Friday, 15 November 2019

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Highlights

Today, 15 November 2019

- The official visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Marie of Denmark will take place this morning at 12h40. HRH Marie of Denmark, Patron of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO, will give a speech following an opening statement by the President of the General Conference.

- The 6th Interregional Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO will take place from 09:00 to 17:45 in Room XII. This meeting will provide an opportunity for an interdisciplinary dialogue on UNESCO’s Strategic Transformation with the Assistants Director-General for Programme Sectors, the Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning as well as the Director of the Division for Gender Equality. One session will be dedicated to sharing good practices, building capacity, and developing partnerships. Representatives of NATCOMs, Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and Directors of UNESCO Field Offices will attend.

- The UNESCO Conventions Ceremony, open to all Delegations, will take place at 13:00, in Room X. Member States’ representatives will be invited to sign the Conventions deposited with the Director-General and/or present their instruments of ratification to these Conventions.

Yesterday, 14 November 2019

- The Latin American and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) met to elect Members of the Board of the Instituto Internacional de la UNESCO para la Educación Superior en América Latina y el Caribe, IESALC. The Member States elected for a period of four years were: Argentina and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
• The training workshop for new Secretaries-General of National Commissions for UNESCO focused on the status and functions of UNESCO National Commissions, as well as their unique role in advancing UNESCO’s mission.

• Maestro Andrea Bocelli was hosted at the UNESCO General Conference in occasion of the "Symphony 2030: Creative Arts Education for Inclusion". Maestro Bocelli called for the strengthening of arts education in support of children in vulnerable regions: "Beauty will save the world" he said, echoing Dostoevsky’s famous formula, before singing Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" in the main plenary hall in front of delegates from across the world. The importance and role of arts education for inclusion and social cohesion were also at the heart of the round table with the participation of practitioners, artists, educators and policy-makers. This event was supported by the Andrea Bocelli Foundation.

• The Award Ceremony of the UNESCO Avicenna Prize for Ethics in Science took place with a special thematic focus on climate change ethics and environmental sustainability. An interactive session between Professor Donald A. Brown, the laureate of the 2019 Edition of the Prize, and young participants preceded the official ceremony.

• Artolution, a community-based public art organization from New York, painted a portrait of a tree with many UNESCO General Conference attendees in order to address critical issues related to armed conflict, trauma and social marginalization by cultivating sustainable global initiatives that promote reconciliation, healing, and community empowerment.

• UNESCO’s Education sector has held the side event “Challenges and solutions in the prevention of violent extremism through education: promoting evidence-based activities for youth resilience and engagement”, gathering practitioners and experts in the field of the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE). Cecilia Barbieri, chief of the Global Citizenship Education Section, stressed the transformative power of education to turn potential violent extremists into change-makers and advocates for peace. Stefania Gianini, UNESCO’s Assistant Director General for Education, reinforced the message that violent extremism is not purely a security issue, but that the soft power of education promoting intercultural dialogue is an essential tool for governments everywhere in the prevention of radicalisation leading to violent extremism. In her closing remarks, Cecilia Barbieri stressed the importance not only of including youth, but of genuinely collaborating, of placing women & girls at the centre of PVE efforts, of conducting further research into effectiveness and of not only teaching critical thinking in schools, but also of creating the democratic space for debate within society.
The second part of the 6th Interregional Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO will convene from 09:00 to 17:00 at Room XII. This meeting will provide an opportunity for an interdisciplinary dialogue with the Assistants Director-General for Program Sectors, as well as with the Director of the Division for Gender Equality and the Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning on strategic transformation. One session will be dedicated to sharing good practices, building capacity, and developing partnership and networks. Representatives of National Commissions, Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and Directors of UNESCO Field Offices will attend.

Games Bar is available for testing during 12 – 22 November 2019, 10:00 – 17:00, in Hall Ségur

We invite you to immerse yourselves and enjoy these games, so as to improve your skills to detect disinformation, counter gender stereotypes, protect your online privacy, know more about climate change, migration, and health information, and build empathy and compassion. The various games at this Games Bar were developed with an aim to equip players with Media and Information Literacy and social and emotional skills and competencies, familiarize them with the Sustainable Development Goals, stimulate critical thinking and foster tolerance and dialogue and peace.

Side events

**CapED Ministerial Breakfast (by invitation only)**

8:00 – 9:45 – UNESCO HQ, Restaurant, 7th floor

This high-level ministerial meeting will give countries involved in the Capacity Development for Education (CapED) Programme the opportunity to discuss Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) implementation challenges, share experiences, and identify what works in terms of capacity development for SDG4 implementation.

