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Highlights

The **Election of Members of the Executive Board** took place on 8 November 2017.

The following Member States were elected for a four-year term:

Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group V (a)	Group V (b)
Finland	Albania	Cuba	Bangladesh	Burundi	Egypt
Portugal	Belarus	Grenada	China	Equatorial Guinea	Jordan
Turkey	Bulgaria	Jamaica	India	Ethiopia	Morocco
		Saint Lucia	Indonesia	Madagascar	
		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Japan	Zambia	
		Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Philippines	Zimbabwe	

[Click here for the results of the election](#)

Today, 9 November 2017

The appointment of an External Auditor and all other elections will take place at 10 a.m. in Room IV.

You can view the presentations of the candidates to the post of External Auditor here:

<https://en.unesco.org/generalconference/39/elections#auditor>

The elections of members of the following Committees and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference will take place in Room IV at 10 a.m.

- The Legal Committee for the 40th session of the General Conference
- The Headquarters Committee
- The Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education
- The Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)
- The Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)
- The International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)
- The Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP)
- The Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (IC PRCP)
- The Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)
- The Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme
- The Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)
- The members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)
- The Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)
- The Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Cairo

Yesterday, 8 November 2017

International experts participated in the panel discussion “Setting a New Agenda: Partnerships for Artistic Freedom” organized by Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden Permanent Delegations to UNESCO together with the Culture Sector. The event was introduced by the video “[Artistic Freedom is not a luxury](#)” and moderated by Francesco Bandarin, Assistant Director-General for Culture.

“Violations of artistic freedom, whether by State or non-State actors, have increased over the last years. The challenge is to get verified information and data, and then translate that into positive action on the ground, through national policies and laws protecting artists’ rights”, stressed Srirak Plipat, Executive Director of Freemuse. Katja Holm, Vice-president of the International Federation of Actors, emphasized the importance of empowering artists and civil society. “To monitor violations and get the stories out, the artists themselves need to understand their rights. We also need to better explain why

these rights are crucial to our democratic systems”, she said. Elin Rosenström of the Swedish Arts Council stressed “Even though Sweden has a strong legislative framework and an Action Plan in place protecting artistic expression, these threats often translate into self-censorship by artists”.

Tomorrow, 10 November 2017

The appointment of the **Director-General of UNESCO** will take place on

Friday 10 November 2017 in Room I at 10 a.m.

- The event ‘Cracking the Code: Girls’ and women’s education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)’ will enable Member States to learn about the outcomes of UNESCO’s 2017 international symposium and policy forum on this topic. It will seek to engage, inform and support Member States in their efforts to promote gender equality in education, and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals. This event will take place in UNESCO Restaurant, from 8:00a.m. to 9:45a.m.
- Within the context of the General History of Africa (GHA) project, a one-hour film highlighting the best moments of the film series on the GHA produced by Zeinab Badawi, famous BBC journalist and producer, will be screened between 12p.m. and 1:30 p.m. in Room XI.
- To highlight the relevance of the UNESCO World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) and to present its recent report on the ethics of robotics, the Permanent Delegation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to UNESCO will organize a lunch debate on "Robots: ethical or unethical?" in Room X from 1p.m. to 2:15p.m.

Special events

[IIEP Open House for Ministers of Education, UNESCO National Commissions and Permanent Delegations](#)

9 November, International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), 7-9 rue Eugène Delacroix, 75116 Paris.

The [IIEP](#) Open House is an opportunity for Ministers, National Commissions and Delegations to learn about IIEP’s support to Member States. A presentation on the training, research and technical cooperation undertaken by IIEP will be followed by a Q&A session. Displays of publications, brochures and online portals will allow for informal exchanges. Lunch will be offered in the IIEP Cafeteria.

Programme: 10:45a.m – 12:45p.m. English (lunch to follow) 12:45p.m. – 2:30p.m. French (lunch prior)

Bus schedule (20-minute ride):

Departure from UNESCO Fontenoy entrance:

- 10:20a.m. to attend the English programme;
- 11:30a.m. to have lunch at IIEP before attending the French programme;
- 12:20a.m. to attend the French programme without having lunch at IIEP;

Departure from IIEP-UNESCO:

- 01:00p.m. Leaving at the end of the English programme for those not having lunch at IIEP;
- 01:50p.m. Leaving after the lunch for English programme participants;
- 02:35p.m. Leaving at the end of the French programme;

NGO Space

Delegates are kindly invited to participate in the following mini-conference organized by the Secretariat and the Coordination Group of the Collective Consultation of NGOs at UNESCO HQ, Hall Ségur: Presentation of the Forum of NGOs on Climate Change from 12 p.m. to 1p.m.

Special announcement

Tribute to Irina Bokova

Friday 10 November 2017 at 6p.m.

UNESCO House, Room I

Delegates and Staff members are kindly requested to register online:

<http://on.unesco.org/rsvp10112017>

Programme of meetings

Today – Thursday, 9 November 2017

Time	Organ	Room
Morning		
Nominations Committee		
10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.	13.2 – 13.15 Elections (items 13.2 – 13.15)	IV
	13.16 Appointment of an external auditor	
SHS Commission		
10:00a.m.	Fourth Meeting	XI
	7.4 Proposal for the revision of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers	
CLT Commission		
10:00a.m.	Third Meeting	II
	4.4 Establishment of a Regional Centre for Human Evolution, Adaptations & Dispersals in Southeast Asia (CHEADSEA)	
	4.2 Jerusalem and the implementation of 38 C/Resolution 52	
Afternoon		
CLT Commission		
3:00p.m.	Fourth Meeting	II
	4.14 Strengthening the implementation of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property	
Nominations Committee		
4:30p.m.	Results of the elections	IV

Provisional schedule of meetings

Friday, 10 November

Time	Organ	Room
Morning		
9:00a.m.	Bureau	X
10:00a.m.	Plenary Item 12.1 Appointment of the Director-General	I
10:00a.m.	CLT Commission	II
Afternoon		
3:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.	Plenary – Tribute to Irina Bokova	I