

Dear Excellencies and Colleagues,

I am honored to submit my application to join the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee. As a Youth Representative and the Chair of Education at the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF), I proudly represent over 500,000 pharmacy students and recent graduates across the world. The work of our organization in addressing the biggest issues in health, education, and workforce development revolves around building the skills capacity of our members. To enable young professionals to take an active role in shaping healthcare systems, encouraging participation in global health initiatives and promoting interprofessional collaboration. Through our engagement in global policy discussions with the UN and WHO, we contribute to policy shaping and interventions meant to address urgent issues of health, education, and sustainable development.

This experience motivated me to apply to the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, where I can help strengthen NGO mobility, foster collaboration, and advocate for the valuable contributions that NGOs make in advancing UNESCO's goals. I am keen on furthering these relationships, creating spaces for dialogue, and establishing working groups that may promote some co-working projects and partnerships among NGOs to break down communication barriers and ensure that NGOs are fully engaged in shaping and implementing UNESCO's initiatives.

One area within which NGOs can hold strong influence is contributing to advancing the new science decade. Science has the potential to revolutionize societies, offering evidence-based solutions to pressing challenges like climate change, inequality, and global health issues. I am motivated by Open Science initiatives, as it is urgent for everyone to cooperate in integrating education-based NGOs into scientific conversations and initiatives to ensure that solutions are inclusive and that science addresses not only current needs but anticipates future ones.

If elected, I aim to highlight the essential implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the need to require sustained joint action between NGOs and UNESCO in confronting core global priorities. NGOs have a unique capacity to shape solutions across various sectors, including education, culture, climate change, and human rights. A key element to this work is to ensure that youths are equally involved in it and are empowered to be its initiators. Given that youth are the incoming leaders, they must be leading in all global efforts to effect meaningful change. As a youth representative, I am committed to ensuring the provision of opportunities by NGOs for youth involvement so that they can potentially work together on joint initiatives that will shape the future of societies.

I am eager to bring my experience, energy, and innovative ideas to the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee to strengthen these critical partnerships and help foster the mobility and effectiveness of NGOs in advancing UNESCO's goals.

Thank you for considering my application.

Best regards,

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