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## Highlights

### Today, 3 November 2017

- The [UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development \(ESD\)](#) will be awarded in a ceremony event 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 event will take place in Room II from 6 p.m.

### Yesterday, 2 November 2017

- The [Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission \(IOC\)](#) of UNESCO and the Government of Norway hosted a side event in the presence of UNESCO Director-General, Mr Peter Thomson, the United Nations Secretary-General's first-ever Special Envoy for the Ocean, and Mr. Björn Haugstad, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Education and Research of Norway.

They called jointly for a United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030): The Ocean We Need for the Future We Want. Peter Thomson argued that now more than never, "we need good science to make good decisions" to protect our ocean.

The side event promoted this major effort by the IOC of UNESCO and many other stakeholders to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 14 on the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources. Ms. Bokova emphasized that "scientific cooperation and diplomacy are essential" to creating the collective framework needed to achieve SDG14 by 2030.

- The UNESCO Director-General hosted the Ministerial Breakfast meeting of the Capacity Development for Education (CapED) Programme. It brought together the Prime Minister of Madagascar and some 20 Ministers, including the education Ministers of the 3 donor countries (Finland, Norway, Sweden), to discuss the operationalization of SDG4 and the role of capacity development in education to make progress towards the education 2030 agenda.

### Tomorrow, 4 November 2017

- The General Policy Debate will continue in Room I. The Education and APX Commissions will be holding meetings as well during this Saturday morning.

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

### [Future competences and the future of curriculum](#)

7:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., 3 November – UNESCO HQ, Room XII

The event will focus on the need for countries to more effectively use national curricula as tools for enhancing the development-relevance of education and learning systems. It is led and supported by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in collaboration with the IBE-UNESCO. Discussions will explore the challenge of attaining and sustaining curricula relevance in fast changing 21st century development contexts, and especially within Industry 4.0.

### [The UNESCO ASPnet – innovative and collaborative teaching and learning in the context of Education 2030](#)

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., 3 November – UNESCO HQ, Room IX

The event will present the measures taken by UNESCO to implement the recommendations of the 2016 Evaluation of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet), and to strengthen the ASPnet's contribution to the implementation of the Education 2030 agenda, in particular SDG 4 and Targets 4.7 and 4.c.

### [Discussion on UNESCO's actions on prevention of violent extremism](#)

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m., 3 November – UNESCO HQ Room II

Delegates to the General Conference are cordially invited to the event organized by UNESCO's Intersectorial team on the prevention of violent extremism and the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development. The event will launch recent UNESCO's publications, followed by a discussion. The following publications will be presented: "Preventing Violent Extremism Worldwide", "Preventing Violent Extremism through Education: a Guide for Policy-makers", "Youth and Violent Extremism on Social Media: Mapping the Research", and "#YouthWagingPeace: UNESCO MGIEP's Youth-led Guide on Preventing Violent Extremism through Education".

### [Launch of "Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future" project on sexuality education in Africa](#)

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m., 3 November – UNESCO HQ, Hall Ségur

The event will launch the project "Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future", in the presence of, and with interventions from, UNESCO Director-General, Irina Bokova, and the Minister of Education of Sweden, Gustav Fridolin. Made possible with support from Sweden, the project aims to improve sexual and reproductive health, gender and education outcomes for adolescents and young people in the Sub-Saharan Africa region through the delivery of good quality comprehensive sexuality education.

## [CreativItaly 2017: Italy's candidatures to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network](#)

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. 3 November – UNESCO HQ, Hall Ségur

The Permanent Delegation of Italy will present the Italian cities of Milan, (literature), Alba (gastronomy), Pesaro (music) and Carrara (crafts), as the new entries to UNESCO Creative Cities Network. 64 cities in 44 countries have been designated UNESCO Creative Cities. They will join a Network designed by UNESCO to put innovation and creativity at the heart of new urban strategies for more sustainable and inclusive development. A tasting of fine Italian specialties will follow the presentation.

More information: [Network of Creative Cities](#)

# Programme of meetings

Today – Friday, 3 November 2017

Time	Organ	Room
<b>Morning</b>		
<b>Bureau</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Second Meeting of the Bureau of the General Conference	X
<b>Plenary Meeting</b>		
10:00 a.m.	General Policy Debate	I
<b>APX Commission</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Seventh Meeting	XI
9.1	Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the year ended 31 December 2015, and report by the External Auditor	
10.5	Audit of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF)	
10.4	Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF)	
<b>ED Commission</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Third Meeting	II
4.3	Implementation of 38 C/Resolution 72 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (39 C/17)	
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 (39 C/24)	
7.2	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (39 C/25)	
7.5	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1978 Revised Recommendation concerning the International	

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## Standardization of Educational Statistics (39 C/27)

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6.1 Progress report on the preparation of a Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (39 C/21 and 39C/INF.17)

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7.6 Preliminary revision of the 1974 Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (39 C/48)

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## Nominations Committee

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10:00 a.m. Third Meeting IV

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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

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13.1 Election of Members of the Executive Board

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13.2 – Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal  
13.15 Committee and other subsidiary organs of the General  
Conference

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13.16 Appointment of an External Auditor

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## Afternoon

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## Plenary Meeting

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3:00 p.m. General Policy Debate I

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## APX Commission

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3:00 p.m. Eighth Meeting XI

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## ED Commission

3:00 p.m.	Fourth Meeting	II
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## Provisional schedule of meetings

Saturday, 4 November

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<b>Morning</b>		
10.00 a.m.	General Policy Debate	I
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	ED Commission	II
	Nominations Committee	IV