edition of the UNESCO-Russia Mendeleev International Prize in the Basic Sciences

Monday 15 November 2021, 19:30 – 21:00,
Room I (Webcast available)

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Established as a follow-up of the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements in 2019, the UNESCO-Russia Mendeleev International Prize in the Basic Sciences was created to foster scientific progress, science popularization and international cooperation in the basic sciences. The Prize honours the remarkable scientific heritage of Dimitri Mendeleev, father of the Periodic Table, whose work was fundamental to the development of chemistry, physics, biology, aeronautics, hydrodynamics, meteorology and astronomy as well as what is now termed sustainable development.

Climate vulnerability and water resilience in Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)

Tuesday 16 November 2021, 13:00 – 15:00, online

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Organized by the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) in collaboration with the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Unit of UNESCO and the University of Southampton, this event will provide the opportunity for synergies between academics, professionals, and decision makers in the water sector to discuss about the vulnerabilities to hydroclimatic hazards in SIDS and explore pathways to resilience.

Launch of a South-South alliance for the Judges' Initiative in Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa

Tuesday 16 November 2021, 13:00 - 13:30; Miró Hall

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Reviving Mosul through Culture Photo exhibition and panel discussion

Wednesday 17 November, 11:00-11:15, photo exhibition Hall des pas perdus; 11:15 – 12:30, panel discussion Miró Room

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The event will start with the visit by the Minister of Culture of Iraq and UNESCO's Assistant Director-General of Culture of a photo exhibition on Mosul, highlighting the ongoing rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Old City of Mosul, followed by a panel discussion on the revival of cultural life in the city. Three experts/activists working on the advancement of cinema, theatre and music in the city of Mosul, will be discussing different aspects of revival of cultural life, practical steps taken, hopes and struggles.

Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Man and the Biosphere Programme "It's about life"

Wednesday 17 November 2021, 12:30 – 20:30, Restaurant 7th floor

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The Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) will celebrate its 50th anniversary and showcase its role in spearheading UNESCO's strategy for biodiversity conservation and as a global leader in socially inclusive environmental management.

The event will encompass the presentation of the 50th anniversary artwork by Vik Muniz, Monitoring for the Future: Delivery of drones to beneficiary countries, Intergenerational dialogue between MAB official spokespeople and young counterparts from around the world, and the award ceremony of the UNESCO Sultan Qaboos Prize for Environmental Conservation. The celebration will be in the presence of scientists, youth representatives and artists.

Leading Voices Against Racism

Wednesday 17 November 2021, 13:30 – 15:00, Room I

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With the objective to address the "Global Call against Racism" launched by Member States in December 2020, this high-level event, organized by the Social and Human Sciences Sector, focuses on the crucial role of global leaders in spearheading advocacy efforts to combat racism. This initiative builds on and follows one of the key recommendations put forward by the "UNESCO Global Forum against Racism and Discrimination", organized in March 2021, which kicked off UNESCO's series of anti-racism efforts.

Journalism is a public good: Presentation of the Highlights of the World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development: Global Report 2021/2022

Wednesday 17 November 2021, 13:15-14:30, Salle XI

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The event will present the highlights of the 2021/2022 global edition of the flagship series of reports on *World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development*. Organized in collaboration with the Permanent Delegation of Sweden, the event will also include an overview of the original data-driven analysis covered in the report and will feature a high-level panel with speakers from academia, civil society, the UN, and the media sector.

UNESCO Marine World Heritage & Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission in the framework of the Ocean Decade

Wednesday 17 November 2021, 13:30 – 14:50, Room IX

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During this high-level side event, UNESCO will launch a strategic roadmap that sets out the core science, resource, and capacity needs at Marine World Heritage sites in the context of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021–2030 ("The Ocean Decade"). The event will showcase tangible examples of transversal cooperation among UNESCO Programmes in the field of ocean science and Marine World Heritage and support from key partners for flagship initiatives. It will also highlight the recently launched joint IOC-CLT global eDNA project to study vulnerability of species to climate change at marine World Heritage sites. Furthermore, it will feature a view from the field with a testimonial from the local management authority of the Aldabra Atoll World Heritage site (Seychelles).

