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Highlights

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

Yesterday, 3 November 2017

- The UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) was 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 Director-General of UNESCO presented the award, saying "The Sustainable Development Goals mark strong recognition by the international community that countries need ESD to make the transition to green societies." Each laureate received a diploma, an award and US \$50,000. Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, H.E. Yoshimasa Hayashi congratulated the winners, and encouraged their future efforts: "Receiving the award is the start of a journey rather than the finish line. I look forward to the varied efforts by laureates leading to further progress on ESD and greater quality of education around the world."

- UNESCO's Intersectoral team on the prevention of violent extremism and the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development organized an event on the prevention of violent extremism to launch recent UNESCO's publications on this issue. The event was opened by UNESCO's Director General, who highlighted the need for "soft power" to prevent violent extremism worldwide. The Director General's intervention was followed by the presentation of UNESCO's latest publications on PVE: UNESCO's intersectoral brochure "UNESCO in Action. Preventing Violent Extremism Worldwide"; the Education Sector's publication "Preventing violent extremism through education: a guide for policy-makers"; #YouthWagingPeace: UNESCO MGIEP's Youth-led guide on Preventing Violent Extremism through Education" produced by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development; the Communication and Information Sector's publication "Youth and Violent Extremism on Social Media: Mapping the Research", and the Communication and Information Sector's publications "Terrorism and the Media: A Handbook for Journalists".

The launch was followed by a discussion on what works and what does not in the prevention of violent extremism from the perspectives of education, internet, youth and culture. The panelists were Pekka Puustinen, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Finland to UNESCO and co-chair of the Group of Friends of PVE, Chafica Haddad, Chair of the Intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP), Carolyn Nash, Coordinating Lead Author for the #YouthWagingPeace – UNESCO MGIEP Youth-led Guide on Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education, and Leonardo Párraga, Executive Director, Fundación BogotArt / 10th UNESCO Youth Forum participant.

Linked to the side event, the Anne Frank House's traveling exhibition "Let me be myself - The lifestory of Anne Frank" displayed outside Room X and XI.

- UNESCO and Sweden held an event to launch the project "Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future: Sweden's support to UNESCO for expanding comprehensive sexuality education in Africa" to commemorate their partnership to support positive health, gender and education outcomes for adolescents and young people in sub-Saharan Africa. This event featured interventions by UNESCO Director-General, the Minister for Education of Sweden, H.E. Gustav Fridolin, and Ambassador to UNESCO for Zambia, Humphrey Chilumbe Chibanda, representing General Education Minister for Zambia, H.E. Dennis Wanchinga.

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- The inauguration of the 3D replica of the Statue of the Lamassu, which once protected the North West Palace of Ashurnasirpal in the archaeological site of Nimrud, Iraq, will take place at 9.30am at UNESCO's Fontenoy entrance in the presence of UNESCO's Director-General, H.E. Fryad Muhammad F. Hassan Rwandzi, Minister of Culture of Iraq, Francesco Rutelli, President of the 'Incontro di Civiltà' Association, Vincenza Lomonaco, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Italy to UNESCO, and Chairperson of the Culture Commission of UNESCO's 39th General Conference.

- The growing need to protect cultural heritage in times of conflict will be one of many issues under discussion at this 39th session of the General Conference. A high-level panel entitled “Responding to Cultural Cleansing, Preventing Violent Extremism” will focus on UNESCO’s efforts to protect cultural heritage. This event will feature interventions by the UNESCO Director-General, H.E. N’diaye Ramatoulaye Diallo, Minister of Culture of Mali, H.E. Fryad Muhammad F. Hassan Rwandzi, Minister of Culture of Iraq, the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, and the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Karima Bennoune.
- UNESCO Communication and Information Sector will present the "World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development: Global Report 2017/2018". The event will feature a presentation of the main findings of this UNESCO flagship publication and a panel of experts to provide unique insight into specific trends to Member States as part of UNESCO’s continued efforts to promote and defend freedom of expression.
- Professor Shahida Hasnain of Pakistan and Dr Samir Saha of Bangladesh have been named as the two laureates of the 2017 Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology. The awarding ceremony will take place in Room I at 6p.m.

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

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

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

Programme of meetings

Today – Saturday, 4 November 2017

Time	Organ	Room
Plenary Meeting		
10:00 a.m.	General Policy Debate	I
APX Commission		
10:00 a.m.	Ninth Meeting	XI
1.3	Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution	
3.1	Methods of preparing the budget, budget estimates for 2018-2021, and budgeting techniques	

3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021
3.4	Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling
5.1	Governance procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO
9.3	Collection of Member States' contributions
10.1	Staff Regulations and Staff Rules

ED Commission

10:00 a.m.	Fifth Meeting	II
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)	
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)	
4.4	Establishment of Category 2 institutes and Centres under the auspices of UNESCO (39 C/18) Parts XII and XIV (Proposal for the Establishment in China of a Centre for teacher education at Shanghai Normal University and the establishment in China of an associated schools project network (ASPnet) international centre)	
	<p>Presentation of the reports of education-related Category 1 Institutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Bureau of Education (IBE) - UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) - UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) - UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE) - UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) - UNESCO Institute for Capacity-Building in Africa (IICBA) - Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) 	

Nominations Committee

10:00 a.m.	Fourth Meeting	IV
13.1	Election of Members of the Executive Board	
13.2-13.15	Elections of members of Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference	

Provisional schedule of meetings

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Time	Organ	Room
Morning		
10:00 a.m.	General Policy Debate	
	Director-General reply to General Policy Debate	I
	SC Commission	II
	CI Commission	XI
	Nominations Committee	IV
	LEG Commission	VI
Afternoon		
3:00 p.m.	SC Commission	II
	CI Commission	XI