

## 2022 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NGOs

UNESCO Headquarters (Room II), 14-16 December 2022

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### Summary Report

#### I. Introduction

The 2022 International Conference of NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO took place from December 14-16 at UNESCO Headquarters at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, and online (on Zoom and webcast), on the theme “**Breaking barriers – What role for civil society organizations towards a sustainable future**”.

130 NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO attended the Conference (see the List in Annex I)

This Summary Report aims at providing an overview of the Conference and information on the elections held on this occasion. For more detail, please consider the Annex documents, and the full video recordings hosted on the Liaison Committee website.

#### II. Opening of the Conference

Ms. Sabina Colombo, Head of the UNESCO Unit for Civil Society Partnerships introduced Mr Firmin Matoko, Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations, Representative of the Director-General of UNESCO on this occasion, and Mr Davide Grosso, Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs, who opened the session (see their addresses in Annex III).

#### III. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the Conference adopted the Agenda of the meeting (see in Annex IV), and constituted the Bureau of the Conference (ensured by the Liaison Committee), as well as the Commission of Elections (see Section XII of this Report)

The Conference also constituted the **Drafting Group for the Recommendations** as follows: Mr Patrick Gallaud (AFAL), Ms Laura Regouby (Rotary International), Ms Catherinz Thiounn (WFB), Ms Yu Qi Zhou and Ms Yifan Zhou (IPSF).

The Secretariat provided a presentation on the election procedures, outlining the rules applying and the modalities of voting (detailed information are available in the relevant documents provided to all NGOs prior to the Conference – see on the Liaison Committee website).

Before moving to the next item, Ms Vicky Lovelock, Vice-Chairperson of the Liaison Committee expressed condolences on behalf of the Committee for the loss of Mr Thierry Brault and shared the following in his memory: *"We recently learned of the passing of a dear colleague, Mr Thierry Brault, representative of the Catholic International Education Office (OIEC), former member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, with whom I had the pleasure to work in my first mandates. Having just arrived to my position as Director of CCIIVS in 2013 and being elected to the Committee in 2014, I was finding my way in the realms of UNESCO and the work of the Committee. I had to prove myself being (at that time) a young and inexperienced member of the team. I hold fond memories of our travel to China for the Forum "Rapprochement of Cultures: One Humanity beyond Diversity" -, the Fifth International Forum of NGOs in 2015, sitting together on the bus and sharing stories. Thierry was warm and friendly, funny and very supportive. I was thinking of him recently and was looking forward to meeting him again during this Conference, instead, I have the honour of respecting his memory and thanking him on behalf of the Committee for all of his work and dedication."*

#### **IV. Approval of the Activity Report and Financial Report of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee**

In accordance with the Agenda, Ms Teresa Kennedy (International Council of Associations for Science Education - ICASE), Secretary of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, presented the activity report. Members of the LC shared sections of the report. The NGO International Movement of Students (PAX ROM) requested formatting changes to facilitate comprehension of the report and this was agreed. Questions/comments were addressed.

Mr. Philippe Beaussant (International Council of Organizations for Folklore Festivals and Folk Art - CIOFF), Treasurer of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, prepared the financial report which was presented by Jean Pascal Mariot, CIOFF Alternate Representative. Particular concern was expressed by delegates that a low number of NGOs had made the voluntary contributions, and all NGOs in Official Partnership were encouraged to prioritise this in the new mandate, and the incoming Liaison Committee urged to consider the financial strategy to ensure the strength of its position. All other questions and comments were addressed.

The morning session was closed with the viewing of a video prepared by the group of NGOs working on the International Day of Peace and showcasing these NGO's efforts in celebrating the International Day.

#### **V. Thematic session – “Multistakeholder approaches to achieve the SDGs: Opportunities and challenges for NGOs.”**

Moderated by Mr. Julien Pellaux, Director of the Division for Partnerships, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO, this session featured presentations by the following speakers:

- Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Executive Coordinator, Generation Equality & Director of the Civil Society Division, UN Women;
- Mr. Abdelbasset Ben Hassen, President of the Arab Institute for Human Rights (AIHR), Tunisia;
- Ms. Célie Denez, Youth Representative – Education and Life Skills, World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM);
- Ms. Racha Omeyri, Intercultural Research Officer, Anna Lindh Foundation; and
- Ms. Simona Costanzo Sow, Learning Portfolio Manager, United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC).

Specific suggestions to NGOs included ensuring activities are actionable and when assessing impact, not only measure national efforts but also seek data on international efforts to give credit to international programmes and their reach; Investing in leadership; Sharing knowledge from local organizations; Empowering youth; Reaching out to policy makers; Encouraging work and dialogue among peers to share experiences; Addressing language barriers; Ensuring gender equity; and Involving civil society at every point along the way to ensure relevancy.

#### **VI. Survey on the implementation of the Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with NGOs: Presentation of the results.**

Ms Vicky Lovelock summarized the survey undertaken by the Liaison Committee, and encouraged all NGOs that had not yet responded to the survey to please do so. A recommendation was made from the floor to create a working committee to make recommendations for member states based on results received.

#### **VII. Brainstorming on the work programme for 2023-2024.**

This was a detailed discussion with lively input from many NGOs. Please see the final recommendations included in Annex VI of this document, and posted on the Liaison Committee website.

#### **VIII. “NGOs Open Space”**

As customary, the traditional “NGO Open Space” (stands and presentations of activities) was organized on **15 December** from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the "Salle des Pas Perdus" (Fontenoy building, ground floor). NGOs registered for this occasion (see in annex II) were able to present their activities and interact with participants. All participating NGOs were thanked for their efforts in creating a rich and vibrant space for collaboration.

## **IX. Thematic session – “The evolving role and future of civil society organizations (CSOs) and partnerships in the global movement for the transformation of education in a fast changing and challenging world.”**

Moderated by Ms. Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré (BPW International), NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee representative to the CCNGO-Education2030, this session featured presentations by the following representatives:

- Mr. Refaat Sabbah, President of the Global Campaign for Education, Secretary General of the Arab Campaign for Education;
- Mr. Vernor Muñoz, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur for the Right to Education, Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator of the Global Campaign for Education;
- Ms. Anne-Marie Chavanon, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP), Chair of the Committee on Environmental and Health Crisis: Governance and Solidarity, Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Ms. Nelsy Lizarazo, General Coordinator of the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE);
- Ms. Marie-Françoise Chavanne, Past World President of the International Society for Education through Art (INSEA); and
- Ms. Helen Dabu, Secretary-General of the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE).

Conclusions were presented by Ms. Giovanna Modé, Policy Coordinator, Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE).

At a time when the world is facing multiple crises and challenges, never has our partnership with the CCNGO- Ed2030 through cross-sectoral engagement been so critical to advocate for the human right to Education. Mr Sabat addressed Education at Risk, exploring the crisis in education with enduring challenges i.e gender equality, justice or democracies, claiming education is not only about academic outcomes but social ones for peace. Mr Vernoz spoke on Education and Emotional Learning, questioning the differentiation between soft/ hard skills, south/north, science/culture, technique/ art, emotion /reason. “Learning is a vital activity built on the interactive language of people with the world”.

Ms Chavanne demonstrated through practice how Education through Arts can foster creativity, self esteem, altruism, and critical thinking, calling for less competition, more space for time and reflection for learners to discover the world, themselves and otherness. Ms Chavanon addressed CSOs, UNESCO, the Council of Europe in the face of climate change and the pandemic. She praised NGOs for being co-creators of solutions across sectors, recalling Education from an early age, in a lifelong perspective can change mindsets and bridge the ethic gap for solidarity and humanity sake. Ms Lizaro talked on the right to education and digitalisation, access to open resources, warning against violation of rights and privacy, generation of profits and more inequalities. In the LA region, digitalisation can be seen as a potential lever to transform the conditions of injustice and inequity only with digital literacy, access to quality and affordable connectivity for human development, with and for everyone. Ms Dabu representing CCNGO in HLSC Sherpa Group praised CSOs’ significant contributions to the Transforming Education Summit, affirming education as a human right, preserving the full SDG4 and strengthening the global coordination body-HLSC as a critical global space for SDG4. UN-TES elevated education at the top of the global political agenda with youth as actors- a call for commitment to action to achieve SDG4 targets including, inter alia, functional literacy, ECCE, ALE, women and girls education, support for teachers, GCE and ESD- a Call to Action on Educational Financing.