More information on

the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

[http://ioc-unesco.org/;](http://ioc-unesco.org/)

the World Heritage Marine Programme

<https://whc.unesco.org/en/marine-programme/>

the Ocean Decade

www.oceandecade.org



Philosophy Around the World – Worldwide Philosophical Relay-Race

Thursday 18 November 2021, 11:30 – 22:00, Room IX and online

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On the occasion of World Philosophy Day 2021, a global online event “Philosophy Around the World – Worldwide Philosophical Relay-Race” will be held to celebrate philosophy in all parts of our planet with the overall theme of *intercultural philosophy for peace and sustainability in the time of crisis*.

23rd session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

Wednesday 24 November 2021,
15:00 – 18:00 pm, Salle II

Thursday 25 November 2021,
10:00 – 18:00 p.m., Salle II

Friday 26 November 2021,
10:00 -13:00 pm, Salle II

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The General Assembly will be notably called upon to replace the outgoing members of the World Heritage Committee and will also determine the amount of the contributions of States Parties to the World Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the World Heritage Convention. Please also note that an extraordinary session of the World Heritage Committee will take place on 26 November 2021 from 14:00 – 15:00.

For further information:

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/sessions/23GA/>



It will comprise two plenary opening and closing sessions and five regional webinars organized in all UNESCO's regions – Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe/North America and Latin America and the Caribbean. All regions will take turn to deliver interactive sessions and to pass the philosophical baton to the next region to reflect on the role of philosophy in helping make sense of the modern world and in finding solutions to the complex global challenges of today.

Global launch of UNESCO's World Atlas of Languages

Thursday 18 November 2021, 13:30 – 14:30, Room XI

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The global launch of the UNESCO World Atlas of Languages (WAL) is the occasion for presenting the status of linguistic diversity around the world – and generating renewed interest for more coordinated global actions towards preservation, support, and promotion of languages. The WAL provides the global community with a new perspective for more inclusive, comprehensive, and transversal understanding of linguistic diversity. The WAL will stimulate new research and innovation, create demand for new language resources and tools, contribute to the formulation of language policies and legislation and forge new partnerships and collaboration among multiple actors. In the long-term, UNESCO WAL will contribute to the implementation of the Global Action Plan of the upcoming International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-2032) providing all stakeholders with the online tool and innovative methodology for the assessment of linguistic diversity around the world.

Greece and Cultural Heritage

Thursday 18 November 2021, 18:30-20:30, Room I

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The Symposium on “Greece and Cultural Heritage” is organized under the patronage of UNESCO by “Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation” in collaboration with the Permanent Delegation of Greece. This event will celebrate the bicentenary of Greece's Independence, featuring personalities and members of the academic world.

Through keynote conferences and panel discussions, Panel 1 will examine “Values and Ideals of the Greek culture” and Panel 2 “The protection of Cultural Heritage”. The Director-General and UNESCO

Goodwill Ambassador Jean-Michel Jarre will take part in the opening session, as well as the President of the Hellenic Republic H.E. Ms Katerina Sakellariopoulou and the Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic H.E. Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

UNESCO Conventions Ceremony

Friday 19 November 2021, 13:00-15:00, Room X

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This event aims at promoting the standard-setting activity of UNESCO and highlighting Member States' commitment to cooperate in the fields of education, culture, science and information.

During the ceremony, open to all delegations, Member States' representatives will be invited to sign the conventions deposited with the Director-General and/or present to the Director-General their instruments of ratification to these conventions.

UNESCO-Japan ESD Prize Award Ceremony

Friday 19 November 2021, 13:30-15:00, Room I and Online

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The 2021 laureates of the UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development will be celebrated during this award ceremony. Three laureates will receive USD 50,000 to expand their actions for further scaling up. The Prize and award winners recognize the role of education in connecting the social, economic, cultural and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The core selection criteria are the projects' potential for transformation, their innovative quality and ability to embrace all three dimensions of sustainability: the economy, society and the environment.

Presentation of the publication: UNESCO, Art Collection, selected works.

