



2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NGOs
UNESCO Headquarters, 17-19 December 2024

“Building Capacity for Action”

Preliminary Programme*

DAY 1 - Tuesday 17 December 2024	
9:15 – 10:10 a.m.	<i>Reception and registration</i>
(plenary – Room II) 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Opening of the Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs • UNESCO representative • Other invited personalities (tbc)
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Presentation of the programme of the Conference by the Chairperson and the UNESCO Director of the Division of Partnership
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Adoption of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bureau of the Conference and Commission of elections - Election procedures - Drafting groups
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	“UNESCO Programme and Budget for 2026-2029 (43 C/5)” – Interactive Presentation of the Preliminary Proposals of the Director-General
	“Priority Africa: Considering Capacity for Action” - A multi-stakeholder Panel
<i>Lunch break (free)</i>	
(plenary – Room II) 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Panel: “Successes, Challenges and Lessons Learned” A dialogue between UNESCO Programme sectors, NGOs and the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee on collective action for UNESCO’s priorities
3:45 p.m.	<i>(moving into parallel sessions)</i>
PARALLEL SESSIONS – DIALOGUE WITH UNESCO PROGRAMME SECTORS	
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	(Room XI) Education Sector
	(Room II) Communication and Information Sector
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	(Room IX) Youth Working Group Strategic Dialogue

* N.B.: all the times indicated in the programme follow Paris time, UTC+1.

The timetable of the ballots for the elections of the Chairperson of the International Conference and of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee will be provided later.

DAY 2 - Wednesday 18 December 2024	
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Reception and registration
(plenary – Room II)	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	“Gender Equality: 30 years after Beijing” - A multi-stakeholder Panel
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Launch of the “Manual for Participation of NGOs in the Ocean Decade”
11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Report of the Commission of Elections
	(moving into parallel sessions)
PARALLEL SESSIONS – DIALOGUE WITH UNESCO PROGRAMME SECTORS	
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	(Room XI) Natural Sciences Sector
	(Room II) Social and Human Sciences Sector
<i>Lunch break (free)</i>	
(plenary – Room II)	
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Collective contribution of NGOs to the preparation of the UNESCO Draft Programme and Budget for 2026-2029 (43 C/5)
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	“A multistakeholder approach to change” Workshop on “Diversity and challenging norms” with the KNIT Programme

DAY 3 - Thursday 19 December 2024	
(plenary – Room II)	
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	“Sharing good practices on building partnerships” - A multi-stakeholder Panel
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Presentation of the Activity Report and the Financial Report of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
<i>Lunch break (free)</i>	
(plenary – Room II)	
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Report of the Commission of Elections and proclamation of results
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	- Approval of the Collective contribution of NGOs to the preparation of the Draft 43 C/5 - Approval of the recommendations of the 2024 Conference
(4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO Representative • Outgoing Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs • The newly-elected Chairperson and members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee