**PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 29 January 2014**

Arrival of SAB members
20:00 Get-together Cocktail / Dinner, Regent Hotel, Salon Gontard

**Thursday, 30 January 2014**

8:00 to 9:15 Joint Breakfast, Regent Hotel, Salon Gontard
9:45 Transfer to the Federal Foreign Office

10:30 to 12:00 **Opening Ceremony**  
*Moderator:* Mr Ranga Yogeshwar, German science TV journalist  
*Venue:* Federal Foreign Office, Berlin – Weltsaal

10:30 – 10:55 Welcome address:  
Mr Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Foreign Minister of Germany  
*Introductory remarks:*  
Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

10:55 – 11:00 *World Orchestra for Peace (quartet): Vivaldi/La Primavera, 3rd movement*

11:00 – 11:20 Introduction of SAB members

11:20 – 11:25 Statement by young scientists

11:25 – 11:30 *World Orchestra for Peace: Beethoven/String Quartet Op.18.3, 4th movement*

11:30 – 12:00 Panel discussion with SAB members

12:00 – 13:45 Reception hosted by the Federal Government of Germany

13:45 – 14:00 Transfer to the Humboldt Carré Conference Centre

14:00 to 18:30 **SAB Working Meeting**  
*Chairperson:* Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO  
*Venue:* Humboldt Carré Conference Centre

14:00 - 16:00 **Session I: The overall role and functions of the SAB**  
Brief introductory statement by Chair  
Discussion, focusing on:  
- Short- and longer term roles of the SAB  
- Relevance of the SAB mandate vs other international scientific advisory bodies and intergovernmental scientific entities  
Summary by Chair
Coffee break (30 minutes)

16:30 – 18:30  **Session II: Strengthening the linkages of science to policy** (*ToR* item 1)
Brief introductory statement by Chair
Discussion, focusing on:
- Methodological standards to be promoted at the science-policy interface
- Best practice of science-policy interfaces
- Differences between the national level, the UN system and other contexts
Summary by Chair

Evening  *Reception/Dinner together with leading German scientists*

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**Friday, 31 January 2014**

9:00 to 16:30  **SAB Working Meeting**

*Chairperson:* Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

*Venue:* Humboldt Carré Conference Centre

9:00 – 10:30  **Session III: Linkage of science to high-level policy discussions within the UN system** (*ToR* item 2)
Brief introductory statement by Chair
Discussion, focusing on:
- Functions of the SAB vis-à-vis UN and its bodies and processes (e.g. HLPF, post-2015, UN specialized agencies and conventions)
- Best practice of up-to-date and rigorous science input
- New opportunities and challenges
- In which areas should the UN system be better informed by science?
Summary by Chair

Coffee break (30 minutes)

11:00 – 13:00  **Session IV: Priorities and up-to-date issues on science for sustainable development** (*ToR* items 4 and 5)
Brief introduction statement by Chair
Discussion, focusing on:
- Knowledge gaps
- Need for additional assessments
- Thresholds, tipping points and planetary boundaries
- Should the SAB put a special focus on specific sustainable development topics?
Summary by Chair

**Lunch** (90 minutes)

14:30 – 16:30  **Session V: Concluding session**
Way forward: SAB work programme and methods of work
Concluding remarks by Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

20.00  Concert at Berlin Philharmonie conducted by Alan Gilbert. Programme: Dvorak, Cello concerto in B minor; Magnus Lindberg, *Kraft* for clarinet, percussion, piano, cello and orchestra

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**Saturday, 1 February 2014**

Departure of participants