Ms Giovanna Modé concluded learning was a vital process and our challenge to realise the transformation of education by changing mindsets, rethinking the whole system in an intersecting dialogue for the power of inclusive education to bring about profound change for social justice and peace.

## **X. Presentation of the Position Paper on Youth**

Ms. Célie Denez, Youth Representative, World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), provided a summary of the work completed and the recommendations made, which included the previously developed Youth Advocacy Guidelines. See the Position Paper included in Annex V.

## **XI. Thematic session – “Stronger together: Working with National Commissions”**

Moderated by Mr. Patrick McCann (World Committee for Lifelong Learning - CMA) and Mr. Nick Newland (Associated Country Women of the World - ACWW), members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, this session featured presentations by the following representatives:

- Ms. Claire Rozier, Clowns without Borders International;
- Ms. Olga Legacka, International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE);
- Dr. Mr N'golo Aboudou Soro, Secretary General of the Côte d'Ivoire National Commission for UNESCO;
- Mr. James Bridge, Secretary General of the United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO; and
- Mr. David Schimpky, Director of Secretariat of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

Recommendations made included continuing the efforts of the Working Group on Strengthening Cooperation with the National Commissions, providing resources such as those produced by the French National Commission and the new series of brochures that will be produced by the German National Commission; and inviting National Commissions in all countries where NGOs are working to take part in meetings. We note with gratitude the participation of Mr Jacques Rao of the French National Commission in this session, as well as the representatives from Côte d'Ivoire, Canada, and the UK who joined via Zoom.

## **XII. Elections of the Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs and of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee**

The elections of the Chairperson of the International Conference as well as of the members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee took place online, in accordance with the 2020 ICNGO Recommendations, on the independent platform “ElectionBuddy” in accordance with the procedure and timetable detailed in the Information Note on the elections, made available to NGOs in official partnership prior to the Conference and also on the website of the Conference. (<https://ngo-unesco.net/icngo-2022>)

At its first plenary meeting on Wednesday 14 December 2022, the Conference constituted the Elections Committee to oversee the voting procedure, assisted by the Secretariat, appointing the following four (4) tellers from among the organizations not candidates for the elections: Ms Marcia Alvarez Melo (AIED); Ms. Célie Denez (WOSM), Ms Vicky Lovelock (CCIVS), and Ms Béatrice Naegeli (CISV International).

### **Election of the Chairperson of the International Conference**

The election of the Chairperson was held in a single secret ballot on 14 December 2022. Two (2) persons, members of organizations in official partnership, were candidates for this election where one (1) seat was to be filled. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the candidate having obtained more than half of the valid votes cast (not counting abstentions) was declared elected: **Mr Nick Newland**, presented by the Associated Country women in the World (ACWW) (details on the results of the ballot can be found on the Liaison Committee website). (<https://ngo-unesco.net/icngo-2022>)

### **Election of the members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee**

The election of the members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee was held in two secret ballots. Twenty-six (26) organizations were candidates for this election where ten (10) seats were to be filled.

The first ballot, based on geographical distribution, took place on 14 December 2022, allowing the election of organizations having its headquarters in one of the regions as defined by UNESCO. Since only one nomination per region was submitted for four (4) regions: Africa, Arab States, Asia and the

Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean, the NGO candidates for these regions were declared elected without the need to hold a ballot in accordance with the Rules of Procedure (Article I.2 of the Annex).

NGOs nominated for the two (2) remaining regions, Eastern Europe and Western Europe and others, were included on the ballot. The following two organizations were declared elected:

- **SOZOPOL Foundation**, NGO with consultative status based in Eastern Europe; and
- **International Association for Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE)**, NGO with consultative status based in Western Europe.

The second ballot took place on 15 December 2022, allowing election of the remaining seats per partnership status (associate and consultative). In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference (Article I.2 of the Annex), as there were four (4) seats to be filled for the associate status and a total of four (4) candidates with associate status, the representation for this group was declared fulfilled and a ballot was not necessary for the partnership status of associate.

The second ballot therefore conducted for the remaining **seat to be filled by one of the** remaining fifteen (15) candidate NGOs with consultative status. The following NGO was declared elected: **International Council for Associations of Science Education (ICASE).**

**The composition of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee for 2022-2024 is as follows (details of the results of each ballot are available on the Liaison Committee website):**

NGO MEMBERS	HQ	STATUS
<b>ARTERIAL NETWORK</b>	Côte d'Ivoire	Consultative
<b>ARAB INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (AIHR)</b>	Tunisia	Associate
<b>CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (CEAIE)</b>	China	Consultative
<b>INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS FOR TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE (IAESTE)</b>	Luxembourg	Consultative
<b>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION (ICASE)</b>	Ireland	Consultative
<b>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SPORT SCIENCE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (ICSSPE)</b>	Germany	Associate
<b>INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL (IMC)</b>	France	Associate
<b>LATIN AMERICAN CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION (CLADE)</b>	Brazil	Consultative
<b>ROTARY INTERNATIONAL</b>	United States of America	Associate
<b>SOZOPOL FOUNDATION</b>	Bulgaria	Consultative

### **XIII. Approval of the recommendations of the 2022 Conference**

The ICNGO spent one hour discussing the recommendations presented on the screen in the hall. It was agreed that the current document will be revised to include information submitted by email, and discussion during the session, and that the incoming Liaison Committee be entrusted with this process. Thanks were given to the Drafting Group. See Annex VI for the final recommendations of the ICNGO.

### **XIV. 2022 ICNGO Closing**

Mr. Davide Grosso, Outgoing President/Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs, introduced Mr. Jean-Yves Le Saux, UNESCO Director of the Bureau of the Strategic Planning, as well as Mr. Julien Pellaux, Director of the Division for Partnerships, Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO. Recognition of the leadership of Davide Grosso was made along with the presentation of several UNESCO publications. Thanks were given to all members of the 2020-22 Liaison Committee and a presentation of the newly-elected Chairperson, Mr. Nick Newland, and all members of the 2022-2024 NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee was made. Summary and closing remarks are shown in Annex VII.



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**Annex I:** Attendance Record: ICNGO 2022

**Annex II:** NGO Open Space Participation

**Annex III:** Addresses to the Opening Ceremony of the ICNGO 2022

**Annex IV:** Agenda of the ICNGO 2022

**Annex V:** Youth Position Paper

**Annex VI:** Final Recommendations of the ICNGO 2022

**Annex VI:** Concluding Remarks of the ICNGO 2022

**Annex I: Attendance Record of the ICNGO 2022**

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**List of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO participating at the 2022 ICNGO  
(English alphabetical order)**

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**Liste d'ONG en partenariat officiel avec l'UNESCO ayant participé à la CIONG 2022  
(ordre alphabétique en Anglais)**

Name of organization	Nom de l'organisation	Acronym / Acronyme
AKHIL BHARTIYA SANSKRUTIK SANGH	AKHIL BHARTIYA SANSKRUTIK SANGH	ABSS
ALL-AFRICA STUDENTS UNION	UNION PANAFRICAINNE DES ETUDIANTS	AASU
ALLIANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS	ALLIANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS	ANSO
ARAB INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS	INSTITUT ARABE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME	AIHR / IADH
ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS	ORGANISATION ARABE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME	AOHR
ARTERIAL NETWORK	ARTERIAL NETWORK	
ASIA SOUTH PACIFIC ASSOCIATION FOR BASIC AND ADULT EDUCATION	ASSOCIATION DE L'ASIE ET DU PACIFIQUE SUD POUR L'EDUCATION DE BASE ET DES ADULTES	ASPBAE
ASSISTANCE TO THE INTEGRATION OF DEMOBILIZED CHILD SOLDIERS	ASSISTANCE A L'INTEGRATION DES ENFANTS DEMOBILISES	AIED
ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD	ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD	ACWW
ASSOCIATION FRANCOPHONE D'AMITIE ET DE LIAISON	ASSOCIATION FRANCOPHONE D'AMITIE ET DE LIAISON	AFAL
ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE LES AMIS DES MUSEES D'EGYPTE	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE LES AMIS DES MUSEES D'EGYPTE	AME
ASSOCIATION NATIONALE CULTURES DU MONDE	ASSOCIATION NATIONALE CULTURES DU MONDE	
ASSOCIATION OF ARAB UNIVERSITIES	ASSOCIATION DES UNIVERSITES ARABES	AARU
ATD -FOURTH WORLD INTERNATIONAL	ATD QUART MONDE - MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL	ATD
AVICENNA VIRTUAL CAMPUS NETWORK	RESEAU CAMPUS VIRTUEL AVICENNE	AVCN / RCVA
B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL	B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL	BBI
BPW INTERNATIONAL - INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN	BPW INTERNATIONAL	BPW
CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS	CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS	

CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE	OFFICE INTERNATIONAL DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT CATHOLIQUE	CIEO / OIEC
CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE	CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE	CEAIE
CISV INTERNATIONAL	CISV INTERNATIONAL	CISV
CLOWNS WITHOUT BORDERS INTERNATIONAL	CLOWNS WITHOUT BORDERS INTERNATIONAL	CWBI
COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES	COMMUNAUTE DES UNIVERSITES MEDITERRANEENNES	CMU
CONSEIL DE LA JEUNESSE PLURICULTURELLE - COJEP INTERNATIONAL	CONSEIL DE LA JEUNESSE PLURICULTURELLE - COJEP INTERNATIONAL	COJEP
COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE	COMITE DE COORDINATION DU SERVICE VOLONTAIRE INTERNATIONAL	CCIVS / CCSVI
DESTREE INSTITUTE	INSTITUT DESTREE	
DHAKA AHSANIA MISSION	DHAKA AHSANIA MISSION	DAM
DIANOVA INTERNATIONAL	DIANOVA INTERNATIONAL	
EDUCATION COALITION OF ZIMBABWE	EDUCATION COALITION OF ZIMBABWE	ECOZI
EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION	UNION EUROPEENNE DE RADIO-TELEVISION	EBU/ UER
EUROPEAN NETWORK ON CULTURAL MANAGEMENT AND POLICY	RESEAU EUROPEEN POUR LE MANAGEMENT ET LES POLITIQUES CULTURELLES	ENCATC
EUROPEAN STUDENTS' UNION	UNION DES ETUDIANTS D'EUROPE	ESU
FEDERATION AFRICAINE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PARENTS D'ELEVES ET ETUDIANTS	FEDERATION AFRICAINE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PARENTS D'ELEVES ET ETUDIANTS	FAPE
FEDERATION FOR EDUCATION IN EUROPE	FÉDÉRATION EUROPÉENNE DES ÉCOLES	FEDE
FONDAZIONE IDIS CITTA DELLA SCIENZA	FONDAZIONE IDIS CITTA DELLA SCIENZA	
FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	FONDATION POUR L'EDUCATION A L'ENVIRONNEMENT	FEE
GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION	CAMPAIGNE MONDIALE POUR L'EDUCATION	GCE
GLOBAL VARIOME	GLOBAL VARIOME	
GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES DIPLOMEES DES UNIVERSITES	GWJ
HOPE 87 (HUNDREDS OF ORIGINAL PROJECTS FOR EMPLOYMENT)	HOPE 87 (HUNDREDS OF ORIGINAL PROJECTS FOR EMPLOYMENT)	HOPE 87
HUMANISTS INTERNATIONAL (FORMER INTERNATIONAL HUMANIST AND ETHICAL UNION)	HUMANIST INTERNATIONAL (ANCIEN UNION INTERNATIONALE HUMANISTE ET LAIQUE)	
INSTITUT AFRIQUE MONDE	INSTITUT AFRIQUE MONDE	IAM
INSTITUTE OF AFRO-EUROPEAN CULTURES IN PARIS	INSTITUT DES CULTURES AFRO-EUROPEENNES A PARIS	ICAEP
INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION	ORGANISATION UNIVERSITAIRE INTERAMERICAINE	IOHE / OUI



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF CERAMICS	ACADEMIE INTERNATIONALE DE LA CERAMIQUE	IAC / AIC
INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN	ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES	IAW / AIF
INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR THEATRE ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DU THEATRE AMATEUR	IATA / AITA
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COUNSELLING	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LE CONSEIL PSYCHOLOGIQUE	IAC - IRTAC
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'EVALUATION DU RENDEMENT SCOLAIRE	IEA
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS FOR TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'ECHANGE D'ETUDIANTS EN VUE DE L'ACQUISITION D'UNE EXPERIENCE TECHNIQUE	IAESTE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ART	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES ARTS PLASTIQUES	IAA / AIAP
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHARITIES	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES CHARITES	IAC / AIC
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS FOR PEACE	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES EDUCATEURS A LA PAIX	AIEP / IAEP
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HYDROGEOLOGISTS	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES HYDROGEOLOGUES	IAH
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUND AND AUDIOVISUAL ARCHIVES	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE D'ARCHIVES SONORES ET AUDIOVISUELLES	IASA
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS IN AGRICULTURE AND RELATED SCIENCES	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS EN AGRICULTURE	IAAS
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES UNIVERSITES	IAU / AIU
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES PROFESSEURS ET MAITRES DE CONFERENCES DES UNIVERSITES	IAUPL
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO SAVE TYRE	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA SAUVEGARDE DE TYR	AIST
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CENTRE FOR COOPERATION WITH UNESCO	CENTRE CATHOLIQUE INTERNATIONAL DE COOPERATION AVEC L'UNESCO	CCIC
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CHILD BUREAU	BUREAU INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIQUE DE L'ENFANCE	BICE
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC SOCIETY FOR GIRLS	ASSOCIATION CATHOLIQUE INTERNATIONALE DE SERVICES POUR LA JEUNESSE FEMININE	ACISJF
INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF RESEARCH STAFF ASSOCIATIONS	INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF RESEARCH STAFF ASSOCIATIONS	ICORSA
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FILM, TELEVISION AND AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATION	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU CINEMA, DE LA TELEVISION ET DE LA COMMUNICATION AUDIOVISUELLE	ICFT / CICT
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE EDUCATION	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL POUR L'EDUCATION OUVERTE ET A DISTANCE	ICDE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PROFESSEURS DE SCIENCES	ICASE

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES JUIVES	ICJW / CIFJ
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR FOLKLORE FESTIVALS AND FOLK ART	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES ORGANISATIONS DE FESTIVALS DE FOLKLORE ET D'ARTS TRADITIONNELS	CIOFF
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SPORT SCIENCE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL POUR L'EDUCATION PHYSIQUE ET LA SCIENCE DU SPORT	ICSSCPE / CIEPSS
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES	ICW / CIF
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL YOUTH EXCHANGE	ECHANGE CULTUREL INTERNATIONAL DE JEUNESSE	ICYE
INTERNATIONAL DANCE COUNCIL	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DE LA DANSE	CID
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'HABITATION, L'URBANISME ET L'AMENAGEMENT DU TERRITOIRE	IFHP - FIHUAT
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ANCIENT VEHICLES - FIVA	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES VEHICULES ANCIENS - FIVA	FIVA
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES MUSICIENS	FIM
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRAINING CENTRES FOR THE PROMOTION OF PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES CENTRES D'ENTRAINEMENT AUX METHODES D'EDUCATION ACTIVE	FICEMEA
INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION	MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL DE LA RECONCILIATION	IFOR
INTERNATIONAL MEDITERRANEAN WOMEN'S FORUM	FORUM INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES DE LA MEDITERRANEE	
INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE	IMA / AMI
INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL YOUTH	MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL DE LA JEUNESSE AGRICOLE ET RURALE CATHOLIQUE	MIJARC
INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DE LA MUSIQUE	IMC / CIM
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS	RESEAU INTERNATIONAL DE FEMMES INGENIEURS ET SCIENTIFIQUES	INWES
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION AND FREEDOM OF EDUCATION	ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LE DROIT A L'EDUCATION ET LA LIBERTE D'ENSEIGNEMENT	OIDEL
INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS' FEDERATION	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS EN PHARMACIE	IPSF
INTERNATIONAL RADIO AND TELEVISION UNION	UNION RADIOPHONIQUE ET TELEVISUELLE INTERNATIONALE	URTI
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE PSYCHOLOGIE SCOLAIRE	ISPA
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION THROUGH ART	SOCIETE INTERNATIONALE POUR L'EDUCATION ARTISTIQUE	INSEA
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD ASSOCIATION	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD ASSOCIATION	ISIC
INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE	INSTITUT INTERNATIONAL DU THEATRE	ITI

