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- The Statue of the Lamassu, which once protected the North West Palace of Ashurnasirpal in the archaeological site of Nimrud, Iraq, no longer exists. The human-headed bull was destroyed together with many other irreplaceable monuments. This full-size reproduction of the 3D replica will be inaugurated today and exhibited until 3 December 2017, when it be given to the Iraqi Government by Italy. The ultimate aim of this restauration produced by the “Incontro di Civiltà” Association with the support of “Terzo Pilastro – Italia e Mediterraneo” Foundation, is raising awareness of the international public on the importance of promoting knowledge, culture and protection of sites and monuments, which are the heritage of humanity. The inauguration will take place at 9.30am at the entrance of UNESCO Fontenoy 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.
- A high-level panel entitled “Responding to Cultural Cleansing, Preventing Violent Extremism” will focus on UNESCO’s efforts to protect cultural heritage. The panel discussion will stress on social and cultural repercussions of attacks on culture – including the denial of cultural rights, the displacement of peoples and the erosion of cultural expressions. In particular, it will address UNESCO’s successful efforts to rehabilitate the mausoleums of Timbuktu, highlighting the importance of culture for healing communities recovering from conflict. 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. This round table discussion will take place at Room X from 2:30p.m. to 4:30p.m. You can also follow the discussion [live online](#).

Tomorrow, 7 November 2017

- The UNESCO's Global Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy Instruments (GO->SPIN) aims to share the experiences and lessons learnt of countries that have undertaken an assessment of their national STI systems using the GO->SPIN methodology. During this event, it will be also presented the new GO->SPIN online platform and its complete set of information on STI policies for more than 50 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia and will invite more countries to integrate the platform and work with UNESCO for the development of their country profile of STI. The event will take place in Room IX at 1p.m. to 2:45pm.

Special events

[Presentation of "World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development: Global Report 2017/2018"](#)

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., 6 November – UNESCO HQ, Room XII

The UNESCO flagship publication "World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development: Global Report 2017/2018" offers a critical examination of global trends in media freedom, pluralism, independence and journalists' safety, with a special focus on gender equality in the media. This event will feature a presentation of the main findings of the Report 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.

[Awarding ceremony of the Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology](#)

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., 6 November – UNESCO HQ, Room II

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 Prize will be presented to them on 6 November during the 39th session of the General Conference of UNESCO. The Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize rewards the efforts of an individual, or of an institution which, through research and development, has made an outstanding contribution to the field of microbiology and its applications. The Government of Cuba and UNESCO have established a prize in honour of one of the most important microbiologists in history: Carlos J. Finlay. His innovative research on infectious diseases and especially his work on yellow fever have had huge benefits for humankind.

[Screening of the film "The Destruction of Memory"](#)

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 6 November – UNESCO HQ, Room IV

In the framework of the today's event "Responding to Cultural Cleansing, Preventing Violent Extremism", there will be a screening of the award-winning documentary film "The destruction of memory" by Tim Slade. This film explores the ongoing war on culture and the heroism of individuals

fighting to save it. The screening will begin with an introduction by the filmmaker himself, and end with a question and answer session with the audience. Online RSVP mandatory: <http://on.unesco.org/rsvpfilm061117>

NGO Space

12:15 p.m. to 13:00 p.m. 6 November – UNESCO HQ, Hall Segur

Delegates are kindly invited to participate in the mini-conferences organized by the secretariat and the Coordination Group of the CCNGO. The first one will be:

The Collective Consultation of NGOs (CCNGO) for Education 2030: a collective effort

Programme of meetings

Today – Monday, 6 November 2017

Time	Item	Organ	Room
Morning			
Plenary Meeting			
10:00 a.m.		Twelfth meeting	I
		General Policy Debate Reply of the Director-General	
LEG Commission			
10:00 a.m.		Fifth Meeting	VI
	5.1	Governance, procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO	
	3.2, 7.1- 7.5, 8.3, 4.17	Examination and adoption of the draft reports of the Legal Committee	
SC Commission			
10:00 a.m.		First Meeting	II
		Election of the Commission's Chairperson, four Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur	
	4.5	Conclusions of the Youth Forum	
	3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021, Part II.A: Major Programme II – Natural Sciences	

CI Commission

10:00 a.m.	First Meeting	XII
	Election of the Commission's Chairperson, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteur	
3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018 – 2021; Part II.A: Major Programme V – Communication and Information	

Nominations Committee

11:00 a.m.	Fifth Meeting	XI
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	
13.16	Appointment of an External Auditor	

Afternoon

CI Commission

3:00 p.m.	Second Meeting	XII
	Continued	

LEG Commission

3: 00 p.m.	Sixth Meeting	VI
	Continued	

SC Commission

3:00 p.m.	Second Meeting	II
4.4	Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO in the area of Natural Sciences	
4.9	UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change	

Provisional schedule of meetings

Tuesday, 7 November

Time	Organ	Room
Morning		
9.00 a.m.	Bureau Committee	X
10.00 a.m.	SC Commission	II
	CI Commission	XII
Afternoon		
3.00 p.m.	SC Commission	II
	CI Commission	XII
	SHS Commission	XI