

## **Liaison Committee Meeting (15 March 2019)**

### **Present**

1. Marie-Claude Machon Honoré – President
2. Philippe Beaussant – Vice President
3. Richard Francis APEH - Executive Secretary
4. Marie-Christine GRIES – Treasurer
5. Cyril Noirtin -Responsible for Communication
6. Diego Gradis – NGO collective Action
7. Fathima Lahnait – Forums and International days

### **Participating virtually**

1. Andrey Cheshev -
2. Daves Guzna - Regional Focal Point Africa
3. Ratna Wagh- Regional Focal Point Asia
4. Abdel-Basset Ben Hassan - Regional Focal Point MENA region

### **In attendance**

Sabina Colombo – UNESCO Secretariat

A point of Order on the question of inviting UNESCO to the Liaison Committee meeting;

Since the Liaison committee works in close collaboration with the UNESCO Secretariat, it was unanimously agreed that the secretariat is always welcome to Liaison committee meeting.

### **Forums**

The working modalities for the forums need to be formalised with a charter or guiding principles for reference and good governance.

The steering Committee for each forum will be composed of 4 NGO Focal point ( 2 of which are preferably from the regions) in addition to the Co-leaders.

### **Forum on Inequalities**

Forum Liaison Committee Focal points are Abdel Basset and Richard

Richard and Abdel-Basset are to come up with an initial draft of the concept note by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to be circulated for further inputs from NGOs

The tentative dates will be in July 2019

### **Forum on Cultural heritage**

Forum Liaison Committee focal points are Philippe and Ratna

Ratna is organizing a forum in May/June in corporation with UNESCO NatCOM in India

### **Forum on Education and Global Citizenship**

Liaison Committee Focal points are Marie-Christine and Fatima

The work that has been done by the group of NGOs on education can be acknowledged as initial draft upon which Forum working group can build upon

A larger working group will be constituted to incorporate the current NGO groups as well as the bigger NGO communities within and outside Paris

### **Forum on GCE and Peace Festival**

The Committee took note of the letter received from Gorain Gipuzkoa Province in Spain inviting the Liaison Committee to host a forum on peace including a music choir–Festival sponsored by the regional government in the Basque Country in Spain. A consultation is planned with relevant stakeholders to make a final decision.

May/June 2020

### **Forum on Science, technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

Liaison Committee Focal Points are Daves, Diego and Cyril

Proposed title: **Science, techno, innovation and entrepreneurship supporting SDGs**

Proposed date is November 2020

### **Collective work/working groups**

Focal point: Diego

At first meeting on 14.03.2109 it was decided to organize one meeting per topic

- Link between forums and the general work of the NGO conference, and discussing the points on Forums raised at the CIONG – meeting on this take place on May 21 2019
- How NGOs can accommodate and facilitate support for New NGOs that are accredited to UNESCO – meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2019
- How to collect and use the intellectual production that has been developed in the past years by the NGO communities – date to be announced

One meeting per topic to brainstorm and come up with concrete proposals. Possibly, other topics to be defined and addressed at a later stage.

### **Working Group on Climate**

Liaison Committee Focal point Andrew and Richard

## **Communication Strategy**

### Digital strategy

3 communication objectives/targets will be on

- Institutional communication
- Internal communication
- Communication with NGO partners

The committee will work on

- Blog
- Revamping the site

### **Communication from Secretariat**

1. UNESCO will re-launch and put online the questionnaire regarding NGOs relation.
2. UNESCO is in a process of general restructuring which might have some implication for the desk for Intergovernmental and non-governmental partners which might be moved to the office for Strategic planning.
3. The letter written by the NGO group is on the desk for NGO relation and now awaiting confirmation of date from the DG's cabinet office to fix the appointment

### **Youth**

Youth will remain a cross cutting issue within the entire processes and action of the Liaison Committee leveraging on the UN SG Strategy on Youth.

A youth advisory team will be created with an initial meeting held virtually to brainstorm to optimize youth engagement and participation in the Liaison Committee action as well as UNESCO's.

A bilateral meeting will be arranged with the Youth Desk to discuss preparatory process for the UNESCO Youth Forum which might be held in November 8 and 9, 2019.

### **Internship**

The committee is to study the different expression of interests for internship

Next Liaison Committee meeting to be planned in MAY