

NGO-UNESCO LIAISON COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 3 February 2022 – 4:00 – 6:00 pm CET

NGO Members	Representative(s)
IMC	Davide Grosso (DG) – President/Chairperson
ACWW	Nick Newland (NN) – Communications Officer
IFBPW	Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré (MCMH) – CCNGO Liaison
CCIVS	Victoria Lovelock (VL) – Vice President
CLADE	Nelsy Lizarado (NL)
CMA	Alexandre Ginoyer (AG) Alternate: Pat McCann (PM)
FAPE	Christian Grégoire Epouma (CGE)
ICASE	Teresa Kennedy (TK) – Executive Secretary
Sozopol Foundation	Petya Zelenski (PZ)
WOSM	Thaís Queiroz (TQ) – Youth Liaison Alternate: Nadine Shili (NS)
UNESCO	Sabina Colombo (SC) Armin Ibrisimovic (AI)
Absent/Excused	CIOFF, Philippe Beaussant (PB) – Treasurer
LC Dropbox – All committee documents are stored in this shared area. Documents will be identified with reference to their respective Folder during each meeting. For this meeting, access the folder entitled Documents for Meetings - February 2022 .	

Decisions taken

Actions for Committee Members

Actions for Paris Office

1. Opening – 4pm CET

- DG thanked everyone for connecting and noted that PB is not able to attend.
- PM joins the LC today as AG will join late due to other commitments.
- TQ informed the LC that for 2022, NS (alternate representative) will attend all meetings since she is unable to attend and they will work closely together. TQ will remain as the official representative on all UNESCO documentation.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Agenda located in **Dropbox** - *Documents for Meetings; February 2022*.

- CGE requested discussion of the Global Day of the Parents; it will be included in item 6.

Agenda unanimously approved.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the December 2021 meeting, Zoom transcript and recording as well as a summary document containing all requests for revision (since many were received) are located in the **Dropbox** – *Documents for Meetings; February 2022, Folder 3*.

Revisions approved (as documented on the summary for requests) will be added to the minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting unanimously approved.

Summary of the minutes published on the website have to be submitted to the LC before publication.

Action 1: All LC members are respectfully requested to review documents prior to the meeting to save valuable time. All documents related to past minutes were sent via email and uploaded to the Dropbox.

Action 2: TK will place approved minutes into the Dropbox.

4. Work Program

4.1 Webinar on STIE

- MCHM shared the proposal for the webinar on "Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship to meet the environmental, social and economic challenges the peoples of the planet are subjected to." Document located in **Dropbox – Documents for Meetings; February 2022, Folder 4.**

It was noted that the agenda is large containing many critical topics (as discussed in past meetings), therefore ample time and resources will need to be directed to the webinar. Recommendation made that the focus of the webinar be scaled down.

MCMH recalled as developed in the background note that the topic was very rich and relevant and pointed to the importance of knowing whether we envisaged a forum or two other webinars after this one.

The webinar, approved in 2021, will take place toward the end of March 2022 or in April. MCHM and GCE will lead the planning in the region and include as many NGOs as possible.

Action 1: MCHM will convey a meeting with CGE, DG and others to fine-tune her proposal.

Action 2: All LC members are invited to share ideas for speakers with MCHM and GCE.

4.2 Regional Webinars

-VL shared that the budget for the Africa Regional Webinar was approved by PB.

-DG provided a summary of the meeting with GCE who agreed to follow the model implemented for the successful webinar (2021) with the Latin America region.

-SC informed the LC that the secretariat has included a follow-up plan for 2022 to work with the field offices in Latin America to identify new partner NGOs in the region and increase the geographical outreach of the network (in cooperation with NC).

The secretariat will also reassess partnerships that have been inactive. After the follow-up has been completed, the secretariat will focus on the same activities in the Africa region.

The chosen date is 22 March at 15:00, Paris time.

Action: VL and GCE will continue planning for Africa webinar and provide an update at the next meeting of the LC.

Actions for Paris Office: Secretariat follow-up and mapping activity will continue in the Latin America region.

4.3 Follow-up recommendations n°2

- Discussion of the three documents: Working Procedures, Code of Conduct of the LC, and the Guide of the Forums. The 3 documents were adopted by the ICNGO in 2020. The first two documents (Operating Rules and Code of Conduct) have been implemented for the past year and appear to be working well.

-DG requested all LC members to review the 3 documents to ensure the cohesion and good functioning of the LC. This will provide an opportunity to make revision and adjustments of the documents. If needed, the revisions will be submitted to the next ICNGO (December 2022) for approval.

Action: DG will place the 3 documents onto a google drive. All LC members are requested to make comment directly onto the documents (deadline: one month). Comments requested are acknowledgement of items that are working well and identification of areas in need of improvement.

5. Updates

International Days

- **Girl Child:** AG will provide an update at the next meeting.
- **International Day of Peace:** A request for contribution to publish the book "Drones and Robots for Peace" was discussed at the last meeting. LC questions were presented to the group. Refer to the summary of their answers posted in the **Dropbox – Documents for Meetings; February 2022, Folder 5**. Their support request was increased to 1500 Euros (from the original 1000 Euro request).

The LC discussed the precedent that it would set to open the door for all organizations to request funding for publications and noted that the book is an intellectual object and therefore submitted to the laws of intellectual property.

Votes against: 4 (TQ; TK; VL; GCE). All 4 agreed that the majority vote was acceptable.

Decision taken: 500 Euros will be provided to assist with the publication of the book with the stipulation that the book be free from any rights and be accessible to everyone. This is a one time contribution of 500.

Note: The LC established that support for International Days will remain at 1500 Euros for approved activities. No further support for publications will be made.

- **CCNGO**

MCHM shared a report with the LC via email, also placed in the **Dropbox – Documents for Meetings; February 2022, Folder 5**. MCHM requests that NN post the CCNGO report to the LC website. As the LC representative and member of the CCNGO-Ed2030 Coordination group MCHM asked to organize an information meeting on the new Global Coordination Mechanism on Education and role of the coordination group and to bring more NGOs together with the thematic group of the CCNGO to contribute to future CCNGO activities and consultations.

Action 1: MCHM will work with NN to post the CCNGO report to the LC website as deadlines are short.

Action 2: MCMH will prepare a paragraph to summarize/explain the meeting concept and it will be presented at the next LC meeting.

- **Strengthening Partnership**

Information: The consultative Group of the Presidents has been working on a document covering LC accomplishments in the past years and probably will have their proposed document ready to share at the next meeting.

6. AOB – Questions

GCE noted that the celebration of the Global Day of the Parents (June 1, 2022), created on 17 September 2021 at the UN, appears to have been forgotten by UNESCO.

SC explained that UN days are not automatically UNESCO days. It is a decision of Member States. DG proposed to CGE to start a working group to work on this celebration even if it is not officially adopted by UNESCO.

Action: GCE will write an official letter to UNESCO regarding the absence of this celebration since it is a UN celebration and should also be recognized by UNESCO.

7. Next Meeting: TBD

A Doodle poll will be sent out to determine the date of the next meeting.

End of meeting: 6:10pm CET - Paris

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Kennedy, LC Executive Secretary, 2/3/2022.