

NGO-UNESCO LIAISON COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, 8 September 2022 – 4:00 – 6:00 pm CET

NGO Members	Representative(s)
	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
CIOFF	Philippe Beaussant (PB) – Treasurer
CMA	Alexandre Ginoyer (AG) – International Days Alternate: Pat McCann (PM)
ICASE	Teresa Kennedy (TK) – Executive Secretary
WOSM	Nadine Shili (NS) – Youth Liaison
UNESCO	Sabina Colombo (SC) Armin Ibrisimovic (AI)
Absent/Excused	CLADE, Nelsy Lizarado (NL) FAPE, Christian Grégoire Epouma (CGE) Sozopol Foundation, Petya Zelenski (PZ)
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; September 2022 .	

Decisions taken

Actions for Committee Members

Actions for Paris Office

1. Opening – 4pm CET – 11th Meeting of the NGO Liaison Committee

DG thanked everyone for connecting. Corresponding meeting documents are in the dropbox.

2. Adoption of the agenda - Dropbox - Documents for Meetings; September 2022

MCHM made a request yesterday for travel funding. This topic will be discussed as AOB.

Agenda unanimously approved.

3. Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting - Dropbox Folder 3

Minutes of the July 2022 meeting unanimously approved.

4. Work Program – Reports located in Dropbox Folder 4

4.1 Possible Forum on the Decade of Ocean/Indigenous Language

The LC unanimously agreed to move forward with the Forum after a 1-hour long discussion.

Summary: DG sent an email on July 26th to the LC sharing an invitation from the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO (through NN) indicating interest in holding an NGO Forum in mid-November in Ottawa. DG noted that if we pursue the idea, the LC will follow the Guide of the Forum and will involve NGOs in the construction of the programme. Approval was received by the LC to begin an exploratory mandate (initiate discussions with the Secretariat, UNESCO Sectors, and other potential stakeholders). NN was asked to gather information and presented the idea to contacts in Ottawa. No commitments or decisions were made. Ottawa Tourism and Air Canada are both willing to contribute some support (flight discounts and preferential rates for the venue, catering, logistics, etc.). Preliminary discussions with UNESCO

sectors were positive. LC agreed to move forward. The forum will be held onsite in Ottawa and include hybrid options to ensure all interested NGOs can attend. The Forum would be a natural follow-up to the upcoming September 13th Ocean Decade webinar and a precursor to the upcoming events at UNESCO in January. Since time is short, the LC will prioritize content, financial support will be sorted out quickly, and planning to identify representatives from the sectors and organization of a brainstorming meeting with NGOs will be planned. A save the date message will be disseminated as quickly as possible. Refer to the Draft proposal for the 13th International Forum of the NGO's in Official Partnership with UNESCO located in the Dropbox, Folder 4.

MCHM indicated that her organization has contacts in Canada and would be interested in participating.

NN and TK will serve as Co-Chairs; meetings will begin today to discuss actions forward.

Action: Short logistical meeting will occur after the LC meeting (DG, NN, TK and SC).

4.2 ICNGO/CIONG 2022

DG reviewed ideas and titles for the theme shared to date. Once decided upon, the theme will be presented to the director general for approval.

Action: LC members were asked to present final recommendations at the next LC meeting.

4.3 Survey on the implementation of the directives

The draft is almost completed. As soon as it is ready it will be circulated amongst the LC prior to being sent out to all NGOs.

Action: DG and VL will complete the survey.

4.4 Revision of Code of Conduct, Working Procedures, Guide of the Forum

Revision is in progress.

Action: PM, MCHM, and NN will work to finalize the document.

4.5 Webinar CCNGO/CCONG

MCHM shared and update on the report presented at the last meeting. Two potential dates have been suggested: Oct 28 or 29, between 1-3 Paris CET; 12 or 13 October same time.

Action: MCHM will provide an update at the next LC Meeting.

5. Updates

- IEG on the Revision of the 1974 UNESCO Recommendation

TK participated as an **observer** representing the LC, in four of the events. She shared the progress of the revision to date including Phase 1 (January – March 2022: Global Survey); and Phase 2 (Mid-March-May 2022: wide range of regional and thematic consultations and UNESCO compilation of outcome documentation for both consultations, plus technical notes, and thematic papers). It was noted that an impressive amount of documentation and resources were collected and compiled by UNESCO.

UNESCO DG Audrey Azoulay appointed 22 experts to form the International Expert Group (IEG) charged to advise on the revision and updating of the 1974 Recommendations (May-June 2022). All materials were provided to the IEG who provided UNESCO with their recommendations. UNESCO is currently creating the "official summary report of the activities to date" and will disseminate the report in early September. It will contain the first draft revision based on the consultations and the meetings of the IEG; a preliminary report providing an overview of the outcomes of the consultations, and main revisions proposed.

Future activities: Phase 3 (September - December 2022: First Draft of revised report submitted to Member States in September with request for comments by December 2022),

and Phase 4 (January – June 2023: preparation and presentation of the second revised draft in May/June 2023 at UNESCO Headquarters, where observers will be invited to attend, including a representative of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee. See full report in Dropbox, Folder 4.

Action: TK will alert the LC to additional updates as they are made available.

-Working group on strengthening partnership with National Commissions

NN and PM provided a summary of accomplishments. Good representation in the working group and the text group produced a comprehensive summary document. The first meeting has over 100 participants. Three groups were formed (1) to obtain survey data; (2) to write the recommendations; (3) to survey the national commissions to inquire about their work with NGOs. The second meeting took place today (34 attendees).

Action: Report will be provided in October (on schedule).

Action: NN proposed to recreate the website so that it could be edited by multiple people. This topic will be addressed at the next meeting. Add to next agenda.

-Webinar on the Decade of Oceans

DG sent a message to all NGOs asking for interest in working on the Decade. Four responses were received. One response addressed the questions and indicated interest: the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

SC provided an update on the webinar that will occur September 13. Over 100 registrants from NGO partners.

Action: SC requested all LC members to disseminate information for the webinar to all NGO partners and contacts.

-Follow-Up position paper on Youth

NS will represent WOSM in the TES and the UNGA with Thaís Queiroz. An update on the status of the Position Paper on Youth will be provided at our next meeting.

- International Days

No update on this topic.

6. AOB – Questions

-SC shared that the new director of the division, Julien PELLAUX, will probably attend the next LC meeting.

-MCHM requested if it was possible for the LC to contribute to her official representation on behalf of the LC as CCNGo Ed CG member to the TES in New York (as was the case for the previous global education meetings). She requested \$2000 travel support yesterday via email to DG (\$400 per night for 5 nights to cover hotel costs). She will travel in two days, on Saturday. She has booked her hotel and airline ticket. DG asked that information be provided in advance of activities, especially those requesting monetary support. MCHM reported that she had just learned of her attendance.

All agreed that the LC could provide support for this activity since she is the LC representative. Treasurer PB suggested \$200/night for hotel. All agreed.

Support in the amount of \$200 per night for hotel accommodations will be provided to MCHM to attend the CCNGO meeting in NYC next week.

7. Next Meeting: TBD

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

End of meeting: 6:24 pm – 18:24 CET - Paris

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Kennedy, LC Executive Secretary, 9/13/2022.