



NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee – March 19, 2021

1. Opening

Davide Grosso, chair of the Liaison Committee, thanked all in attendance.

2-3. Adoption of the agenda/ Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting

Agenda unanimously approved, as well as minutes of the last meeting.

4. Updates

- Meeting of Davide Grosso and Victoria Lovelock (vice-president of the Liaison Committee) with Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO, to share the work of the Liaison Committee. They received great support and strong interest on the plans for including more NGOs in collective cooperation.

- M. Grosso met with a group of NGOs about their project *“Solidarité ONG face au COVID”*

- Sabina Colombo (UNESCO) reiterated the interest of the Assistant Director Generals (ADGs) of each program sector to include NGOs to become more involved and actively participate in their debates.

5. Work Programme

5.1 Forum on Global Citizenship

The NGO forum on Global Citizenship education will be held online. So far, the only involved sector is the Education sector. One goal is to include as many NGOs as possible. A steering Committee was created.

5.2 Foster a better inclusion

An analysis of the composition of the partner NGOs is in progress. Ms Lovelock proposed to organize regional webinars to present UNESCO and the Liaison Committee to new NGOs. Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré suggested first a plenary meeting to present the Committee’s strategy. An updated regional proposal will be prepared by Ms Lovelock.

5.3 Follow-up with the recommendations

M. Grosso focused on the recommendation n°2 of the ICNGO, which refers to three documents (Code of Conduct, Working Procedures and Guide for the Forums), and proposed to the members of the Committee to read those documents and provide their feedback, in order to make adjustments if necessary. The Committee agreed on this proposal.

5.4 Other opportunities

The General Director of UNESCO asked the BSP to inform the Committee of events and opportunities in order to involve more NGOs in UNESCO’s works. Example of the UNESCO’s 75th Anniversary: the Committee agreed to focus on the importance of youth and to create an event related to that topic. Thaís Queiroz will serve as the lead and present ideas during the next meetings.

6. Communication

Nick Newland created a proposal document about our communication strategy.

6.1 Website

The current website is outdated. Proposal to deploy a new website within 2 weeks.

6.2 Social Media

For NGOs asking their activities to be shared by the Liaison Committee, a process with guidelines needs to be created.

7. AOB

M. Grosso would like to establish a process for requests of supports and patronage. Ms Colombo will meet M. Grosso to discuss about the legalities involved.

8. Next meeting

A Google Calendar is currently being created. An online vote about having the presentation of the Committee live or pre-recorded will be organized.