Presentation by Dr. Anesee Bin Ibrahim, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Malaysia to UNESCO, representative of the President of the MOST IGC to the Open-ended Working Group on Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO, 30 September 2019
MOST Objective: to support Member States in improving policymaking processes through a strengthened research-policy interface

Close cooperation with Member States, Scientific Advisory Committee, regional research councils, the UN system, as well as other IIBs

Support the Organization’s objectives in the C/4 and C/5 - recommendation 54
First Intergovernmental body to revise its Statutes and Rules of Procedure

Acknowledged as implementing “best practices”:

- Close cooperation between the Bureau and Council
- Participation of observers in Bureau meetings
- Strategy is aligned with C/4 and C/5
Working-group on proposals for the revisions of the MOST Statutes and Rules of Procedure established in January 2016

Composed of Turkey (Chair), Argentina, Egypt and Thailand
The 13th session of the IGC (Malaysia, March 2017) adopted proposals for the revision of Statutes for transmission to the General Conference.

Revisions adopted at the 39th session of the General Conference.

Also adopted revised ROP which should be further reviewed if necessary.

The 14th session of the MOST IGC (Paris, March 2019) and Bureau meeting had a specific agenda item on governance and procedures.
Revisions aligned with the recommendations of the Working Group on Governance

- Reduction of the Bureau size from 8 to 6 (recommendation 67)
- Non-members may attend the Bureau as observers (recommendation 71)
- Term limit for Bureau membership (recommendation 58)
- The MOST Strategy emphasizes the importance to contribute to the implementation of Agenda 2030 - in particular SDGs 5, 10 and 16 (recommendation 56)
Recommendation 84 called on MOST to enhance cooperation with the IFAP and MAB Programmes.

Positive steps have been taken: UNESCO Science School in Cuba (28 May to 1 June 2018) – MAB, IOC and IHP actively involved.
Also examined was the possibility of holding annual Council sessions for the bodies (as recommendation 81)

The IGC decided that revision on this point would not be financially feasible

Nevertheless IGC requested the DG to convene an extraordinary session of the IGC in September 2020
Brief Extraordinary session on the 25th **November** to elect new Bureau in line with recommendation 70 of the Open-ended Working Group

**Thank you for your kind attention!**