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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Item	Title	Document
1	<p>Opening ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming Remarks of the President of Federal Republic of Nigeria or his representative • Opening by the Chair of the MAB ICC • Opening Remarks of the Director-General of UNESCO or her representative 	
2	<p>Report by the Chair of the MAB-ICC</p> <p>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 32nd session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the MAB Programme (MAB-ICC).</p>	
3	<p>Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable</p>	<p>SC-21/CONF.233/1 SC-21/CONF.233/2 SC-21/CONF.233/3</p>
4	<p>Briefing on Working Methods of the MAB Council Hybrid Meeting</p> <p>The MAB Secretariat will provide a briefing on working process and methods of the MAB Council Hybrid meeting.</p>	
5	<p>Report of the Secretariat of the MAB Programme</p> <p>The Secretariat provides an overview on actions and activities undertaken by the MAB Secretariat since the 32nd session of the MAB-ICC.</p>	<p>SC-21/CONF.233/4</p>

<p>6</p>	<p>Overview on MAB Thematic Networks</p> <p>The MAB Secretariat will present the activities of the existing thematic networks and the new thematic networks that are being launched. It will also present how these networks strengthen biosphere reserves to achieve the International Environmental Agreements (IEA).</p>	<p>SC-21/CONF.233/5</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Presentation of the UNESCO International Environmental Experts Network “UNESCO Network for Earth”</p> <p>Within the implementation of the UNESCO intersectorial Biodiversity strategy and the contribution of UNESCO to the UN decade on restoration, a new programme funded by Italy and open to other donors will support restoration of key ecosystems in UNESCO designated sites in 2021-2024.</p>	<p>SC-21/CONF.233/6</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Reports on Actions Undertaken by Regional and Thematic MAB Networks in the Context of MAB, with a Focus on the Lima Action Plan (LAP) Implementation and the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of MAB</p> <p>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 the implementation of the Lima Action Plan and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of MAB Programme. Member states are invited to send their written national reports prior to the session . They will I be made available on the MAB website.</p>	<p>SC-21/CONF.233/7</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Periodic Review Reports and Follow-Up Information Received since the 31st session of the MAB-ICC.</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 2020 and March 2021. The MAB-ICC is invited to consider the IACBR’s recommendations.</p>	<p>SC-21/CONF.233/8</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Completion of the Exit strategy and implementation of the "Process of Excellence and Enhancement of the WNBR as Well as Quality Improvement of All Members of the World Network"</p> <p>This documents contains the state of the art as regards sites concerned by the Exit strategy based on the recommendations</p>	<p>SC-21/CONF.233/9</p>

	made by the Advisory committee and presented in item 9. A proposal made by the ad hoc working group of the excellence process is presented to implement the "Process of Excellence and Enhancement of the WNBR as Well as Quality Improvement of All Members of the World Network".	
11	<p>Proposals for New Biosphere Reserves and Extensions/ Modifications/ Renaming to Biosphere Reserves that are Part of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR)</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 March 2021. The MAB ICC is invited to consider those recommendations as well as the additional information received by the Secretariat since March 2021 and to decide on the complete list of new sites that will be designated as biosphere reserves in 2021 and extensions or changes to biosphere reserves that are already part of the WNBR.</p>	SC-21/CONF.233/10
12	<p>MAB Young Scientists Awards (YSA) Scheme</p> <p>The document announces the 2021 winners of the MAB Young Scientists Award Scheme as suggested / recommended 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 2021.</p>	SC-21/CONF.233/11
13	<p>Michel Batisse Award</p> <p>The document introduces the 2021 winner of the award for biosphere reserve management who will present her/his case study.</p>	SC-21/CONF.233/12
14	<p>MAB Youth Activities and Involvement in the Governance of the MAB Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves</p> <p>The Secretariat will present the activities undertaken by MAB Youth since the 32nd session of the MAB-ICC and their participation in the 50th anniversary of the MAB Programme. It will also report on the efforts being made to enable MAB youth to participate actively in the governance of the MAB Programme and biosphere reserves, and to be actively represented in global platforms and processes such as COP15 and the Global Biodiversity Framework, Youth UNESCO Action Climate Network or the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.</p>	SC-21/CONF.233/13

15	<p>Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of MAB</p> <p>The Secretariat will provide an updated overview on worldwide celebration as well as the main activities and initiatives highlighting a key role of the MAB Programme on the way towards sustainable development and living in harmony with nature.</p>	SC-21/CONF.233/14
16	<p>Date and Venue of the 34th Session of the MAB-ICC</p> <p>The Council is requested to decide dates and venue for the convening of the 34th session of the MAB-ICC.</p>	
17	<p>Other matters</p>	
18	<p>Closure of the Session</p>	