

**NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
Meeting of Monday, 30 September 2024**

14h00 via Zoom

Attendees:

Liaison Committee Members:

- 1. Mr Nicholas Newland, Chairperson of the NGO-UNESCO LC (President)**
- 2. AIHR: Mr Abdelbasset Ben Hassan (Vice Chairperson)**
- 3. CEAIE: Ms Jessica Bian**
- 4. CLADE: Ms Nelsy Lizarazo**
- 5. IAESTE: Ms Olga Legacka (Executive Secretary), Ms Jovana Kocavska (Youth Working Group Coordinator)**
- 6. ICSSPE: Ms Claire Boursier**
- 7. IMC: Mr Davide Grosso**

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

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)

Minutes from previous meetings have been approved.

2. Update on Activities:

- a. Greening Education Seminar – 1 November 2024 (Beijing).** Ms Jessica Bian will send the programme to all Committee members, and we will try to attend online. Nick Newland will send a welcome video for the opening. This seminar will build energy towards the International Forum, as discussed.

- b. International Forum of NGOs on the theme of “Greening Education”.**

Thanks were expressed to Cyril and the sector for the initial meeting and expression of interest. The Committee agreed that this Forum should be postponed to allow sufficient time for planning, and Cyril is asked to engage with the Sector and agree dates for this Forum to be held in the first six months of 2025 (in the new Committee's mandate). The Committee decided it is essential to book dates that can be announced at the International Conference of NGOs in December to ensure the success of the Forum.

3. Preparations for the ICNGO

- a. Confirmed dates: 17-19 December 2024**
- b. Election Process/Election Committee:** The Secretariat will liaise with Ms. Teresa Kennedy and Ms Nelsy Lizarazo to coordinate the election process, including confirming the nomination documents.
- c. Election Candidate Validation:** The Liaison Committee is required to validate the candidates nominated to stand in the election. The validation process will be agreed offline.

- d. Recommendations of the ICNGO:** The recommendation draft was circulated among the Liaison Committee. Members are requested to provide input before the request to all NGOs is sent out, followed by the open meeting for their input.
- 4. International Conference of NGOs on the “International Decade of Science for Sustainable Development in Africa” theme.**
 - a. This event should proceed in planning and will be organised in cooperation with the UNESCO office in Nairobi, the Kenyan National Commission for UNESCO, and local NGOs. Mr Abdelbasset Ben Hassan will work with Mr Nick Newland on the initial preparation of this event—potential date – 19/20 November 2024.
- 5. Budget review**

Only 39 NGOs (put pf 400+) contributed to the Liaison Committee. More engagement is necessary, and the request for voluntary contributions will be distributed. The income received so far doesn’t balance the expenses. The main costs are related to organising forums.