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS	UNION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS ET ORGANISMES SCIENTIFIQUES ET TECHNIQUES	UATI
INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS	JEUNESSE ETUDIANTE CATHOLIQUE INTERNATIONALE	IYCS / JECI
INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS	JEUNESSE OUVRIERE CHRETIENNE INTERNATIONALE	IYCW / JOCI
LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS	COMITE DE L'AMERIQUE LATINE ET DES CARAIBES POUR LA DEFENSE DES DROITS DE LA FEMME	CLADE
LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL SCIENCES COUNCIL	CONSEIL LATINOAMERICAIN DES SCIENCES SOCIALES	CLACSO
LIFELONG LEARNING PLATFORM	LIFELONG LEARNING PLATFORM	LLL
MAISON DE SAGESSE (LA)	MAISON DE SAGESSE (LA)	MDS
MAKE MOTHERS MATTER INTERNATIONAL	MAKE MOTHERS MATTER INTERNATIONAL (ANCIENNEMENT MOUVEMENT MONDIAL DES MERES INTERNATIONALES)	MMM
NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFIED COUNSELORS	NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFIED COUNSELORS	NBCC
NEW HUMANITY	HUMANITE NOUVELLE	
OBSERVATORY OF CULTURAL POLICIES IN AFRICA	OBSERVATOIRE DES POLITIQUES CULTURELLES EN AFRIQUE	OCPA
PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL	PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL	
PAX ROMANA - INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MOVEMENT FOR INTELLECTUAL CULTURAL AFFAIRS	PAX ROMANA - MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL DES ETUDIANTS CATHOLIQUES ET MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL DES INTELLECTUELS CATHOLIQUES	IMCS-MIEC ICMICA- MIIC
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL	
RUSSIAN PEACE FOUNDATION	FONDATION RUSSE POUR LA PAIX	RPF
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	SI
SOZOPOL FOUNDATION	FONDATION SOZOPOL	
SULITEST - SUSTAINABILITY LITERACY TEST	SULITEST - SUSTAINABILITY LITERACY TEST	SULITEST
THE V.I. VERNADSKY NONGOVERNMENTAL ECOLOGICAL FOUNDATION	THE V.I. VERNADSKY NONGOVERNMENTAL ECOLOGICAL FOUNDATION	
TRADITIONS FOR TOMORROW	TRADITIONS POUR DEMAIN	
UNION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MARIONNETTE	UNION INTERNATIONALE DE LA MARIONNETTE	UNIMA
UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES	ALLIANCE BIBLIQUE UNIVERSELLE	UBS
UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION UNIVERSELLE D'ESPERANTO	UEA
WAPIKONI MOBILE	WAPIKONI MOBILE	
WOMEN FOR WATER PARTNERSHIP	WOMEN FOR WATER PARTNERSHIP	WFWP
WOMEN WITHOUT BORDERS	WOMEN WITHOUT BORDERS	WWB
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM	LIGUE INTERNATIONALE DE FEMMES POUR LA PAIX ET LA LIBERTE	WILPF
WORLD ACADEMY OF ART & SCIENCES	WORLD ACADEMY OF ART & SCIENCES	WAAS
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH	ASSEMBLEE MONDIALE DE LA JEUNESSE	WAY

WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRISES	ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES PETITES ET MOYENNES ENTREPRISES	WASME
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY RADIO BROADCASTERS	ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES RADIODIFFUSEURS COMMUNAUTAIRES	AMARC
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS	ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES GUIDES ET DES ECLAIREUSES	WAGGGS / AMGE
WORLD COMMITTEE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING	COMITE MONDIAL DES APPRENTISSAGES TOUT AU LONG DE LA VIE	CMA
WORLD COUNCIL OF COMPARATIVE EDUCATION SOCIETIES	CONSEIL MONDIAL DES ASSOCIATIONS D'EDUCATION COMPAREE	WCCES
WORLD CRAFTS COUNCIL	CONSEIL MONDIAL DES METIERS D'ART (FORMER ARTISANAT)	WCC
WORLD FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS	FEDERATION MONDIALE DES ORGANISATIONS D'INGENIEURS	WFEO / FMOI
WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORKERS	FEDERATION MONDIALE DES TRAVAILLEURS SCIENTIFIQUES	WFSW / FMTS
WORLD FEDERATION OF UNESCO CLUBS, CENTRES AND ASSOCIATIONS	FEDERATION MONDIALE DES ASSOCIATIONS, CENTRES ET CLUBS UNESCO	WFUCA / FMACU
WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS (THE)	ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES BOUDDHISTES	WFB
WORLD MARTIAL ARTS UNION	WORLD MARTIAL ARTS UNION	WOMAU
WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	ORGANISATION MONDIALE POUR L'EDUCATION PRESCOLAIRE	OMEP
WORLD ORGANIZATION OF FORMER STUDENTS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION	ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES ANCIENS ELEVES DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT CATHOLIQUE	OMAEC
WORLD ORGANIZATION OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT	ORGANISATION MONDIALE DU MOUVEMENT SCOUT	WOSM / OMMS
WORLD ORT	ORT MONDIALE	
WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC TEACHERS	UNION MONDIALE DES ENSEIGNANTS CATHOLIQUES	WUCT / UMEC
WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS	UNION MONDIALE DES ORGANISATIONS FEMININES CATHOLIQUES	WUCWO / UMOFC
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL	ZONTA INTERNATIONAL	ZI

## Annex II: NGO Open Space Participation 2022

### List of participating NGOs with a stand at the NGO Open Space (English alphabetical order)

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### Liste des ONG participantes avec un stand à l'Espace ouvert des ONG (ordre alphabétique en Anglais)

Name of organization	Nom de l'organisation	Acronym or Short name/ Acronyme ou nom court
ATD FOURTH WORLD INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT	MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL ATD QUART MONDE	ATD
CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE	CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE	CEAIE
COMMUNITY OF MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITIES	COMMUNAUTE DES UNIVERSITES MEDITERRANEENNES	CMU
FEDERATION AFRICAINE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PARENTS D'ELEVES ET ETUDIANTS	FEDERATION AFRICAINE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PARENTS D'ELEVES ET ETUDIANTS	FAPE
Federation for Education in Europe	Fédération européenne des écoles	FEDE
INSTITUTE OF AFRO-EUROPEAN CULTURES IN PARIS	INSTITUT DES CULTURES AFRO-EUROPEENNES A PARIS	ICAEP
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS FOR TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR L'ECHANGE D'ETUDIANTS EN VUE DE L'ACQUISITION D'UNE EXPERIENCE TECHNIQUE	IAESTE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS FOR PEACE	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES EDUCATEURS A LA PAIX	AIEP / IAEP
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CHILD BUREAU	BUREAU INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIQUE DE L'ENFANCE	BICE
INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF RESEARCH STAFF ASSOCIATIONS	INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF RESEARCH STAFF ASSOCIATIONS	ICORSA
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATIONS FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ASSOCIATIONS DE PROFESSEURS DE SCIENCES	ICASE
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES JUIVES	ICJW / CIFJ
INTERNATIONAL DANCE COUNCIL	CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DE LA DANSE	CID

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION	MOUVEMENT INTERNATIONAL DE LA RECONCILIATION	IFOR
INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS' FEDERATION	FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES ETUDIANTS EN PHARMACIE	IPSF
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DE PSYCHOLOGIE SCOLAIRE	ISPA
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD ASSOCIATION	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD ASSOCIATION	ISIC
LIFELONG LEARNING PLATFORM	LIFELONG LEARNING PLATFORM	LLLP
NEW HUMANITY	HUMANITE NOUVELLE	NEW HUMANITY
PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL	PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL	PAX CHRISTI
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL	ROTARY
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL	SOROPTIMIST
UNIVERSAL ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION	ASSOCIATION UNIVERSELLE D'ESPERANTO	UEA
WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION	ORGANISATION MONDIALE POUR L'EDUCATION PRESCOLAIRE	OMEP
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL	ZONTA INTERNATIONAL	ZONTA INT

### Annex III: Addresses to the Opening Ceremony of the ICNGO 2022

#### Address from Mr Firmin Edouard Matoko, Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations, UNESCO

Monsieur le Président de la Conférence internationale des ONG,

Membres du Comité de liaison ONG-UNESCO,

Chères ONG partenaires,

Au nom de la Directrice générale, je souhaite vous exprimer nos chaleureux mots de bienvenue à la Conférence internationale des ONG 2022.