Friday 19 November 2021, 18:00-19:00, Room I

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On the occasion of the 75th anniversary, the publication *UNESCO, Art Collection, selected works* celebrates the Organization's remarkable and diverse collection of artworks, including Picasso, Miró, Arp, Appel, Afro, Matta, Calder, Chillida, Giacometti, Moore, Tamayo, Soto, Vasarely, Cruz-Diez and many others. The works currently on display in UNESCO's buildings bear witness to the richness of artistic diversity in the world over the past 6,000 years. In this publication, 75 key concepts from UNESCO's work

have been chosen to enter into dialogue with 75 selected works from the collection, which reflect the cultural, geographical and temporal diversity of the heritage. To nurture this dialogue, we have invited the world's leading experts, combining a wide range of institutional, academic and artistic cultures. In addition, for the first time, we have given the floor to artists who have wished to share with us the history of their works and the reasons for their donation.

During the event, foundation directors, artists, art critics, specialists in modern and contemporary art, and directors of art institutions will accompany the Director-General in the presentation of this work, which symbolizes the power of the arts as a driver of the Organization's mandate.

"Greening" the General Conference

In line with UNESCO's Environmental Sustainability and Management Policy, specific measures are aiming at reducing the environmental footprint of the 41st session of the General Conference, such as:

- ♻️ central waste sorting and recycling,
- ♻️ reduced printing of documents (on 100% recycled, FSC-certified paper only),
- ♻️ heating of rooms limited to 20°C,
- ♻️ reusable badges made from recycled material,
- ♻️ no single-use plastic bottles: new water dispensers are available in front of room II and on -1,
- ♻️ all electricity supply comes from 100% renewable sources,
- ♻️ all emissions from facilities' use, UNESCO-sponsored travel and printing are offset via UN-certified projects (financed by UNESCO's internal carbon tax).

All Delegates are invited to contribute to these efforts, for example by:

- ♻️ choosing an eco-labeled hotel,
- ♻️ using electronic versions of documents and respecting the waste sorting instructions,
- ♻️ bringing your own water bottle/travel mug.

You can find more information in the Practical Guide for Delegates as well as on the General Conference website.

We invite you to take this short quiz related to UNESCO's environmental sustainability management by scanning the QR code.

Don't hesitate to come visit UNESCO's new vegetable and biodiversity garden located on the Piazza.



Award Ceremony of the UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes

Monday 22 November 2021, 18:45 – 19:30, Room I

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Created in 1995 and named after Melina Mercouri, famous actress and former Greek Minister of Culture, the Prize rewards outstanding examples of action to safeguard and enhance the world's cultural landscapes that embody an enduring, intimate relationship between people and their environment. Awarded every 2 years, the laureate of the Prize, who may be an individual, an institution or a non-governmental organization, receives an award of USD 30,000.

Official Opening of the Africa Week

Tuesday 23 November 2021, 13:15 – 15:00, Room II

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UNESCO Africa week is the annual flagship event of the Africa Group at UNESCO, a body that brings together the Member States of the African continent.

Africa week includes a kaleidoscope of cultural, scientific, artistic and epicurean events in honor of Africa Day (25 May), when the Organization of African Unity (OAU), today the African Union (AU), was founded in 1963.

This second phase of the 2021 edition of the **Africa Week (23-26 November 2021)** will be celebrated through presentation of the book *"Africa at UNESCO Art Collection"*, exhibitions of African properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, African Literary Works, film screenings, conferences, innovation hubs, gala and much more...

Join UNESCO

Thursday 11 November 2021 in English, 14:00 – 15:00, Hall Saxe (in front of the bank)

Friday 19 November 2021 in French, 14:00 – 15:00, Hall Saxe (in front of the bank)

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The Bureau of Human Resources Management (HRM) will offer an opportunity to delegates participating in the General Conference to interact with HR officers to get a better understanding of the profile of candidates UNESCO is looking for, how to submit an application and prepare for a competencies-based interview. A presentation will also be provided on the different types of talent programmes (Loans and Secondments, Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme, sponsored trainees, etc..) that are implemented in partnership with Member States, academic, civil society and private sector entities. The information session will take place once in English and once in French.

