

# ngo-unesco liaison committee

6th Liaison Committee Meeting  
21<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 18.00-19.00 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. **CLADE: Ms Patrizia Gainza**
5. **IAESTE: Ms Olga Legacka (Executive Secretary)**
6. **ICASE: Ms Teresa Kennedy (Vice Chairperson)**
7. **ICSSPE: Ms Claire Boursier, Ms Junko Tahara**
8. **IMC: Mr Davide Grosso**
9. **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL: Mr Cyril Notin, Ms Laura Regouby**

1. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour  
The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of minutes from the previous meetings/Approbation du procès-verbal de la réunion précédente  
Minutes will be circulated and approved via email and published on the website.

3. International Forums/Les forums internationaux

**a. AI & Youth (Ms Teresa Kennedy, Ms Patrica Gainza, & Ms Celie Denez, Co-Chairs)**

- i. Date: 13-14 December, 2023
- ii. Venue: Online
- iii. **Date: 13-14 December 2023 - ONLINE**
- iv. Co-chairs: **Ms Teresa Kennedy, Ms Patrica Gainza, & Ms Celie Denez, Co-Chairs: Ms Celie Denez**
- v. Steering Committee:
  1. **Fasika Lachore** – ICMS Pax Romana (their incoming Secretary General). Male. Based in Kenya
  2. **Marc Neesam** – International Baccalaureate Organization (Head of Academic Collaboration). Male. Based in the UK

3. **Prisca Koffi** – International Catholic Student Youth. Female. Based in Kenya. YOUTH
  4. **Rémi Loison** – Federation for European Education (Policy Officer). Based in Paris.
  5. **Goran Zelic** – Irish UNIMA President. Based in Ireland. Would be Youth, but 36 this week!
  6. **Israel Coelho Quirino** – CLADE. Male. Based in Brazil. YOUTH.
- vi. Concept note: work in progress. The SHS shared the draft, and they were satisfied with the content.

ACTION: Steering Committee Meeting to be called, SHS sector needs to be included (introduction to the SHS before)

#### **b. Transforming Mentalities**

- i. Date: 24-25 January, 2024
- ii. Venue: Paris, UNESCO HQ & online
- iii. Co-chairs:
  1. IAESTE, due to date coincidence with their Annual Conference, will not be able to co-lead this forum.
  2. Co-chairs: ACWW, CLADE
- iv. Steering Committee:
  1. World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), Janani Ramanathan, General Secretary
  2. B'nai B'rith International, Stéphane Teicher, Perm Rep to UNESCO
  3. Make Mothers Matter, Caroline de Senneville
  4. OMEP-World, Gilles Petreault
  5. ICSSPE, Claire Boursier
- v. Programme: A discussion panel was suggested during the Open Meeting

#### **c. Culture**

- i. Date: work in progress
- ii. Venue: work in progress
- iii. Chairs: Mr Davide Grosso, Mr Limame Monza Kame
- iv. Steering Committee:
  1. Six people: 2-3 NGO representatives, 2 UNESCO representatives (chairs)
  2. NGOs interested so far in joining the Steering Committee:
    - a. International Council for Traditional Music and Dance, Susana Sardo, Portugal
    - b. Observatory of Cultural Policies in Africa, Maria Manjate
    - c. The Group of Day of Peace proposed themselves, but they were asked to submit a concrete proposal
    - d. Clown sans Frontières
    - e. International Theatre Institute
    - f. CCIVS
    - g. Pax Christi/ Groupe interreligieux (Ghislain Le Ray) proposed a speaker
- v. Concept note: work in progress
- vi. Programme: work in progress

#### **4. Working Groups/Committees/Initiatives**

##### **a. CC NGO for Education 2030**

- i. Orientation meeting took place in July
- ii. The elections meeting presentation also took place recently.

- iii. In preparation for the survey on education. Efforts are being made to make the survey "user friendly", including translation to foreign languages.

ACTION: To mobilise the NGOs to participate via newsletters, other means, and other channels.

**b. IOC (International Oceanographic Commission )**

- i. 18 NGOs are represented, 14 countries, five regions
  - 1. Diversity: youth, academics, regions, etc.
- ii. Aims:
  - 1. Road map for the entire Decade about NGO involvement
- iii. 10 - 12 April 2024 Barcelona UN OCEAN DECADE CONFERENCE
  - 1. The Committee will organise a site event
  - 2. The Committee will also have a stand during the conference
  - 3. Document for future Decades initiatives about the involvement
- iv. Communication:
  - 1. A specific webpage is being created, and the NGO LC logo will be visible there
  - 2. Suggestion to make the NGO LC more visible (e.g. logo, roll-up)

**c. Youth Group**

- i. The first meeting took place during the summer.
- ii. Input from the Youth Group is needed for the Steering Committees.

**d. National Commissions**

- i. Cyril Nortin will follow up with the group.

**5. UNESCO General Conference**

- a. The presence at the GC of the Committee's members was discussed.
- b. Partnership Hub Space
  - i. LC proposed a list of activities to the Unit and waiting for the feedback and dates of other activities.
    - 1. Panel discussion best practices between NGOs and National Commission (French, UK and Canadian Commission are supporting)
    - 2. Place partner NGOs in this space (meeting space), four 1 hour events (two events by LC and two by NGOs). The call to NGOs, with guidelines, will be launched once confirmed by UNESCO.
  - ii. We will have a permanent stand and also a TV screen where we can display the presentation (content suggestion: past and future forums)
  - iii. Increase the NGO LC visibility: rollup/fabric roll-up
- c. Cocktail reception for NGOs taking

**6. Finance**

- a. Update on Voluntary Contributions
  - i. 38 NGOs have contributed so far. We received almost 10,000 EUR (50% of our target).
  - ii. Call for contributions to be resent.
- b. Covering Forums' costs:
  - i. Request NGOs to sponsor the forum: sentence to be included in the communication when the "save the date" communication is sent out.
- c. Budget revision:
  - i. The budget will be reviewed, depending on the General Conference activities.

**7. Thematic Mapping**

- a. 128 NGOs have submitted their data so far (ca. 25% of all NGOs in the official status)
- b. The following steps need to be aligned with the Unit (Sabina Colombo)
- c. We plan to launch the NGO information on the LC website during the General Conference.

**8. AOB**

- a. 3-6 October, Nick Newland will be in Paris and available for a meeting.

**9. Next Meeting/Prochaine réunion**

- a. In 3rd week of October, Olga Legacka will send out the doodle.