Je suis ravi de vous revoir et de reconnaître plusieurs d'entre vous, mais aussi de voir de nouveaux visages, des ONG et des représentants qui découvrent la Conférence internationale ou l'UNESCO pour la première fois. Je voudrais vous féliciter, ceux présents ici et en ligne, pour cette mobilisation, et vous dire qu'elle compte pour notre Organisation.

Je voudrais aussi saluer les représentants d'États membres et de fondations en relations officielles, dont la présence montre la centralité de ce rassemblement, mais aussi le besoin de travailler main dans la main pour atteindre nos objectifs.

Dans le rapport « Notre programme commun » (*'Our Common Agenda'*) présenté à la 76<sup>e</sup> session de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies, le Secrétaire général Antonio Guterres a appelé – pour les vingt-cinq (25) prochaines années – à un multilatéralisme plus inclusif et plus efficace, fonctionnant davantage en réseau, à même de mieux répondre aux problèmes les plus graves de l'humanité.

La thématique choisie pour votre rencontre nous invite à entamer une réflexion dans cette direction.

Nous croyons sincèrement que ce n'est que dans un effort multipartite, avec les États membres, la société civile et la jeunesse que nous pourrions construire un avenir meilleur, plus inclusif et durable. Et pour cela, nous devons en effet briser des barrières et les idées préconçues, dialoguer et tendre la main vers l'autre.

Dear partners,

You are now more than 400 NGOs from all over the world working alongside UNESCO every day.

Among you, there is a great diversity, of national, regional and international NGOs. In your networks, there are entities and people from all countries, cities and villages, and you are the incarnation of civil society. Young people, indigenous people, people from all kinds of life, lend you their voice and their strength.

You have the power to raise awareness about crucial issues for communities and our planet; to influence public discourse and legislation; to monitor promises are being kept; and to provide opportunities, knowledge and solutions.

Your action multiplies our action; your advocacy amplifies our advocacy; and your support provides the extra step which allows us to reach marginalized communities.

It is our hope to forge even stronger alliances and partnerships in the future to bring a global spotlight to our action and gather engagement.

And I know that we made many steps forward in that direction in the last two years.

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Ces deux dernières années, avec le soutien du Comité de liaison ONG-UNESCO et sous le leadership adroit de M. Grosso, nous avons posé les bases d'un ancrage renforcé de la communauté des ONG partenaires dans les grands programmes de l'UNESCO.

Le Comité et les ONG ont ainsi joué un rôle essentiel aux côtés du Secrétariat dans des moments-clés de l'agenda international : dans le champ de l'éducation pour la révision de la Recommandation de 1974, ou en matière de culture en soutenant la Conférence MONDIACULT2022 au Mexique.

Grâce aux Forums des ONG, nous avons mobilisé la communauté des ONG et la société civile sur des thématiques importantes :

Avec le 12<sup>e</sup> Forum des ONG sur la citoyenneté mondiale, nous avons atteint une meilleure compréhension de ce sujet, avec une participation de l'ancien Secrétaire général M. Ban ki-Moon et du Prix Nobel de la Paix M. Kailash Satyarthi.

Le mois dernier, le 13<sup>e</sup> Forum des ONG sur la Décennie internationale des langues autochtones et la Décennie de l'Océan organisé à Ottawa (Canada) est venu directement nourrir les plans d'action respectifs de ces Décennies, tout en renforçant le leadership de l'UNESCO, ce qui constitue une première pour le Secrétariat.

Le Forum a également ouvert la possibilité de la création d'une coalition d'ONG autour de ces Décennies, et nous serons attentifs à ces développements dans le futur.

Monsieur Grosso, vous avez su également mobiliser et fédérer les ONG, où qu'elles soient, en revitalisant leur engagement dans toutes les régions grâce aux webinaires régionaux, en mobilisant les jeunes représentants et représentantes, ou encore en lançant une réflexion sur la coopération avec les Commissions nationales et sur les Directives.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Our joint action over the last few years has helped us strengthen our ties with NGOs, and find new ways of working together, thanks to your engagement.

It is our hope that the efforts invested by this Liaison Committee will be pursued, and that we will be able to strengthen our common work on an even broader civil society engagement.

The Secretariat will remain at your side and listen to your inputs as we advance together in the next biennium.

I wish you fruitful discussions during this International Conference, and thank you for your attention.

Merci.



## **Address from Mr Davide Grosso, Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs in Official Partnership**

Dear representative of the Director General, Excellencies,  
Dear NGO representatives, colleagues and friends

In the past 2 years, we have been working for a more inclusive, efficient, and relevant collective cooperation here at UNESCO.

Our vision was, and still is, to open up, engage with as many NGOs as possible while at the same time strengthening our partnership not only within UNESCO but with a wider variety of stakeholders.

I often repeat that the strength of a network, whatever the network is, lays in the active participation of its members and today we are really pleased to see so many of you attending in person and online to the International Conference of NGOs.

The theme of the conference comes from a simple yet existential question: Are we relevant? What is the added value we, NGOs in Official Partnership, can bring to UNESCO and more in general how can collective cooperation contribute to a better and just world?

The answer of the first question is clearly yes for all of us in this room but how can we become more relevant and how can we go beyond our own network and our own interest?

We have to break barriers that still exists between sectors,  
We have to think ourselves as part of something bigger,  
We have to engage dialogue with a more diverse set of partners:

Members states of course but also other UN agencies, formal and informal networks of NGOs, UNESCO National Commissions, Foundations, and the private sector

We, NGOs have also to rethink our position and concentrate ourselves on what we have in common rather than our what make our organization special.

Only by doing this, we can make – together - collective cooperation more efficient, and more relevant.

If I ask you, right now, what the biggest challenge in today's world I am pretty sure that there will be many different answers: education, climate change, peace...

And although all these topics are indeed very important, we should for one moment think about the huge diversity that is represented here today, online and offline, and how we can transform this diversity in the driving force for the future.

How can we demonstrate better to our partners that we are not a threat, we are allies.

*[continued in French]*

Cette conférence clôture 2 ans de travail et comme vous pouvez le voir dans le programme, nous avons essayé de vous offrir une occasion de réfléchir, de vous engager et peut-être même de vous interroger sur votre rôle en tant qu'ONG partenaire officiel de l'UNESCO. *(This conference closes 2 years of work and as you can see in the programme, we have tried to offer you an opportunity to reflect, to engage and perhaps even to question your role as an official NGO partner of UNESCO.)*

Se remettre en question, autant que nous le pouvons, chaque fois que nous le pouvons, nous oblige à sortir de notre zone de confort et à commencer à penser différemment notre rôle. *(Challenging ourselves, as much as we can, whenever we can, forces us to step out of our comfort zone and start thinking about our role differently.)*

Valoriser nos différences au service d'un objectif commun. *(Valuing our differences in the service of a common goal.)*

Nous avons conçu ce programme en rassemblant des points de vue très variés et je dois remercier mes chers collègues du Comité de Liaison qui ont effectué un travail formidable que nous espérons que vous apprécierez. *(We have designed this program by bringing together a wide range of points of view and I must thank my dear colleagues from the Liaison Committee who have done a wonderful job which we hope you will appreciate.)*

Après tant de réunions, de forums et de conférences en ligne, nous sommes heureux que la plupart d'entre vous aient décidé de venir en personne et nous aimerions vous encourager à profiter de cette occasion pour rencontrer des collègues, discuter avec eux, Et nous espérons vous allez rentrer chez vous enrichi et inspirés. *(After so many meetings, forums and online conferences, we are happy that most of you have decided to come in person and we would like to encourage you to take this opportunity to meet colleagues, discuss with them, and we hope you will return home enriched and inspired.)*

Pour ceux qui nous suivent en ligne, nous espérons leur offrir - dans la mesure où la technologie nous aidera - une réelle opportunité de participation et pas seulement d'assister. *(For those who follow us online, we hope to offer them - insofar as technology will help us - a real opportunity to participate and not just to attend.)*

Nous espérons vous offrir quelques perspectives supplémentaires et, surtout, d'inciter la réflexion *(We hope to offer you some additional perspectives and, above all, to stimulate reflection.)*

