

## ENGLISH

**NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee**  
**Meeting 5**  
**22 July 2025**

**Present:**

Svetlomira Stoyanova  
Sanjiv Layek  
Davide Grosso  
Isabela Carrozza Joia  
Nisrine Ibn Abdeljalil  
Olga Legacka  
Stanislav Semerdjiev  
Nick Newland-Ešner  
Cyril Noirtin

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted after moving point 4 before point 5, due to Sabina's needed presence in another meeting.

### **2. Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 3 and 4**

The minutes of meetings N#3 and 4 were adopted. It was suggested that for the following minutes details should be added where needed to clearly inform NGOs about decisions/actions.

### **3. Contract between NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee and UNESCO**

A contract was signed between the LC and UNESCO for a financial contribution from the secretariat of UNESCO of €13,000 that should be spent by the end of 2025. The funds are allocated to three main areas: the general functioning of the liaison committee; participation in major UNESCO events; and representation at the General Conference and Youth Forum. A provisional budget was presented by the LC to allow the first payment.

Concerning the budget, it was reminded that the current hosting of the website, by ACWW, is expiring in September. It was decided that from now on, the LC should own the hosting of the website and that the cost should be covered by the LC budget starting from September.

Svetlomira mentioned that in a conversation she had recently with Stanislav he offered their contribution in developing the website. Isabella stated that 2 allocated interns from her team are examining modification of the website to make it more user friendly and easy to navigate.

#### **4. Discussion around the UNESCO's 43rd session of the General Conference**

Sabina reminded that the 43rd session of UNESCO General Conference will be held at Samarkand, Uzbekistan. An information meeting for NGOs was held on July 21 and the presentation will be sent to NGOs soon.

NGO's participation in the GC is highly encouraged. There will be a physical space for NGOs addressed to the participants of the conference: NGOs representatives, delegations from Member States. The space will be shared with national commissions, which will foster connections between NGOs and national commissions and attract more participants in the space. It is recommended that NGOs' presence/activities are held throughout the conference, from October 30th to November 14th.

The LC and Unesco will further discuss the program and NGOs activities to be organised in the space.

Some questions were raised that need to be discussed with UNESCO:

- Can NGOs have printed material in the space?
- How will the space be organized (furniture).

Some suggestions were made:

- Prepare a slide show with the Logo of NGOs in official partnership;
- A presentation with some significant numbers - categorization according to their field of action, statistics on their presence on the GC.
- It was also suggested to connect with NGOs that will be present to know what activities they will be organizing and build a program around that;
- To meet with NGOs to further explain their participation in the GC;
- To inform participants, ahead of the conference, of participating NGOs (through the LC website, member states?)

Sabina informed that she is working with the Culture Sector to secure a timeslot for the LC President during the intergovernmental meeting at Mondiacult.

#### **5. Timeline for the last 7 months and upcoming events for 2025:**

The president gave a short overview on the activities held the past seven months, with some important dates/events :

- First LC meeting in January and meeting in Paris with the Unit for Civil Society Partnership in February.
- The work program was sent to NGOs in May; and a meeting with NGOs was held in June; it will soon be published on Youtube.

- The communication channel was set with Isabella, with the visual identity created with a graphic designer.
- Isabella's (LC communication officer) candidacy to represent the LC in the Youth forum was officially confirmed.
- Nisrine's (LC Executive secretary) candidacy to represent the LC in the CCNGO was officially confirmed.
- Two questionnaires were shared with NGO's: the first one on the ways to communicate with NGOs and the second one on the youth working group.

**6. Forum №1 - 2025 - Greening education - First meeting with ADG Education - Stefania Giannini, held on 17.07.2025**

The LC President met with ADG education - Madam Stefania Giannini and 2 members of her team together with Cyril Noirtin (LC Treasurer) and Sabina Colombo about future collaborations and most concretely the idea that was discussed during the previous mandate of the committee in regards to co-organize a greening education forum. During the meeting it was discussed to organize the forum online in November 2025. There will be more details about the organization in future meetings/communications.

Stanislav informed that CILECT is organising a big conference on Greening education in Shanghai in December 2025 and suggested organising something with the LC.

**Points 7 and 8 were adjourned to next meeting to be held next week**

**● Scheduling of next meeting**

The President suggested that the LC meets/communicates more often to prepare for upcoming events.

The next meeting is scheduled for next week - a doodle will be sent on that matter.