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Programme

Day 1: Wednesday 24 January 2024 (All times are CET)

ROOM XI

09.30

Registration

Entrance: 7, place de Fontenoy 75007 Paris

10.00-10.30

Opening Ceremony

With **Nick Newland**, President of the International Conference of NGOs and of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, and **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

10.35-11.55

Session 1: Overview from UNESCO

UNESCO's Secretariat will outline current perspectives on the global situation regarding the theme. This will include introducing key initiatives and programmes from UNESCO and the Social and Human Sciences sector.

by the **Section for Inclusions, Rights, and Intercultural Dialogue**

12.00-13.00

Session 2: Approaches to Change

Presenters from Argentina, Canada, France, Kenya, Netherlands and New Zealand will showcase the work of their organisations, with a focus on gender, sport, disability, early-years education and human rights. Followed by a Q&A session.

André de Jeu – Director, Association of Sports and Municipalities

Linda Kroeger – Co-Director for Policy and Communications, Womankind Worldwide

Phylomène Zangio – Chair, New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, Canada

Mercedes Mayol Lassalle – President, World Organization for Early Childhood Education

Clotilde Granado – Representative, ATD Quart Monde

Moderated by **Gilles Pétreault** – World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP)

13.00-14.30

Lunch Break



14.30-15.25

Session 3: Building Change

This panel will focus on action-based programmes and initiatives with a particular emphasis on parenting, inclusion, and social innovation. Speakers from Belgium, Canada, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Venezuela. Followed by a Q&A session.

Anne-Claire de Liedekerke – President, Make Mothers Matter

Owen Thomas – Managing Director, Future Men

Tracy Riddler – Senior First Nations Engagement Consultant, Canada

Kehkashan Basu M.S.M – Founder, Green Hope Foundation

Rosa Lopez de D'Amico – President, International Society for Comparative Physical Education & Sport

Moderated by **Julien Pellaux** – Director of the Division for Partnerships, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO

15.30-16.40

Session 4: Domestic and International Approaches – Member State Panel

Having established the challenges and identified NGO-led actions, representatives of Member States will address their work on transforming mentalities. Followed by a Q&A session.

16.45-17.15

Session 5: Practical Approaches to Internal Change

The Institute of Cultural Affairs International will introduce a practical session on developing internal change to address conflict and build positive futures. Followed by a Q&A session.

Catalina Quiroz, Cecilia O'Dwyer and David Bishop - Institute of Cultural Affairs International

17.15-17.30

Closing of Day 1

Day 2: Thursday 25 January 2024

09.30-10.00

Morning Refreshments

Participants are invited to network over coffee in front of Room XI

10.00-10.55

Session 6: Youth Panel – Building a More Positive Future

Youth Panel with representatives from the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee's Youth Working Group. Followed by a Q&A session.

Uah Sandje Viviane Prisca Koffi – Regional Coordinator, International Young Catholic Students

Eugenie Yang – Manager, Global Capacity Building, National Board for Certified Counselors

Hani Nurlina – Youth Action Officer, Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

Rishika Mahanta - Young Olympic Ambassador

Moderated by **Garance Sarlat** – Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO

11.00-12.00

Session 7: Approaches to Women's Empowerment

Leaders of four major NGOs focused on the empowerment of women will discuss their efforts in a global context. Speakers from Associated Country Women of the World, BPW International, Soroptimist International and Zonta International. Followed by a Q&A session.

Magdie de Kock – World President, Associated Country Women of the World

Catherine Bosshart – International President, BPW International

Maureen Maguire – Immediate Past President, Soroptimist International

Ute Scholtz – President, Zonta International

Moderated by **Caroline de Senneville** – Director of Projects, Make Mothers Matter



12.05-13.00

Session 8a: Innovation for Change

Leaders and innovators to present their approaches to change, with a particular focus on disability and inclusion. Followed by a Q&A session.

Neil Kelso – Multi-disciplinary artist

Joséphine Goube – Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Sistech

Catherine Carty – UNESCO Chair, Munster Technological University

Goran Zelic – Puppetry Collaboratorium Initiator, Union Internationale de la Marionnette

Ramneek Ahluwalia - CEO, Higher Health

Moderated by **Janani Ramanathan** – Secretary General of the World Academy of Art & Science

Session 8b: Participatory workshop on designing local change

Following the introduction on Day 1, the Institute of Cultural Affairs International will facilitate a small break-out session (in French only) for those who would like to participate in a practical training session. Please note there are limited places, and this parallel session will run from 12.05 to 13.30.

Catalina Quiroz, Cecilia O'Dwyer and David Bishop - Institute of Cultural Affairs International

13.00-14.30

Lunch Break

14.30-14.50

Session 9: Reflection on Transformative Action

Professor **Keith Magee**, Senior Fellow in Culture and Justice at University College London and Chair of the Guardian Foundation, will give a personal reflection on meaningful change and transformative action.

14.55-16.00

Session 10: Mobilising NGOs

Participants will reflect on key points of action and mobilisation. NGOs are invited to take the floor throughout this session to share comments and highlight further recommendations.

Led by the moderators of each session across the Forum, coordinated by **Claire Boursier** from the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee.

16.05-16.45

Closing

Nick Newland – President of the International Conference of NGOs and of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee

Angela Melo – Director of the Division for Research, Ethics and Inclusion, Social and Human Sciences Sector, UNESCO

Julien Pellaux – Director of the Division for Partnerships, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO

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