Nous vous souhaitons - à tous et à toutes - une Conférence internationale des ONG intéressante et stimulante *(We wish you - all of you - an interesting and stimulating International NGO Conference)*

Nous espérons que dans les jours à venir, vous vous sentirez plus engagés et prêt à briser les barrières pour un avenir plus durable. *(We hope that in the days ahead you will feel more engaged and ready to break down barriers for a more sustainable future.)*

Un avenir où la coopération collective l'emporte sur la coopération bilatérale, Où les valeurs communes l'emportent sur les enjeux sectoriels *(A future where collective cooperation trumps bilateral cooperation, Where shared values trump sectoral issues)*

Et où nous nous sentons tous vraiment partie prenante d'un mouvement mondial fermement ancré dans les valeurs de l'UNESCO. *(And where we all really feel part of a global movement firmly rooted in the values of UNESCO.)*

Merci. *(Thank You).*

**Annex IV: Agenda of the ICNGO 2022**

**2022 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NGOs**

UNESCO Headquarters (Room II), 14-16 December 2022

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*“Breaking barriers – What role for civil society organizations  
towards a sustainable future”*

<h2>Provisional Agenda</h2>
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- Opening of the Conference
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Approval of Activity and Financial Reports of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
- Election of the Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs
- Election of the members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee
- Thematic sessions on “Breaking barriers – What role for civil society organizations towards a sustainable future”
- Brainstorming on the work programme for 2023-2024
- NGOs Open space: Stands and activity presentations
- Approval of the recommendations and Closing of the Conference

## Annex V: Youth Position Paper

### Building towards a Sustainable Future using Synergies with, and among, Youth

#### Vision

Young people have potential and an increasingly important role to play through advocacy and intervention for achieving meaningful change and progress in educational, scientific, social and cultural avenues, as change-makers and leaders of tomorrow, as there is an urgent need to create more space and opportunities for them to contribute to decision-making through non-tokenistic leadership roles and global youth mobilization, within NGOs and beyond.

#### Background

The United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 to call for ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring that people across the world enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030 [1-6]. To achieve these goals, young people not only have the right to a voice but also disparate platforms to advocate for causes they believe in and network with individuals they relate to [7-10]. The world in its present circumstances faces new challenges that are emerging, even as we find that old ones are changing in their forms, to thereby present difficulties over and above any mitigation strategies utilized against them. These challenges vary from climate change, resource depletion, poverty, and malnutrition to illiteracy, deculturalization, conflict, changing disease patterns, as well as gender, racial and ethnical inequalities.

Non-governmental organizations have played a pivotal role in not only supplementing the governmental responses to these challenges, but in also taking the initiative in eradicating these challenges based on their capacities and involvement at the grassroots [11-13]. Within such organizations, youth participation has become imperative to initiate policies and programs for sustainable change. However, there is still a lot to be done to encourage and increase youth mobilization and involvement in the work and decision-making of NGOs and social movements for positive change in the world. The United Nations defines 'youth' as individuals aged between 15 and 24, although this definition is flexible. 'Youth' is a rather fluid category, with the experience of being young varying substantially across the world, between regions and nations, and therefore, context is always an important element in one's definition of youth. This contextual approach to engaging with, and encouraging, youth participation and mobilization is important.

In the past, access to opportunities and leadership positions and experiences for the youth in various non-governmental organizations and social movements have been limited. Young leaders can help in building on their individual and organizational values and processes, and establish effective modes of contributing to the operations of their organization(s). Furthermore, it is commonly seen that top-tier leaderships are not always connected with the youth members in the organization in a regular and systematic manner. It is pertinent to address this communication gap, and facilitate intergenerational dialogue, mentoring and capacity building exercises in order to facilitate youth contribution to activities and decision-making within the organization in an informed and comprehensive way. Addressing the needs and interests of the youth, which constitutes a community in itself and must be regarded as such, requires us to realize that ours is a world that is increasingly recognizing and respecting the diversity of individuals, within and across generations.

When young people are given the opportunity to stand for what they believe in and understand that their voices can foster positive change in the world, especially when equipped with knowledge, opportunities, and tools to undertake proactive initiatives to address challenges faced by our world, they can stand for their beliefs and causes with courage, pride and ability. Youth have the ingenuity, the potential, and the capacity to make meaningful change happen – for themselves, for their communities, and for the world at large. We believe that we must encourage engagement of youth

in NGOs' actions from design and strategy to implementation and follow-up, with the creation of spaces for youth within organizations, in their communities by scaling up youth-led initiatives, by promoting partnerships and in policies by integrating youth concerns, issues and interests.

## **Recommendations**

### ***General Recommendations***

As youth-representatives associated with a myriad of NGOs and movements around the world, we posit and propose points of interest and relevance to promote youth participation and leadership for meaningful change in educational, scientific, social, and cultural directions. We believe that:

- young people are best placed to determine the interests of youth and should be given ample space, opportunity, and support to pursue their issues of interest.
- it is essential to create spaces for youth within NGOs and beyond, wherein youth-members can proactively discuss and initiate actions to contribute towards the aim of their respective organization.
- young people must be recognized as both individuals and members of a community with distinct interests, objectives and tendencies, which have to be harnessed, in synergy with the thinking and functioning of the senior members and leadership.
- it is of utmost importance to facilitate non-tokenistic leadership opportunities for youth-members, particularly at the very highest levels of the organizational structure.
- specific responsibilities, clear communication channels and prioritizing awareness-building exercises relating to various deliberations and policy-steps (especially of and by the organizational leadership) can be helpful in enabling the youth to make informed and proactive contributions to the organization.
- modularity and a decentralized engagement process of the organizational leadership with the youth-members will encourage their involvement and participation.
- youth-participation in NGOs can be encouraged and promoted with comprehensive mentoring and capacity-building of the youth-members within the organization that facilitate value-addition and increase in knowledge and competence of youth-members, thereby equipping them with the requisite resources to contribute to the work and decision-making processes of the organization.
- a 'bottom-up' structure within organizations helps feed information on activism and advocacy undertaken by young people at the grassroots to the top tiers of the organization and recommend a collaborative spirit within the organization and beyond, among the youth-members and between the youth-members and other stakeholders, particularly the organizational leadership.
- inclusivity and diversity must be encouraged by organizations in their youth membership and leadership. We believe that intersectionality must be considered in the formulation of ways to engage with, and encourage the participation of, youth with diverse identities, in the work and decision making of the organization.
- there needs to be independence of assessment by organizations based on distinct conditions in various countries of origin and/or operation to ascertain the strategies for encouraging youth advocacy as well as the basis for greater inclusivity and diversity in their organization.

### ***Specific Recommendations***

- effective and regular dialogue and engagement with and among youth members can be undertaken with the creation of intra-organizational and widely representative youth modules that can conduct regular discussion groups and propose policy/program suggestions to the organizational leadership.
- non-tokenistic leadership positions and specific roles for youth-members can be facilitated by ensuring young people have chances to have ownership and leadership over processes,

regularly incorporating suggestions and points by the youth leaders in minutes of meetings, policy, and position papers, as well as strategy plans for the organization.

- simulation exercises (particularly with case-studies) can be used to build empathy and give youth an experience taking difficult action-steps in real time, while reflection activities can help the youth to personally engage with the organization's work and think more critically and deeply on what they are engaging with.
- a central hub of information and resources, relating to the work and decision-making of the organization, that is easily accessible to all youth members (online and/or offline) should be created.
- opportunities within organizations should be created for capacity building and value addition of youth-members, with both 'hard skills' (such as organizational management and modes of outreach) and 'soft skills' (such as communication skills and management of interpersonal conflict).
- opportunities for youth-members and leaders to interact with senior members and leaders in organizations could be in the form of shadowing schemes, mentoring programs or buddy schemes (especially for mentors-mentees who do not have a big difference in age).
- there must be an emphasis on creating opportunities to provide more exposure to young leaders, helping them network and find new and innovative opportunities to express themselves.
- the existing youth-leaders within organizations can be encouraged to reach out to their communities through outreach programs to inspire and motivate more young people to join the organization and cause.
- a variety of technologies can also be utilized to spread the word about the work of the organization and engage with the youth beyond the organizational membership.
- the prioritization of collaborations between different cross-sections of the membership is recommended, particularly with and among youth-members, as well as collaborations with external bodies and organizations such as grassroot youth-movements.
- inclusivity and diversity within an organization can be promoted by ensuring that young people of varying backgrounds and identities are given equal and equitable chances at assuming leadership roles.
- organizations must promote greater inclusivity for young persons with disabilities and other under-represented identities or intersection of identities in the work and decision-making of the organization(s). Promotion of inclusivity should be followed by annual intersectionality reviews and associated reports to ensure accountability.
- paid internship programs and international voluntary service for the youth will provide a good opportunity to youth non-members to get acquainted with the fundamentals of the functioning, work and decision-making of the organization. We consider that student exchange programs are also beneficial in this regard.

