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## Highlights

Today, 7 November 2017

### Executive Board Elections

The election of Members of the Executive Board will take place on **Wednesday 8 November in Room V from 9:00a.m. until 1:00p.m.**

**Tuesday 7 November 2017, between 2:00p.m. and 5:00p.m.**, ballot papers (colour-coded by electoral group) and envelopes will be available in the voting room (Room V), and can be collected either at that point, or on the actual day of the ballot. The delegate collecting them on behalf of his/her delegation shall write his/her name on the list of Member States entitled to vote at this session of the General Conference, and sign it.

Yesterday, 6 November 2017

- The full-size replica of the winged bull of Nimrud statue was unveiled at UNESCO, Fontenoy entrance. This 3D reconstruction, designed by Nicola Salvioli and his staff, has been manufactured by the 'Incontro di Civiltà' Association with the support of the 'Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Italia e Mediterraneo'. It will be exhibited at UNESCO until 3 December 2017, when it will be given by Italy to the Iraqi Government.
- A high-level panel entitled “Responding to Cultural Cleansing, Preventing Violent Extremism” focused on efforts to protect cultural heritage. H.E. N’diaye Ramatoulaye Diallo, Minister of Culture of Mali and H.E. Fryad Muhammad F. Hassan Rwandzi, Minister of Culture of Iraq attended the event, among others. This discussion focused on the wide-ranging social and cultural repercussions of attacks on culture – including the denial of cultural rights, the displacement of peoples and the erosion of cultural expressions. During the debate, the Minister of Culture of Mali stressed the importance of culture for healing communities recovering from conflict, highlighting the UNESCO’s successful efforts to rehabilitate the mausoleums of Timbuktu, Mali.

- Recognizing the importance of protecting cultural heritage from attack in time of conflict, the Director-General, and Ms. Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (“ICC” or the “Court”), signed a Letter of Intent, which took place in the margins of an international high-level panel on “Responding to Cultural Cleansing, Preventing Violent Extremism”. This Letter of Intent builds on further solidifying the existing relationship between UNESCO and ICC, with a view to establishing a comprehensive cooperation agreement in the near future.
- The key findings of the UNESCO “World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development: Global Report 2017/2018” were presented alongside the Communication and Information Commission. Tunisian journalist and media expert, Ms. Chadia Khedir, moderated a panel of experts and Member State representatives, including the Swedish Minister for Culture and Democracy, Ms. Alice Bah Kuhnke and the Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service, Mr. Christian Leffler.

The discussion centred on the significance of trends within the report’s key focus areas of media freedom, pluralism, independence and the safety of journalists. UNESCO Director of Freedom of Expression and Media Development, Mr. Guy Berger, explained that the World Trends Report provides an essential analysis of trends over time that assist in understanding the prevailing opportunities and threats to freedom of expression and media development worldwide. The World Trends Report is supported by the Government of Sweden and its findings will be further disseminated through regional seminars supported by the Government of Norway.

### Tomorrow, 8 November 2017

- The panel discussion “Setting a New Agenda: Partnerships for Artistic Freedom” will be organized by the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO from Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden together with the Culture Sector. It seeks to reassert commitment of key stakeholders to address challenges of artistic freedom. It will also aim to raise awareness of UNESCO’s normative tools and programme activities as well as call for multi-stakeholder partnerships to build capacities for enhanced reporting on artistic freedom at national, regional and global levels. The event will take place in Room II from 2p.m. to 3p.m.

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

[Click here to view the presentations of the candidates.](#)

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

## Special events

### [When African cultural heritage meets Korean thousand-year-old paper](#)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 7 November, UNESCO HQ – Hall Segur

Photo kakemonos on Malian cultural heritage printed on Korean traditional paper, Hanji, will be dedicated to UNESCO, in the presence of the Mayor of Jeonju City, and the President of the Religious Peace Committee, Republic of Korea. The dedication is a follow-up to the project “Pedagogical Supports based on African Cultural Heritage in Post-Conflict Situations”, supported by Korean partners. It symbolizes the innovative encounter of Korean and African cultural heritage.

### [UNESCO’s Global Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Instruments](#)

1:15p.m. – 2:45 p.m., 7 November, UNESCO HQ – Room IX

The UNESCO’s Global Observatory of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policy Instruments (GO->SPIN) aims to share the experiences and lessons learnt from countries that have undertaken an assessment of their national STI systems using the GO->SPIN methodology. 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 will be also presented. Countries will be invited to integrate the platform and work with UNESCO for the development of their country profile of STI.

## NGO Space

Delegates are kindly invited to participate in the mini-conferences organized by the Secretariat and the Coordination Group of the Collective Consultation of NGOs. The first one will be: “The NGO Forums from 2013 to 2017: Assessment and Perspectives” with Mr. Eric Falt, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information and Mr. Philippe Beaussant.

The event will take place from 12:15 to 1 p.m. 7 November, UNESCO HQ, Hall Ségur, followed by a friendly drink.

# Programme of meetings

Today – Tuesday, 7 November 2017

Time	Organ	Room
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## Morning

### Bureau

9:00a.m.	Third Meeting of the Bureau of the General Conference	X
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### SC Commission

10:00a.m.	Third Meeting	II
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4.9	UNESCO Strategy for Action on Climate Change
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4.6	Proclamation of an International Day of Light
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4.19	Proclamation by the United Nations of 2019 as an International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements
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### CI Commission

10:00a.m.	Third Meeting	XII
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4.21	Establishment in Quito, Ecuador, of an International Centre of Advanced Communication Studies for Latin America (CIESPAL) as a centre under the auspices of UNESCO (Category 2)
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6.3	Desirability of a standard-setting instrument on international collaboration in the field of Open Educational Resources (OER)
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## Afternoon

### SC Commission

3:00p.m.	Fourth Meeting	II
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3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 Part II.A: Major Programme II – Natural Sciences and Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
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4.4	Establishment of category 2 centres under the auspices of UNESCO
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4.13	International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)
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## CI Commission

3:00 p.m.	Fourth Meeting	XII
	Continued	

## SHS Commission

3:00 p.m.	First Meeting	XI
	Election of the President and the Vice Presidents of the Commission	
	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 III – Social and Human Sciences	

## Provisional schedule of meetings

### Wednesday, 8 November

Time	Organ	Room
<b>Morning</b>		
10:00a.m.	SHS Commission	XI
	CLT Commission	II
	Legal Committee	VI
	Nominations Committee	IV
<b>Afternoon</b>		
TBD	Plenary Meeting (Results of the election of Members of the Executive Board)	I
3:00p.m.	CLT Commission continued	II
	Nominations Committee continued	IV
	SHS Commission continued	XI