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Highlights

Today, 1 November 2017

- In the morning, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, H.E. Lech Walesa, former President of the Republic of Poland, an emblematic European figure and a promoter of human rights and democracy, will discuss the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals with Ms Liv Torres, Executive Director of Nobel Peace Centre of Oslo. The event will take place in Room I at 12 noon.
- The General Policy Debate will take place at 3 p.m. in Room I.
- In the afternoon, two ministerial level panel debates will explore the different processes, mechanisms or instruments established by governments to promote accountability and transparency, including through public monitoring and reporting. They will also examine how greater accountability can improve financing for education, and how to move the Education 2030 agenda forward. The first panel will feature the multitude of approaches, policy measures, strategies and tools, required for effective accountability. The second panel will examine ways in which improved accountability can improve financing for education. The event will take place in Room II from 3:00 p.m.

Yesterday, 31 October 2017

- Leaders from Europe, Africa, Central Asia, and the South Pacific today delivered resounding pleas for multilateral efforts to tackle the challenges facing the world at UNESCO's Leaders Forum on 31st October.

Highlighting the importance of concerted action to tackle disparate challenges including extremist radicalization and climate change, the leaders took the floor during the third edition of the Leaders Forum, which, since 2013, has been coming together during UNESCO's General Conference, which assembles its 195 Members States every two years.

H.E. Ms Zohour Alaoui, the President of the 39th session of the General Conference welcomed participants to what she described as a prospective dialogue entitled this year, The Sustainable Development Goals and UNESCO's Role in the Multilateral System.

In her address, the Director-General of UNESCO declared: "Today, when we see the rise of doctrines based on withdrawal and rejection of others, I believe we need the same courage and the same commitment towards peace, dialogue and empathy".

Tomorrow, 2 November 2017

- High Level Ministerial Lunch Event on Global Competencies and Global Citizenship Education will inspire and challenge Ministers and representatives to discuss 21st century skills needed for unparalleled challenges and opportunities, as well as the broader trajectory for education in face of these changes.

The meeting serves to discuss challenges and successes of implementing SDG 4, particularly Target 4.7; to share strategies, examples and best practices of education transformations and Global Competencies, and Global Citizenship Education (GCED) work in Canada and Korea; and to explore potential partnerships and synergies to solidify global efforts towards SDG Target 4.7, GCED, and the realization of global competencies.

The election of Members of the **Executive Board** will take place on **Wednesday, 8 November 2017**.

The election of **Director-General** for UNESCO will take place on **Friday, 10 November 2017**.

Special events

[Launch of the 2017/8 Global Education Monitoring Report- Paris](#)

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., 1 November 2017 - UNESCO HQ, Restaurant, 7th floor

The 2017/8 Global Education Monitoring Report will be launched at the UNESCO General Conference. The report will continue assessment of progress towards the SDG on education (SDG4) and its 10 targets, as well as other related education targets in the SDG agenda. It will also investigate accountability in education, analyzing

how all relevant stakeholders can provide education more effectively, efficiently and equitably. The Report examines different accountability mechanisms and policies aimed to hold governments and other stakeholders accountable for inclusive, equitable and quality education. It is the second report released as part of the GEM Report series in 2017.

[Following up on the World Humanities Conference](#)

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., 1 November 2017 -UNESCO HQ, Room IV

A group of countries, which have contributed to the holding of the World Humanities Conference (WHC) in Liège in August 2017, wish to ensure an adequate follow-up with UNESCO in order to sensitize all Member States. Co-organized by UNESCO and the International Council of Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH), the World Conference of Humanities (WHC), held in Liège from 6 to 12 August 2017, and the preparatory events which preceded in each of the regions of the world, set a new global agenda for the humanities. The Conference had an objective to redefine the role of the humanities in dealing with the challenges of the 21st century, such as climate change, intercultural relations, the effects of migration or the preservation of heritage and historical memory.

[Tribute to Jean Rouch & Amadou Hampaté Bâ](#)

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., 1 November 2017 - UNESCO HQ, Room XII

Commemoration of the centenary of Jean Rouch, featuring a documentary film starring Amadou Hampaté Bah and Jean Rouch, followed by a roundtable on intercultural dialogue. The event will be attended by H.E. Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA, President of the Republic of Mali.

Programme of meetings

Today – Wednesday, 1 November 2017

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MORNING

Plenary Meeting

11:30 a.m.	1.2	Report by the President of the Credentials Committee	
	I	Leaders' Forum: Conversation with a Peace Nobel Laureate	

Joint Meeting of Commissions

10:00 a.m.		Second Meeting	XI
	3.4	Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling	

APX Commission

11:00 a.m.		Third Meeting	XI
	8.2	Principles and conditions of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance	
	5.1	Governance procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO	
	11.1	Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex	

Legal Committee

10:00 a.m.		Third Meeting	VI
	8.3	Draft Regulatory Framework Regarding Associations, Centres and Clubs for UNESCO (document 39 C/54)	
	4.17	Revision of the statutes of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Intergovernmental Council (document 39 C/58)	

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AFTERNOON

Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting – General Policy Debate	I
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APX Commission

3:00 p.m.	Fourth Meeting	XI
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Legal Committee

3:00 p.m.	Fourth Meeting	X
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5.1	Governance procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO (documents 39 C/20 and Addenda)	
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Provisional schedule of meetings

Thursday, 2 November

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10.00 a.m.	General Policy Debate	I
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