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## Highlights

### Today, 2 November 2017

- Stop attacking the media—UNESCO message for International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists, commemorated 2 November. On the Day, UNESCO and its partners are launching a global campaign in association with media from all over the world and a social media campaign #MyFightAgainstImpunity, #EndImpunity & #JournoSafe. Regional and local events for the Day will be organized worldwide, including in Italy, Kenya, the Philippines, Senegal, Tunisia, the United States of America, Sri Lanka and many other countries. For more information go to: [en.unesco.org/endimpunity-2017](http://en.unesco.org/endimpunity-2017)

### Yesterday, 1 November 2017

- The 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, discussed the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals with Ms Liv Torres, Executive Director of Nobel Peace Centre of Oslo.
- The launch of the 2017/8 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report was held during the 39th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO. The Report highlights the shared responsibility and accountability of governments, schools, teachers, parents and private actors for the provision of inclusive, equitable and quality education, and puts forward concrete recommendations that will help build stronger education systems. The event brought together over 120 stakeholders from the education community, including Ministers of Education and UNESCO country delegations.
- Two ministerial panel debates explored the different processes, mechanisms or instruments established by governments to promote accountability and transparency, including through

public monitoring and reporting. They also examined how greater accountability can improve financing for education, and how to move the Education 2030 agenda forward.

### Tomorrow, 3 November 2017

- The UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) rewards outstanding ESD projects and programmes worldwide. This year the Prize will be awarded by UNESCO's Director-General and the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology to three organizations promoting ESD, respectively, at the local, regional and international level: Sihlengeni Primary School from the Republic of Zimbabwe; the social enterprise Zikra for Popular Learning from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; and the NGO Hard Rain Project from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

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

The appointment of an **External Auditor** will take place on **Thursday, 9 November 2017**.

## Special events

### [Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 14: The Ocean We Need for the Future We Want](#)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., 2 November – UNESCO HQ, Room X

The Director-General and Mr Peter Thomson, first-ever United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, will address UNESCO Member States urging them to galvanize efforts around Sustainable Development Goal 14 on the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources. UNESCO Member States will be called to support the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC) and its partners in their call for 2021-2030 to become the International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. For more information go to: [United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#)

### [Mainstreaming SDG 4.7 into Core Subjects: Challenges and Promises](#)

1:15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m., 2 November – UNESCO HQ, Room IX

A panel discussion will highlight the challenges and promises of mainstreaming SDG 4.7 in national education systems, with a particular focus on integration into core subjects such as Sciences, Mathematics and Languages.

### [Launch of the UNESCO Strategic Framework for Education in Emergencies in the Arab Region \(2018-2021\)](#)

7:00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m., 2 November – UNESCO HQ, Cafeteria, 7th floor

The event is to launch the UNESCO Strategic Framework for Education in Emergencies in the Arab Region (2018-2021), which aims to support Member States in meeting educational needs in times of crisis, while striving to meet the commitments outlined in SDG 4.

# Programme of meetings

Today – Thursday, 2 November 2017

Time	Organ	Room
<b>Morning</b>		
<b>Plenary Meeting</b>		
10:00 a.m.	General Policy Debate	I
<b>APX Commission</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Fifth Meeting	XI
3.1	Methods of preparing the budget, budget estimates for 2018-2021, and budgeting techniques	
3.4	Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling	
3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021	
8.2	Principles and conditions of the Participation Programme and emergency assistance	
<b>ED Commission</b>		
10:00 a.m.	First Meeting	II
3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5) – Part II. A: Major Programme I – Education	
4.8	UNESCO's role in the implementation of the SDG4-Education 2030 agenda	
<b>Nominations Committee</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Second Meeting	IV
1.5	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the commissions and committees	
13.1	Election of Members of the Executive Board	

13.2	Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference	
13.16	Appointment of an External Auditor	

## Afternoon

### Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m.	General Policy Debate	I
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### APX Commission

3:00 p.m.	Sixth Meeting	XI
	Continued	

### ED Commission

3:00 p.m.	Second Meeting	II
4.3	Implementation of 38 C/Resolution 72 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories	
7.1	Summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken to implement the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education	
7.2	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding, Cooperation and Peace relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms	
7.5	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1978 Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Educational Statistics	

# Provisional schedule of meetings

Friday, 3 November

Time	Organ	Room
<b>Morning</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Second meeting of the Bureau of the General Conference	X
10.00 a.m.	General Policy Debate	I
	APX Commission	XI
	ED Commission	II
	Nominations Committee	IV
<b>Afternoon</b>		
3:00 p.m.	General Policy Debate	I
	APX Commission	XI
	ED Commission	II