UNESCO Creative Cities Network Annual Meeting

Kanazawa, Japan
25-28 May 2015

Provisional Agenda

Venue: ANA Crowne Plaza Kanazawa

Participants: Delegates of the 69 UNESCO Creative Cities and UNESCO representatives

Monday, 25 May

9:00 – 22:30 Delegates registration and distribution of meeting materials at the Registration desk in the ANA Crowne Plaza Kanazawa

16:00 – 19:00 Steering Group working session

Tuesday, 26 May

9:00 – 10:00 Opening ceremony
Welcome: Mr. Yukiyoshi Yamano, Mayor of Kanazawa

Context and objectives of the meeting: Ms. Lynne Patchett, UNESCO

Opening remarks:

- Mr. Motoyuki Fujii, State Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- Mr. Hiroshi Hase, Member of Parliament
Keynote speech
- Dr. Masayuki Sasaki, Professor of Urban & Cultural Economics, Doshisha University

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 12:30 General meeting
- Main activities undertaken by the UCCN Secretariat
- Reinforcing the UCCN and achieving its objectives and goals at the local and international levels
- UNESCO’s Global Report on Culture and Sustainable Urban Development
- Flagship proposals to celebrate the 70th anniversary of UNESCO

Moderation: Mr. Dominique Roland (Enghien-les-Bains, Creative City of Media Arts)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:45 Creative Fields Workshops: Crafts and Folk Arts, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts, Music
- Introducing the new UCCN members
- Reviewing major activities undertaken over the past year
- Brainstorming on future activities: How to foster the implementation of the UCCN objectives and launch partnerships both at the level of the creative fields and network-wide?
- Guidelines and orientations for future action and activities

The coordinator of each creative field will moderate their respective workshops

17:00 – 19:00 Mayors’ Round Table
- Impact of the UNESCO Creative City designation at the local level
- Vision and prospects of the UCCN for the next 10 years

Moderation: Ms. Lynne Patchett, UNESCO

19:30 – 21:30 Welcome dinner at Kanazawa Castle
Venue: Kanazawa Castle Park – tent at Ni-no-Maru Square
Wednesday, 27 May

8:00 – 9:00  Steering Group Working Session
- Defining the Steering Group’s priorities for the year to come

9:00 – 10:30  General meeting
- Feedback from the creative fields workshops: achievements and proposals for future action
- General debate

Moderation: Mr. David Wilson (Bradford, Creative City of Film)

10:30 – 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30  General meeting
- Criteria and selection process for the designation of host cities of the annual meeting, Mr. Ting Xu (Shenzhen, Creative City of Design)
- Membership Monitoring Guidelines, Ms. Justyna Jochym (Krakow, Creative City of Literature)
- Priority areas for the Steering Group’s future work, Ms. Francesca Martinese (Bologna, Creative City of Music)

Moderation: Mr. Jiao Hui (Chengdu, Creative City of Gastronomy)

12:30 – 14:00  Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30  General meeting
- UCCN 2016 Meeting: Presentation by the representative of Östersund
- Declarations of intention to host the 2017 Annual Meeting by the representatives of the cities of Enghien–les-Bains, Fabriano, Florianopolis and Nassau.
- Conclusions of the 2015 UCCN Annual Meeting

Moderation: Mr. Peter Yves (Santa Fe, Creative City of Crafts and Folk Arts)

Closing ceremony
- Mr. Matsutaro Fukumitsu, Chair, Kanazawa Creative City Steering Committee
- Ms. Lynne Patchett, UNESCO

Departure for 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art
16:00 – 19:00  Cultural programme
Exhibition of “Kogei” Japanese traditional art
Venue: 21st century museum for contemporary art, Kanazawa – Citizens’ Gallery A

Noh performance
Venue: Ishikawa Prefectural Noh Theater

Departure to restaurant in the city

19:30 – 21:30  Farewell dinner

Thursday, 28 May – Cultural Programme

Cultural programme organized by the city of Kanazawa

9:00 – 12:00  Cultural excursions in Kanazawa (two options)

1. The Craft Tour: a visit to ceramics, gold leaf and other crafts workshops

2. The History Tour: a visit to historical areas, buildings and gardens

14:00 – 17:45  UNU-IAS OUIK International Symposium:
Introducing the Ishikawa-Kanazawa Bio-cultural Region

Host: The Ishikawa-Kanazawa Operating Unit of the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS OUIK)

Venue: 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa – Theater 21