## **Conclusion**

After discussing the contemporary realities of youth involvement in advocating for disparate social causes, we believe the above recommendations will facilitate the promotion of youth participation and creation of more space for youth leaders in non-governmental organizations and beyond. In this, clarity of roles, access to information and opportunities, inclusivity in approach, capacity-building, and mentorship, as well as inter-generational dialogues and a collaborative spirit for functioning within the organization are seen to be primary. We hope that these policy-suggestions will be considered and implemented by the organizations and our position can help build a sustainable tomorrow using synergies with, and among, young people.

## **Annex VI: Final Recommendations of the ICNGO 2022**

### **Recommendations of the International Conference of NGOs 2022 (ICNGO 2022)**

The International Conference of NGOs met at UNESCO Headquarters and online from 14 to 16 December 2022 on the theme of “*Breaking barriers – What role for civil society organisations towards a sustainable future?*”.

Gathered as a group with shared ideals, **the International Conference of NGOs,**

*Bearing in mind* UNESCO's Constitution and mission that “*As a specialised agency of the United Nations, UNESCO (...) contributes to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, and sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information*”; Ref. (41C/4)

*Recalling* the UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41C/4);

*Reaffirming* the commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*Further reaffirming* the essential role of NGOs, as actors of civil society, in the development and implementation of UNESCO's programmes in its five fields of competence (Education, Natural Sciences, Social and Human Sciences, Culture, Communication and Information) and in supporting individuals and communities at risk of marginalisation and ensuring the inclusion of the diverse NGOs voices.

*Recognising* the historically unprecedented global context created by climate change, including disaster and forced migration, and the health crisis affecting all populations;

*Expressing concern* over wars, conflicts, and violence in many parts of the world, which threaten peace and sustainable development of all countries and peoples, and which exacerbates the existential threat to the world's most vulnerable;

*Noting* the rising political polarisation and the urgent need to act collectively in the face of worsening inequalities and poverty to build a more inclusive, equal, and informed global community;

*Thanking* the outgoing members of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, under the Chairpersonship of Mr Davide Grosso, for their tireless work and the success of a multitude of activities and initiatives;

*Restating* the high regard of all NGOs in official partnership for the Director-General, Mrs Audrey Azoulay, for her achievements and the continuous support of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee; and

*Recognising* that the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee plays a fostering role in the cooperation with UNESCO through the network of NGOs in Official Partnership and acts as a catalyst for collective cooperation;

**Recommends to the Liaison Committee:**

- To continue the work undertaken by the Liaison Committee in the 2020-2022 mandate on strengthening partnership with the National Commissions for UNESCO and on broadening the participation of civil society in the International Decade for Indigenous Languages and the Ocean Decade, as well as the implementation of the Directives.



- To establish a stronger, more effective, and more meaningful engagement of youth representation from NGOs in the activities led by the Liaison Committee, as well as fostering their closer engagement in UNESCO activities, including considering the reservation of a seat for youth-led participation in the Liaison Committee
- To maintain and strengthen the relationship with the Collective Consultation of NGOs on Education 2030 (CCNGO-Education 2030), recognising the unique opportunities provided by the *ex officio* seat held by the Liaison Committee
- To consider the following themes (in alphabetical order), as well as the programmatic priorities of UNESCO in line with the Director General's indication to this effect, when organising international forums as requested by the Directives:
  - Art, Science, and Technology in Africa
  - Artificial Intelligence and Youth
  - Climate
  - Culture as a pillar of the Sustainable Development Goals
  - Education (including relating to Sustainable Development, Protection and Education for Early Childhood, the Right to Education, and Gender)
  - Peace and Development
  - Peace, Nonviolence, and Human Rights Education
  - Women and Girls
  - Youth in Agriculture in Africa

**With regards to the functioning of the Committee;**

- To continue to define clear, timely, and relevant processes for advancing the agenda of the community of NGOs and the Liaison Committee, including, where appropriate, activities, working groups and other mechanisms for engagement;
- To consider, in cooperation with the Secretariat, reflecting on improving the Rules of Procedure, including the possible use of an online platform for the elections and the number of candidates standing for election from different regions;
- To implement a financial strategy to secure the financial standing of the Committee better and provide for additional activities;
- To consider methods of communication for more effective coordination of NGOs and more timely communication regarding events and opportunities for NGO participation;
- To encourage the participation of Member States and National Commissions in Liaison Committee activities; and
- To consider the full and formal adoption of digital voting processes in the Rules of Procedure

**With regards to the facilitation of NGOs in Official Partnership**

- To consider carrying out a thematic mapping of NGOs in official partnership, in consultation and cooperation with the Secretariat;
- To consider making available to NGOs relevant information concerning the functioning of UNESCO and the Liaison Committee, strengthening what currently exists on the Committee's website;
- To facilitate access to a meeting room in Paris to allow, where appropriate, group meetings of NGOs;
- To support, as appropriate, projects for the celebration of International Days prepared and implemented by groups of NGOs (include, for example, International Day of the Girl Child, International Day of Peace, International Day of Education, Global Day of Parents etc.), while ensuring a pluralism of engagement and participation;
- To consider the proposal for an event on the subject of intercultural and interreligious dialogue through education; and

- To further consider action related to the Science, Technology, and Innovation webinar held in 2022.

*Recalling* that the Liaison Committee does not replace the advocacy and actions of NGOs, but offers a space for synergy and a spokesperson for collective action, **the International Conference of NGOs calls on NGOs in Official Partnership:**

- To ensure a voluntary financial contribution is made per the requests of the Liaison Committee, to ensure the ability to carry out its work; and
- To undertake, in the case of the establishment of a communication mechanism such as a newsletter or blog, to supply the content in terms of information on their NGO's activities, actions, and projects

## **Annex VII: Concluding Remarks of the ICNGO 2022**

**Discours de clôture de M. Jean-Yves Le Saux,**  
Directeur du Bureau de la planification stratégique de l'UNESCO

Cher Davide,  
Cher Nick,  
Chers partenaires,

C'est un véritable plaisir d'être parmi vous, car je souhaitais être présent pour la clôture de cette Conférence internationale des ONG très réussie.

Je suis heureux de vous voir si nombreux aujourd'hui, après trois jours intenses et riches en débat. Plus de **130 ONG partenaires** ont rejoint la Conférence au Siège et en ligne, avec une dizaine d'États membres et des agences des Nations Unies, pour plus de **250 participants** et plusieurs centaines de vues sur notre webcast de l'événement.

Vous avez donné un **sens concret au thème « Briser les barrières »**, car nous avons pu constater des échanges honnêtes, riches, et qualitatifs entre tous ces acteurs, et entre vous-mêmes, et pour cela je vous félicite.

Que ce soit pour la session sur les approches multipartites, la transformation de l'éducation ou la coopération avec les Commissions nationales, je pense que nous pouvons dire que nous avons tous appris quelque chose et en sortons renforcés.

J'ai également été inspiré, et je tiens à le souligner, par l'engagement et les interventions de jeunes représentants d'ONG et d'ONG de jeunesse, et par leur travail sur le document de position sur la jeunesse, et leur leadership.

Comme l'a dit Célié DENEZ, la jeune représentante du Mouvement mondial scout, nous sommes le personnage de notre propre histoire et pouvons chacun jouer un rôle pour laisser le monde en meilleur état que celui dans lequel nous l'avons trouvé.

Monsieur Refaat SABBAH de la Campagne mondiale pour l'éducation a aussi parlé du désir d'élargir l'espace civique, et c'est également notre vision. Nous devons approfondir les échanges multipartites, et entamer un véritable dialogue intergénérationnel.

