

ENGLISH

NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
Meeting 1
28 January 2025

Present:

Svetlomira Stoyanova, Chairperson
Sanjiv Layek, WASME
Nick Newland-Ešner, ACWW
Nisrine Ibn Abdeljalil, FMPS
Davide Grosso, IMC
Olga Legacka, IAESTE
Isabela Carrozza Joia, SDSN
Ramneek Ahluwalia, Higher Health
Cyril Noirtin, Rotary International

UNESCO Secretariat:

Sabina Colombo
Luis-Alberto Vegas-Rojas
Marina Papaspyropoulou

Apologies:

Stanislav Semerdjiev (CILECT)

MINUTES

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**
The agenda was adopted unanimously, and Nick Newland was requested to take minutes for this meeting.
2. **Induction for members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee**
 - a. Presented by Sabina Colombo, Chief of the Section for Civil Society Partnership, UNESCO and Nick Newland, past President, NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
3. **Selection of Bureau Members**
 - a. Cyril Noirtin agreed to serve as Treasurer
 - b. Nick Newland-Ešner agreed to serve as Vice-President
 - c. Nisrine Ibn Abdeljalil agreed to serve as Executive Secretary
 - d. Isabela Carrozza Joia agreed to serve as Communications Officer
4. **Programme of Work 2024-2026 – Initial discussion and planning / brainstorming**
 - a. Consider the use of online Forums for efficiency and cost impact
 - b. Greening Education Partnership as a topic for Forum, following up from previous mandate
 - c. Reiterated the stated focus on the LAC region, with a desire to pursue a Forum in this region, perhaps with an element on/with youth
 - d. The Committee agreed to have a digital working space/shared document for all Committee members to add their inputs into the brainstorming for the Programme of Work
5. **ICNGO 2024 Recommendations and C/5 Consultation Input**
 - a. The English text of the Recommendations of the 2024 International Conference of NGOs has been finalised, with the French text to be proof-read and finalised before communication.

- b. The C/5 Consultation document is finalised and needs to be transmitted by the President to the Director-General at the earliest opportunity.
6. **Revision of the Rules of Procedure**
- a. The Committee held a discussion around the formation of a Working Group to develop proposals for the revision of the Rules of Procedure to ensure their relevance to the current situation and ensure their future applicability; the President asked Former Presidents Davide Grosso and Nick Newland to help facilitate this process, with discussions to be continued.

7. **Planning for Mid-Term Meeting**

This should be planned as a fixed-point in the Committee's agenda, to be held in December 2025, once the Programme of Work is agreed.

8. **AOB**

- a. Update that the outgoing NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee budget reported a surplus of more than €10,000 and the final report will be published in due course.
- b. It was agreed that an introduction section featuring all members of the Committee should be added to the start of the next meeting.
- c. Liaison Committee grounds passes are available for collection at the UNESCO badge office.
- d. A Whatsapp group for the Liaison Committee will be established shortly.