**Malaysia-UNESCO Cooperation Programme Roundtable: “Innovative Models for Promoting South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development through Education, Sciences, Culture, and Communication and Information”**

13:00 – 14:30 – UNESCO HQ, Room XII

The roundtable discussion brings together well renowned actors from Asia and the Pacific and Africa promoting South-South Cooperation in Asia and Africa. Program, guided by the Government of Malaysia
and UNESCO, focuses on Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) as well as African countries. It offers strategic cooperation and partnership where knowledge and expertise sharing is highly emphasized, benefitting both the participant and donor. This event is co-organized with the Permanent Delegation of Malaysia to UNESCO in the framework of supporting and empowering South-South Cooperation.

**UNESCO Qualifications Passport for Refugees and Vulnerable Migrants in Higher Education**

13:00 – 15:00, UNESCO HQ, Room IV

This high-level event will comprise of a panel discussion, refugee testimonies and an engaging art activity that will draw attention to the critical plight of refugees and migrants seeking higher education as well as the role that education institutions must play in this regard. A webcast transmission will be available.

**From Knowing to Doing: Education for Sustainable Development and Climate Action**

18:15 – 19:30, UNESCO HQ, Room II

The side event will address the role of education, knowledge and youth empowerment in climate action, and showcase some good practices of how young people are already active for the climate around the world, both inside and outside the classroom. The first half of the event is dedicated to the awarding of the three winners of the 2019 UNESCO-Japan Prize: a community trust from Botswana, a foundation in Brazil and a city in Germany. The prize is funded by the Government of Japan.

**Programme of meetings**

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### NOM Committee

**10:00**

**Third Meeting**

**IV**

**Item 1.5** – Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the commissions and committees

**Item 14.1** – Election of Members of the Executive Board

**Items 14.2 to 14.15** – Elections Headquarters Committee, Legal Committee and other subsidiary organs of the General Conference

### APX Commission

**10:00**

**Fifth Meeting**

**XI**

**Item 11.1** – Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2018, and report by the External Auditor. (40 C/43 and Add. 40 C/INF.14)

**Item 12.1** – Staff Regulations and Staff Rules (40 C/48 and Add.)

**Item 12.2** – Staff Salaries, allowances and benefits (40 C/49)

### ED Commission

**10:00**

**Third Meeting**

**II**

**Debate 3**

**Item 5.18**: UNESCO’s global/regional coordination of and support for the implementation of SDG 4 – Education 2030

**Item 5.11**: UNESCO Strategy for Youth and Adult Literacy (2020 - 2025)

**Item 5.9**: Framework for the implementation of ESD beyond 2019

**Item 5.36**: Contribution of the Earth Charter to UNESCO activities concerning ESD

**Debate 4**

**Item 9.1**: Consolidated report on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation on Adult Learning and Education

**Item 9.2**: Consolidated report on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning TVET

**Item 9.3**: Consolidated report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education

**Item 5.27**: Towards a global classification framework for teacher policy dialogue – Developing an International Standard Classification for teacher training programmes, ISCED-T

### Afternoon

**Plenary Meeting**
15:00    Eighth Meeting    I

**LEG Committee**

15:00    Fifth Meeting    IV

*Item 7.4* - Draft amendment to Article V of the Constitution (document 40 C/71)

*Item 7.5* - Draft amendment of Article VI, paragraph 2, of the Constitution (document 40 C/72)

**APX Commission**

15:00    Sixth Meeting    XI

*Item 12.3* – United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (40 C/50)

*Item 12.4* – Report by the Director-General on the state of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF) and the Governance Structure (40 C/51)

*Item 12.5* – Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Human Resources Management Strategy 2017-2022 (40 C/52)

*Item 6.1* – Governance procedures and working methods of the governing bodies of UNESCO (40 C/29, 40 C/INF.16)

**ED Commission**

15:00    Fourth Meeting    II

*Item 5.3*: Implementation of 39 C/Resolution 55 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab Territories (40 C/17)

*Item 5.34*: Proclamation of an International day against violence and bullying at school, including cyberbullying (40 C/78)

*Item 5.4*: Establishment of category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO (Parts III, IV, & XIII) (40 C/18)

*Item 5.10*: Future of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) (40 C/24)

*Item 5.6*: Management of the education-related category 1 institutes (40 C/20)

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**Provisional schedule of meetings**

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- **Item 6.2:** UNESCO's Strategic Transformation (40 C/55)
- **Item 3.1:** Preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4) (40 C/11, 40 C/INF.18)
- **Item 3.2:** Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 (41 C/5) (40 C/7)

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- Presentation of the reports of the 8 education-related category 1 institutes (40 C/REPs 1-8)