Mobile Access

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On android:

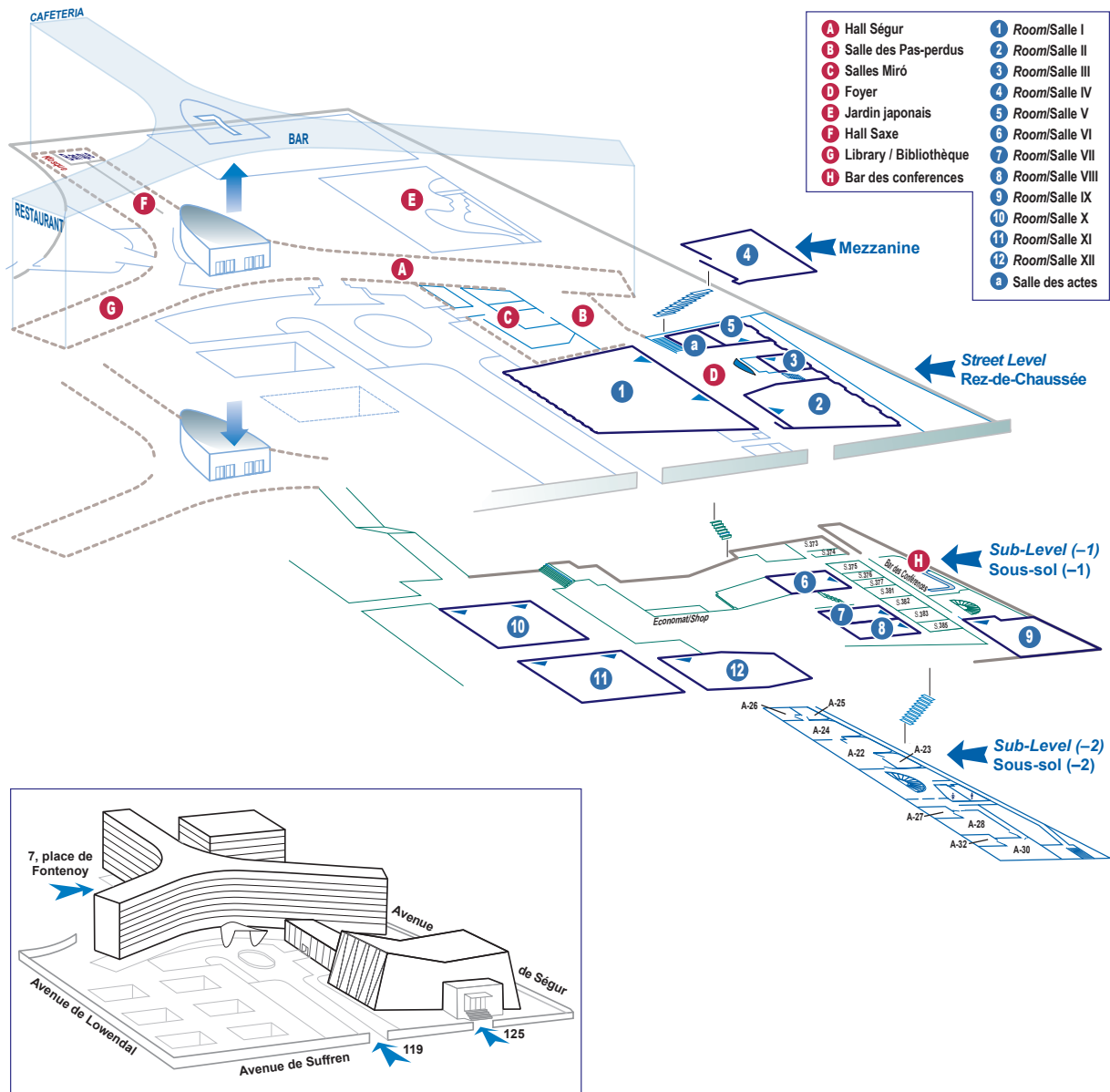
open your browser and navigate to <https://www.unesco.org/en/general-conference/41>. Once you are there, tap the three-dot menu icon near the URL, and select "Add to homescreen".

On iPhone:

Use the browser and navigate to <https://www.unesco.org/en/general-conference/41>. After the website loads, tap on the share icon at the bottom of the browser and tap on "Add to Home Screen". Then, if you want, you can customize the name of the application and tap on "Add" from top-right.



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