

**4th Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**15 June 2023, 17.00-18.30 CET**  
**Online**

**In attendance:**

**Liaison Committee Members:**

1. **Mr Nicholas Newland, Chairperson of the NGO-UNESCO LC (President)**
2. **AIHR: Mr Abdelbasset Ben Hassan (Vice Chairperson)**
3. **ARTERIAL NETWORK: Mr Limame Monza Kame**
4. **CEAIE: Ms Yibo Liu, Ms Jessica Bian**
5. **CLADE: Ms Nelsy Lizarazo, Ms Patrizia Gainza**
6. **IAESTE: Ms Olga Legacka (Executive Secretary)**
7. **ICASE: Ms Teresa Kennedy (Vice Chairperson)**
8. **ICSSPE: Ms Claire Boursier, Ms Junko Tahara**
9. **IMC: Mr Davide Grosso**
10. **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: Mr Cyril Notin**

**UNESCO**

1. **Ms Sabina Colombo, Head of Unit for Civil Society Partnerships (Unit)**
2. **Mr Louis-Alberto Vargas Rojas**

**MINUTES**

Mr Nicholas Newland, Chairperson of the NGO-UNESCO LC, shared apologies for moving the meeting and also shared apologies from people who couldn't attend the meeting.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour**

The agenda was accepted.

**2. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting/Approbation du procès-verbal de la réunion précédente**

**Decision 11, 15 June 2023**

**The LC accepted the previous meeting minutes as proposed by the Executive Secretary.**

**Minutes in English and French will be published on the LC website (<https://ngo-unesco.net/>)**

**3. Introduction of Mr Julien Pellaux, Director of Partnerships, UNESCO**

Unfortunately, Mr Julien Pellaux couldn't attend the meeting as planned due to other obligations. The Liaison Committee looks forward to welcoming Mr Julien Pellaux at the next LC meeting.

#### **4. International Forums updates/Mise à jour sur les forums internationaux**

- Discussion around AI & Youth (Sep' 23)

##### **Call for Input**

Team: Ms Patricia Gainza (CLADE) & Teresa Kennedy, and Mr Nick Newland will schedule a meeting to open the call for input. At the occasion, Ms Claire Boursier introduced a colleague interested in sharing his expertise during the forum.

ACTION ITEM: His contact information will be sent to Ms Teresa Kennedy (by Ms. Claire Boursier) for follow up.

- Changing Mentalities (Oct'23)

##### **Call for Input**

Logistics: The IAESTE representatives (Ms Olga Legacka and Mr Thomas Faltner) manage the venue booking. We're working with the Unit on involving the officials from the Luxembourg state. It was suggested to consider changing the forum dates, as it coincides with other high-level meetings happening in Luxembourg.

Ms Sabina Colombo met many NGO representatives, and there is a high interest in the forum topic. There is a high desire to hear more about the Forum.

ACTION ITEM: The organising team should announce the open call asap.

- Culture (Q1, 2024)

Mr Davide Grosso shared the draft concept note with UNESCO colleagues. Feedback is expected. Some logistics were discussed with the Unit, Ms Sabina Colombo.

Mr Limame Monza Kame initially discussed the possibility of hosting the forum with government representatives in Rwanda. Waiting for the feedback. There is also interest from other African countries, but not East Africa: Ivory Coast and Algeria.

ACTION ITEM: Provide feedback to DG.

Ms Sabina Colombo:

- Proposed to wait with the venue decision and see if there will be an opportunity to organise the forum in conjunction with the Major Intergovernmental Meeting on Culture & Art Education in the UAE (end of December 2023 or January 2024, dates to be confirmed) as mentioned by the Culture Sector. This could be efficient financially, considering the forum should be easily accessible.
- Ivory Coast - is an excellent place to go, based on the previous forum's experience in 2014 and a supportive government. We need enough funds for everyone to attend.
- Ms Sabina Colombo will continue following up with the Culture Sector.

