

NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
Meeting 2
10 March 2025

Present:

Svetlomira Stoyanova, Chairperson
Sanjiv Layek, WASME
Nick Newland-Ešner, ACWW
Nisrine Ibn Abdeljalil, FMPS
Davide Grosso, IMC
Olga Legacka, IAESTE
Isabela Carrozza Joia, SDSN
Ramneek Ahluwalia, Higher Health
Cyril Noirtin, Rotary International
Stanislav Semerdjiev, CILECT
Patrick Paul Walsh, SDSN
Nireen Naidoo, Higher Health
Karina Batthyany, CLACSO

UNESCO Secretariat:

Sabina Colombo

MINUTES

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously, and Nick Newland was requested to take minutes for this meeting.

2. Induction of the LC members

- a. Each present member introduced themselves and their work
- b. Karina mentioned the CLACSO event to be held in Bogota in June: proposal to include it in the work program activities: for example, an LC Committee panel?

3. Work Program 2025-2029

- a. Concern around funding for NGOs/forum organisation and participation
- b. Discussion around potential Funding Forum/Roundtable to be followed up with further discussion: it was pointed that the format of the event needed further discussion; the format of a format isn't the most suitable
- c. Proposal of forums to be held: Greening Education Forum can be followed up, for delivery in 2025 + focus on the LCA and Africa Regions with topics suggested in the ICNGO 2024 recommendations: youth/culture/AI
- d. Align and follow up on the Thematic Mapping and Regional Mapping exercises – pending UNESCO's internal process: Regional mapping likely to be at a stage for potential follow-up/implementation in second half 2025

- e. Suggestion to organize Regional Meetings online with member NGOs to re-engage with all regions: this had been done in a previous mandate and had good results
 - f. Update from Sabina on International Decades: Primary focus on those Decades (Ocean science for sustainable development; people of African descent; Indigenous languages) where UNESCO is the lead agency, rather than all of the others, though these can also be considered as there will be engagement from UNESCO nonetheless.
4. **Actions required**
- a. All members asked to put their input into the google document to inform discussions in the next 20 days so that we can secure a finalised work programme.
5. **Next meeting**
- a. In the next 20 days or so
 - b. Need to program a meeting for the 2025 budget approval – Cyril has already sent the budget. To program in the next LC meeting or in a separate meeting
6. **AOB**
- a. Availability of the office to Liaison Committee members – to contact Davide as keyholder.