Today, 22 November 2019

Highlights

• The launch of the Publication “Reporting on Violence against Women and Girls: a Handbook for Journalists” will take place from 13:00 to 14:00 in Room X. Violence against women and girls (VAWG) remains one of the most persistent barriers to gender equality and sustainable development. However, the extent and implications of VAWG remain inadequately covered in the media. UNESCO assists media in the difficult but crucial task of informing societies about these issues. On the occasion of the International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and with the support of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Permanent Delegation of Canada to UNESCO and France Médias Monde, UNESCO launches the publication “Reporting on Violence against Women and Girls: a Handbook for Journalists“. The event will offer an exclusive presentation of the handbook and give attendees the opportunity to discuss media’s impact on VAWG.

• During the whole 40th session of the General Conference, you have the opportunity to hear youth speaking about their initiatives with the Organization and beyond. Seeking to give young people a platform to pitch their projects to a wider audience in an informal and interactive way, these presentations by youth are followed by an exchange with the audience. “15 Minutes to Convince!” will take place until the 26 November 2019 from 13:30 to 14:00 (excluding Saturdays) in the Salle des Pas Perdus. Everybody is welcome!

The Bureau of Human Resources Management will inform you on UNESCO’s new e-recruitment tool, talent outreach activities and HR partnerships opportunities. You are welcome to join them at Ségur Hall from 12:30 to 14:30!
Yesterday, 21 November 2019

• The celebration of the 10th anniversary of UNESCO-Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers was held by His Excellency Hussain Bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Minister of Education of the United Arab Emirates, and Mr. Xing Qu, Deputy Director-General of UNESCO. Created in 2008 to support the improvement of teaching and learning quality, this prize aims to recognize good practices in teaching, motivating and empowering teachers to improve educational performance. Awarded every two years by an international Jury, the prize of US $300,000 is generously supported by His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum of the United Arab Emirates and equally divided between three winners. Two laureates of the previous editions took the floor to talk about the impact that the prize had in their careers and to stress the importance of providing lifelong learning for teachers in order to consolidate effective educational systems.

• On the occasion of World Philosophy Day, a round table on the philosophical perspectives of Artificial Intelligence has focused on the theme "What makes us human?" and was moderated by Mr. John Crowley, UNESCO and Mr. Christian Byk, Chair of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee. This round table was a joint initiative of the French Commission for UNESCO with UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme. Technological developments that the world faces impacts organizations affecting relationships between individuals. Therefore, people will benefit from such initiatives as the use of AI will be essential in the near future. It is important to raise self-awareness in societies to better understand and respond on the challenges of our time. Philosophy plays a crucial role in supporting the social transformation.

Side events

**Lake Chad, an unusual potential**

19/11/19 – 05/01/20 – UNESCO HQ, External Gates

Lake Chad is an important source of fresh water that supports more than 40 million people and faces growing challenges. Its potential, variability and diversity make it an asset in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. You are welcome to discover the unusual potential of Lake Chad in 4 indigenous languages through the activities of the BIOPALT project in a photo gallery on the fences of UNESCO's headquarters. The BIOPALT project is implemented by UNESCO through its Man and Biosphere (MAB) programme, International Hydrological Programme (IHP) and World Heritage. It targets, in particular, young people, women and indigenous peoples.
This is the last day to enjoy the Games Bar!

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. The Games Bar is available from 10:00 to 17:00 in Hall Ségur.

15 Minutes to Convince

The event will continue presenting Voices of Youth on Ethics of Artificial Intelligence. The program will feature three speakers from 13:30 to 14:00 in Salle Des Pas Perdus.

Programme of meetings

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CLT Commission

10:00       Fifth Meeting

Item 3.1 – Preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4)
Item 3.2 – Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 (41 C/5)

Afternoon

Plenary

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