#### **5. Working Groups updates/Groupes de travail**

- IOC Task Group

Ms Teresa Kennedy reported that she was satisfied with the latest progress. A list of ~30 NGOs have been identified). The list will be shortened to 20. Ms Teresa Kennedy will be in Paris end of June for the Ocean Meeting to finalise the draft concept and move forward with the Task Group. The meeting is planned for the beginning of July.

Mr Nick Newland asked to update the NGO community via the July newsletter and website.

Ms Teresa Kennedy will share the details with the Committee (in July).

Ms Sabina Colombo stressed the necessity of diversity and inclusion in the task group.

ACTION ITEM: Nick and Sabina will review the list and provide additional suggestions for NGOs that could be included and assist in developing the shortlist.

The LC congratulated and thanked Ms Teresa Kennedy for her work in the Working Group and for representing the LC.

- Youth

Ms Célie Denez prepared the draft concept note about the Youth involvement in the LC activities. The Youth group responsible Mr Davide Grosso and Ms Nelsy Lazarro, are working on finalising the concept note that will be shared with the LC.

It was agreed to invite Ms Célie Denez to the next LC meetings.

- National Commissions

Mr Cyril Nortling and Ms Stacy Dry Lara will follow up on this working group next month.

- International Days

Ms Sabina Colombo shared an update about the International Day's celebration plans from Girls Education.

Mr Abdelbasset Ben Hassan: 75th Anniversary of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 10 September: organises an event in Cairo, Egypt. Suggestion: to host the webinar for our NGOs to discuss human rights.

Ms Yibo Liu, Ms Jessica Bian: International Day of Education, 24 January. Suggestion to organise something together. Mr Nick Newland will follow up on this idea with CEAIE representatives.

Mr Davide Grosse: Celebrating international days' is the perfect opportunity to federate NGOs to work together. The involvement of the LC should be minimal. NGOs can join any official event. On the website, we could have the tab for International Days (Girl Child, Peace) add sentences encouraging NGOs to come together.

It was agreed that the LC should not take over the organisation of any celebrations but encourage NGOs to work together and celebrate together.

ACTION ITEM: Add a tab for International Days on the LC website.

## **6. Thematic mapping/Mappage thématique**

Ms Olga Legacka presented the process and template form the Secretariat will send to all NGOs in official partnership. The LC members agreed to test the form.

The LC congratulated and thanked IAESTE representatives for their voluntary contribution to this process.

The LC encourages all NGOs to participate in this process actively.

## **7. Budget/Budget**

Mr Cyril Nortin presented the draft version of the budget. The aim is to increase the income by 5000EUR vs the last budget by targeting NGOs and asking for higher contributions from NGOs with higher budgets.

Call for contributions - will be sent out to the NGOs by the Secretariat. Mr Cyril Nortin created a system where NGOs can request invoices, as some NGOs mentioned a lack of invoices as an obstacle in processing payments.

Mr Nick Newland and Mr Cyril Nortin will work on the budget to be adopted by the Liaison Committee and shared by email. The LC members will be asked to vote via email on the budget.

Bank account: The bank doesn't recognise the legal status of the LC in France. We can't open PayPal or use similar services to be able to receive donations or funds.

- Support for Travel / Events

**Decision 12, 15 June 2023**

**The LC allocated 300EUR to support the travel costs of Ms Teresa Kennedy to attend the Ocean Decade meeting at UNESCO in Paris.**

The LC agreed it would decide on this kind of support case by case.

**9. AOB**

- LC NGO Room at UNESCO
  - There is work in progress to rearrange the meeting. More updates will follow next week.
- Ms Olga Legacka shared that she participated in the event organised by the Universal Esperanto Association for the ceremony and symposium on the occasion of transferring the Hector Hodler Library collection from the Netherlands to the Polish National Library.
- Ms Claire Boursier attended the 63 Young Olympic Ambassadors meeting. ICSPE, the audience, is quite influential and offers communication channels to spread the message from the LC.
- Mr Davide Grosso was present at the:
  - Multistakeholder Dialogue on Arts & Education
  - CSO Forum on 2005 Convention
  - IGC on the 2005 Convention

**10. Next Meeting/Prochaine réunion**

Tuesday, 4 July, 16.00-18.00 CET

Finished 6:50 pm CET