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Highlights

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**On 10 November 2017, the General Conference of UNESCO appoints Audrey Azoulay (France)
to the post of Director-General of the Organization**

Audrey Azoulay is the 11th Director-General of UNESCO and the second woman to occupy this
position.

She will take office on 15 November 2017

Today, 11 November 2017

- An extraordinary session of the MOST Intergovernmental Council to elect its Bureau is convened in conformity with Article III of the MOST Programme's Statutes and decision MOST/IGC/2017/8, adopted at the 13th ordinary session of the Intergovernmental Council, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 16 and 17 March 2017. This session will take place in Room IV from 8:30 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.

Yesterday, 10 November 2017

- The General conference paid tribute to Ms Irina Bokova during a plenary in Room I, it was followed by the Homage Ceremony.
- The event "Cracking the Code: Girls' and women's education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)" enables Member States to learn about the outcomes of UNESCO's 2017 international symposium and policy forum. In opening the event, Director-General Irina Bokova observed that 'it is not by chance that this event is taking place on World Science Day for Peace and Development. Girls and women are key actors in crafting solutions to improve lives and generate inclusive, green growth that benefits us all. They are the greatest untapped population'. According to the report, women account for just 35% of university students enrolled in STEM-related fields and 28% of the world's researchers.
- Within the context of the General History of Africa (GHA) project, a film highlighting the best moments of the film series on the GHA produced by Zeinab Badawi, famous BBC journalist and producer, was screened 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 organized a lunch debate on "Robots: ethical or unethical?" in Room X.

Programme of meetings

Saturday, 11 November 2017

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

Provisional schedule of meetings

Monday, 13 November 2017

Time		Organ	Room
Morning			
Plenary			
10:00a.m.		Reports of the SC, SHS, and APX Commissions.	I
	5.1	Report of the Legal Committee on governance procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO	
Afternoon			
Plenary			
3:00p.m.		Investiture ceremony of the Director-General	I