Mesdames et Messieurs,  
Chers amis,

Je m'adresse à vous dans un contexte particulier, puisque, comme vous le savez peut-être, je quitterai mes fonctions de Directeur du Bureau de la planification stratégique de l'UNESCO à la fin du mois.

C'est un poste que j'ai occupé avec honneur et passion, et qui m'a permis de voir et d'inspirer l'évolution de notre belle Organisation.

J'ai été honoré, en particulier, ces quatre dernières années, de témoigner, avec mes collègues du Secrétariat, de votre engagement aux côtés de l'UNESCO, que ce soit pendant la pandémie, où plus de 200 activités ont été conduites de pair avec des ONG partenaires, ou pendant ce mandat, où nous avons vu un véritable saut en matière d'ancrage des ONG dans les grands programmes de l'UNESCO, et tout cela grâce à un Comité de liaison particulièrement actif et dynamique, et à l'écoute, travaillant de près avec le Secrétariat de l'UNESCO.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I cannot conclude this speech without welcoming the election of Nick Newland as Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs, and warmly congratulate him and all the organizations elected or re-elected as members of the Liaison Committee for the next two years.

You have already proved, dear Nick, your commitment to UNESCO, both as Director of Advocacy of your NGO - ACWW, and as architect of two forums for the past two years.

I would like to point out in particular the Ottawa Forum, which saw for the first time a direct alignment with an internationally approved plan, the Decade for Indigenous Languages and the Ocean Decade. I hope we will see results of this extremely relevant endeavour, including with the National Commissions involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you, dear Chairperson, and the entire new team of the Committee, of the full support of the Secretariat, and in particular of my Bureau, in the performance of your future tasks.

My colleague, Mr Julien Pellaux, whom you have already met now, will, as Director of our Division for Partnerships, continue to oversee this great programme, with the apt support and experience of Sabina Colombo, Head of our Unit for Civil Society Partnerships.

I cannot conclude without turning to the outgoing team of the Liaison Committee to express our gratitude for your efforts and determination, but above all your trust and friendship.

Dear Davide,

You have given the Liaison Committee and the community of NGO partners an incredible momentum, by putting them on a path of a reinforced collaboration with UNESCO and reinvigorating many.

I have witnessed your action and charisma in person. The compliments we received on the Liaison Committee from NGOs, Member States and colleagues in the Secretariat are numerous.

They are the testimony of your leadership, one marked with strong empathy, with consensus, and with true belief in the power of NGOs.

Your sincerity, your professionalism and the many friendships you have forged with NGOs, Secretariat and Member States, will have left a mark on the collective cooperation.

It is why we are particularly happy that you will be part of the new Liaison Committee team as member on behalf of the International Music Council, and will ensure a harmonious transition.

It is therefore with great honour that I present to you, on behalf of the Secretariat and on my own behalf, a little souvenir as a token of our gratitude for the successful completion of your mandate within this Committee.

I understand that you have a pen that is very important to you, and that once went missing. I am happy to present to you with this pen, marked with UNESCO's initials, which I hope will accompany you in all your future adventures.

Speaking of adventures, I also have here the book of the Adventure of UNESCO, which highlights UNESCO's action of the last 75 years, and I hope you will continue to contribute to its success in the future.

Finally, on a personal title, I am honoured to transmit to you an Anthology of UNESCO's *Courrier*, focused on creativity and creators, as I know how fond you are of music and of art.

I would also like to thank all members of the Committee for their strong dedication, and accept them to also accept this modest gift on our behalf. For those that could not be present today, your gift will await you at UNESCO on your next visit.

I thank you for your attention and I wish you all happy holidays.

**Informal Comments from Mr Davide Grosso, Outgoing Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs in Official Partnership**

The Chairperson expressed his thanks to all the technical staff, UNESCO personnel, and interpreters who provided assistance during the Conference. Referencing Mr Matoko's opening, he acknowledged the important reality of UNESCO as the home of the gathered NGOs, and continued to thank Mr Jean-Yves le Saux and wished him well in his ongoing adventures. Thanks were expressed along with a welcome to Mr Jullien Pellaux, in his new role as Director of Partnerships. Mr Grosso expressed great thanks to the Unit for Civil Society Partnership, naming each of the staff with gratitude. Thanks were offered to the members of the Drafting Committee who worked on the preparation of the Recommendations for the ICNGO, and thanked the Elections Committee for their time and hard work in ensuring the rigorous conduct of the election. Mr Grosso congratulated each of the NGOs and representatives elected to the new Liaison Committee, and encouraged all those who stood for election to continue to be engaged in building collective participation for collective success. Thanks were offered to Vice Chairperson Victoria Lovelock, Secretary Teresa Kennedy, Treasurer Philippe Beaussant, and all the members of the Liaison Committee who served in the 2020-2022 mandate. Mr Grosso thanked all participating NGOs, online and in person, for their participation, and expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts and partnership of the past two years. Finally, Mr Grosso addressed the topic of youth involvement: "As the youngest Chair ever elected to the Liaison Committee, I am so glad to welcome the youngest Chair ever elected, dear Nick, and I am sure that you are aware of the task you have in front of you, and I am sure that the NGO community at UNESCO can count on you and count on the newly elected Liaison Committee. A warm welcome, and good luck my friend".

### **Address from Mr Nick Newland, Incoming Chairperson of the International Conference of NGOs in Official Partnership**

Dear colleagues, Mr Le Saux, Mr Pellaux,

Thank you very much to everyone who has so kindly and generously welcomed me, offered their congratulations, and entrusted me with the chairmanship for the next 2 years.

One of the points made yesterday was for earlier communication – here you will see that Davide and I should already have compared our speeches before giving them!

I am grateful to have had an extraordinary team of colleagues elected alongside me – and I am grateful for your wisdom in choosing these candidates. We have a broad spectrum of specialism in terms of the NGOs represented, and indeed in the individuals on the new Committee – amongst our team are scientists, engineers, linguists, experts in cultural heritage, gender, and human rights, 2 musicians, educational specialists, teachers and academics, entrepreneurs, and professional administrators - all representing the most diverse and geographically broad committee yet elected. This is your Committee, your Conference, and your community.

With the recommendations presented today, and all the feedback of the past three days, there is a clear mandate to continue and strengthen our work in education, youth, and many other fields related to the competencies of UNESCO. This is an exciting challenge in a world emerging from the shadow of Covid-19 but still suffering so many lingering inequalities. I would like to have heard more this week about challenging these inequalities alongside our thematic work – racism, misogyny, gender-based violence, and conflict all inhibit our ability to mainstream education, the natural, social and human sciences, communication and information, culture, art, and music – though they are so often our pathway to realising our dreams for a better, safer, more just and equal world – the very mission of UNESCO.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the NGO representatives who have joined us in person in Paris, and online this week. To that, I would add my thanks to the panellists and contributors who have participated, and enriched our deliberations. I would also like to pay tribute to Jean-Yves Le Saux, who has been extremely vocal in his support of the Liaison Committee and the NGOs in Official Partnership, and know that we all wish you well in your future endeavours. I had the pleasure to meet Jullien in your first two weeks at UNESCO, and know well your work at UN Women, and I look forward to collaborating for the next two years.

Events such as these do not happen without preparation, commitment, and extremely long hours of focused work. I would like to express, on behalf of all of us, our thanks to the Interpreters, the technical team, security, and other staff who have facilitated our International Conference.

Of course, our greatest collaborators and supports within l’Maison de UNESCO are the Unit for Civil Society Partnership. The Unit’s chief, Ms Sabina Colombo, is tirelessly committed to the successful participation of all NGOs in Official Partnership – and is joined by a team of merry and inexhaustible colleagues, Armin, Ilona, and Luis-Alberto; we thank them all for their hard work.

My colleagues on the outgoing Liaison Committee have been a pleasure to work with for the past 2 years, and we have enjoyed spirited debates, successful collaboration, and many moments of joy. I look forward to forging similar relationships with my incoming companions, and indeed the whole of the NGO community at UNESCO.

To our outgoing President – I can offer only the greatest salute to your hard work, your enthusiasm, commitment to action, and indeed your friendship. It will be a pleasure to have you on the Committee moving forward, and I, and our whole community will benefit from your experience and input.

Thank for you the honour of serving you for the next 2 years, and on behalf of the new Liaison Committee I thank you all for this mandate, and opportunity.

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