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## Highlights

Today, Tuesday 31 October 2017, 10:30 a.m., Room I

The Leaders' Forum is a part of the official Proceedings of the General Conference. Given the centrality of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in all UNESCO's fields of competence, the Organization convened the Leaders' Forum of the 39th session of the General Conference on the theme "SDGs and UNESCO's Role in the Multilateral System".

Leaders from all parts of the world are invited to take part in the Leaders' Forum to share their views on the ways in which UNESCO can best serve its Member States in leading forward the SDGs. The Forum also serves as a platform for sharing Member States' policy approaches and best practices in the implementation of the UNESCO-related SDGs.

Heads of State and Government are invited to deliver keynote addresses on the proposed theme, with a view to fostering dialogue and fruitful exchanges.

The following leaders are scheduled to speak in Room I: H.E. Bakir Izetbegovic, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Olivier Solonandrasana Mahafaly, Primer Minister of Madagascar, H.E. Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, President of Mali, H.E. Mohammad Sarwar Danesh, Vice-President of Afghanistan, Hon. Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, H.E. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Yesterday, 30 October 2017

- The 39th session of the General Conference opened yesterday by Hon. Stanley Mutumba Simataa, Member of Parliament and Executive Branch, serving as Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology of Namibia and President of the 38th session of the General Conference.

- The General Conference unanimously elected Her Excellency Mrs Zohour Alaoui as its 39th President. The Vice-Presidents of the General Conference were also elected. For more details on the elections, please refer to the summary of debate of the Nominations Committee on the website of the General Conference.
- Another notable event was the inauguration of Room I. The official ceremony was held in the presence of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance and Industry of the United Arab Emirates who generously funded its renovation. Room I now offers all appropriate features to inspire constructive dialogue among Member States.
- New Caledonia was admitted as the 11th Associate Member of UNESCO.

## Tomorrow, 1 November 2017

- Two ministerial panel debates will explore the different processes, mechanisms or instruments established by governments to promote accountability and transparency, including through public monitoring and reporting. They will also examine how greater accountability can improve financing for education, and how to move the Education 2030 agenda forward.
- The 2017/8 Global Education Monitoring Report (GEM) Report will be launched at the UNESCO General Conference.

## Special events

### [Anne Frank House Exhibition: Let Me Be Myself – The Life Story of Anne Frank](#)

1.15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Hall Ségur, UNESCO HQ

UNESCO, the Delegation of the Netherlands to UNESCO and the Anne Frank House will present the exhibition “Let Me Be Myself – The Life Story of Anne Frank” to UNESCO Headquarters during the 39th session of the General Conference. The exhibition highlights the life of Anne Frank from her childhood, in hiding during the Holocaust, until her death at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. The exhibition connects her life story to modern experiences of discrimination and exclusion, based on interviews with youths with diverse backgrounds and identities.

### [Painting exhibition on the life and work of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and launch of the French version of the book “Unfinished Memoirs”](#)

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Hall Ségur, UNESCO HQ

To mark the visit of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, the Permanent Delegation of Bangladesh is organizing a one-day painting exhibition on the life and work of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the first president and the founding father of Bangladesh.

The exhibition is projecting the vision of the “Father of the Nation” to build a peaceful, inclusive and prosperous Bangladesh. The event is also highlighting the launch of the French version of the book entitled “Unfinished Memoirs” of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

### [UNITWIN: 25th anniversary and looking forward](#)

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Room II, UNESCO HQ

This celebration will provide an opportunity to review the achievements of the Programme over 25 years of action and to look forward to the contribution of UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This celebration will bring together UNESCO Chairholders, Network Coordinators and other key UNITWIN actors.

### [Education's Promise Converging - Views on Goals and Challenges](#)

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Room IV, UNESCO HQ

The event will be held on the occasion of the World Bank Group publication the World Development Report 2018 (WDR 2018)— Learning to Realize Education's Promise. This event will be an opportunity to bring together three leading organizations, namely UNESCO, the World Bank Group and the OECD to discuss this matter with the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and the delegates participating in the 39th General Conference.

### Special Announcement

The election of the members of the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) will take place in Room X at 3:00 p.m.

## Programme of meetings

Today – Tuesday, 31 October 2017

Time	Organ	Room
<b>MORNING</b>		
<b>Bureau Committee</b>		
9:00 a.m.	First meeting of the Bureau of the General Conference	X
<b>Plenary Meeting</b>		
10:30 a.m.	Plenary Meeting - Leaders Forum	I
<b>APX Commission</b>		
10:00 a.m.	First Meeting Election of the Commission Bureau: - Chairperson - Vice-Chairpersons - Rapporteur Organization of the work of the Commission: Adoption of the timetable of the Commission	XI
1.3	Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), of the Constitution	
5.2	Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities	

## Legal Committee

10:00 a.m.	First Meeting	VI
	Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson(s) and Rapporteur	
	Adoption of the timetable	
3.2	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (documents 39 C/5 and Addenda)	
7.1	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education	
7.2	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation concerning Education for International Understanding Cooperation and Peace and Education relating to Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (document 39 C/25)	
7.5	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1978 Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Educational Statistics (document 39 C/27)	

## AFTERNOON

### Plenary Meeting

3:00 p.m.	Plenary Meeting - Leaders Forum	I
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### Joint Meeting of Commissions

3:00 p.m.	First Meeting	XI
3.4	Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling	

### APX Commission

4:00 p.m.	Second Meeting	XI
4.10	The importance of sound in today's world: promoting best practices	
10.3	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and appointment of Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for 2018-2019	

## Legal Committee

3:00 p.m.	Second Meeting	VI
7.3	Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (document 39 C/26 Rev.)	
7.4	Proposal for the revision of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers (document 39 C/23)	

# Provisional schedule of meetings

Wednesday, 1 November

Time	Organ	Room
11.30 a.m.	Plenary Meeting	I
10:00 a.m.	APX Commission	XI
	Legal Committee	VI
3:00 p.m.	General Policy Debate	I
	Legal Committee	VI
	APX Commission	XI

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