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Highlights

Today, 10 November 2017

The appointment of the Director-General of UNESCO will take place in

Room I at 10 a.m. (private meeting)

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference shall consider the nomination submitted by the Executive Board for the post of Director-General of the Organization (Ms. Audrey Azoulay, France) and come to a decision by secret ballot through a roll-call vote

[Live streaming](#) will start at 12 p.m. approximately (public meeting)

Yesterday, 9 November 2017

- The elections of members of the following Committees and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference took place yesterday:
 - The Legal Committee
 - 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 (ICPRCP)
- 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

The results of the elections are available on the General Conference website [here](#).

- The Auditor General of Canada was appointed External Auditor of UNESCO for a period of six years, going from 2018 to 2023. More information on results of this election is available on the General Conference website [here](#).

Special events

[Cracking the code: girls' and women's education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics \(STEM\)](#)

8a.m. to 9:45a.m., UNESCO HQ Restaurant

This event will enable Member States to learn about the outcomes of UNESCO's 2017 international symposium and policy forum on the same 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.

[Screening of a film based on the General History of Africa by Zeinab Badawi](#)

12p.m. and 1p.m., UNESCO HQ in Room XI

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 at Room XI. This series of nine films directed by Ms Badawi and funded by

the OCP Group, a Moroccan state-owned company, has been broadcasted on BBC World during July and August 2017.

[Lunch debate on "Robots: ethical or unethical?"](#)

1p.m. to 2:30p.m. in Room X

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?". The session will be opened by H.E. Ambassador Lionel Veer and Ms Nada Al-Nashif, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, and will be moderated by Prof. Peter-Paul Verbeek, COMEST member and philosopher. Lunch bags will be provided.

Special announcement

Homage Ceremony to Irina Bokova

Friday 10 November 2017, Room I at 6 p.m.

Delegates and Staff members are kindly requested to register online (subject to availability):

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

[Live streaming of the event at 6p.m.](#)

The ceremony will be followed by a cocktail, at Hall Ségur at 7:30 p.m.

Programme of meetings

Today – Friday, 10 November 2017

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

Provisional schedule of meetings

Saturday, 11 November 2017

Time	Organ	Room
Morning		
10:00a.m.	Plenary – Reports, 14.1 Venue of the 40th session of the General Conference, 39 C/PLEN/DR2, 39 C/PLEN/DR3	I