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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE OF WORK

Item	Title and proposed attribution ¹	References	Document
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ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1	Agenda and timetable of work and report of the Bureau (PLEN)	Rules 5 and 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	204 EX/1 Prov. 204 EX/2
2	Approval of the summary records of the 202nd and 203rd sessions (PLEN)	Rule 23, para. 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	202 EX/SR.1-12 203 EX/SR.1-2
3	Report by the Director-General on the application of Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (PLEN)	Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board	204 EX/PRIV.1

The Director-General raises with Members of the Executive Board certain matters relating to staff at D-1 level and above

REPORTING ITEMS

4	Execution of the programme adopted by the General Conference	Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution Multiple prior resolutions of the General Conference Multiple prior decisions of the Executive Board 33 C/Res.92	
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¹ **PLEN** Plenary meeting
PX Programme and External Relations Commission
FA Finance and Administrative Commission
JOINT Joint meeting of PX and FA Commissions
CR Committee on Conventions and Recommendations
SP Special Committee
NGP Committee on Non-Governmental Partners
BUR Bureau



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		195 EX/Dec.4.V 38 C/Res.99 201 EX/Dec.4.I 202 EX/Dec.5.I.A, C, D & H 202 EX/Dec.12	
4.I	Analytical programme implementation report (APIR) for 2014-2017 (PLEN, PX)		204 EX/4 Part I
4.II	Budgetary situation of the Organization for 2016-2017 as at 31 December 2017 Budget adjustments arising from donations and special contributions received and Management Chart for Programme Execution in 2016- 2017 Status as at 31 December 2017 (PLEN, FA)	189 EX/Dec.15 190 EX/Dec.34 191 EX/Dec.26 192 EX/Dec.4.II 37 C/Res.98 194 EX/Dec.4.II.C 195 EX/Dec.4.II.D 196 EX/Dec.4.II 197 EX/Dec.4.II 201 EX/Dec.4.II 202 EX/Dec.4.II	204 EX/4 Part II
4.III	Annual report of the Ethics Office (2017) (FA)	199 EX/Dec.4.III	204 EX/4 Part III
5	Follow-up to decisions and resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions The purpose of this report is to inform the Members of the Executive Board of the progress achieved in the follow-up to the decisions and resolutions adopted by the Board and the General Conference at their previous sessions and focuses on the issues indicated below.	169 EX/Dec.4.3 175 EX/Dec.23 192 EX/Dec.16.VII 37 C/Res.1 (I-3)	
5.I	Programme issues		
5.I.A	International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH) (PX)	201 EX/Dec.33 202 EX/Dec.5.I.I	204 EX/5 Part I.A

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5.1.B	Sustainable Tourism Management Assessment Tool – Outcomes of the pilot phase (PX) This document is presented pursuant to 202 EX/Decision 45. Proposed decision: report to the Executive Board on UNESCO's work in this area, within the statutory reports (EX/4).	202 EX/Dec.45	204 EX/5 Part I.B
5.1.C	Conclusions of the assessment of the Youth Forum of the 39th session of the General Conference (PX)	201 EX/Dec.20.II	204 EX/5 Part I.C
5.1.D	Follow-up of the situation in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine) (PX)	197 EX/Dec.5.II 200 EX/Dec.5.I.H 202 EX/Dec.5.I.L	204 EX/5 Part I.D
5.1.E	Plan of action to strengthen UNESCO's cooperation: Together for Haiti (PX)	201 EX/Dec.34	204 EX/5 Part I.E
5.1.F	Recent decisions and activities of the organizations of the United Nations system of relevance to the work of UNESCO (PX)	124 EX/Dec.6.1 167 EX/Dec.4.2	204 EX/5 Part I.F
5.II	Management issues		
5.II.A	Sustainability of the field network (FA)	194 EX/Dec.4.IV 195 EX/Dec.5.IV.D 196 EX/Dec.5.IV.B 199 EX/Dec.5.II.C 200 EX/Dec.5.III.A 201 EX/Dec.5.III.A	204 EX/5 Part II.A
5.II.B	Resource mobilization strategy and structured financing dialogue (JOINT)	197 EX/Dec.5.IV.B 199 EX/Dec.5.II.F 202 EX/Dec.5.III.C	204 EX/5 Part II.B and Add.

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5.II.C	UNESCO Security and Safety Action Plan (FA)	199 EX/Dec.17 200 EX/Dec.5.III.C 202 EX/Dec.5.III.D	204 EX/5 Part II.C
5.II.D	Report on the implementation of Invest for Efficient Delivery (FA)	196 EX/Dec.15 196 EX/Dec.4.II.E 202 EX/Dec.5.III.F	204 EX/5 Part II.D
5.II.E	Cost recovery policy: revised proposal for a differential rate policy for management costs rates (FA)	200 EX/Dec.5.III.F 201 EX/Dec.5.III.C 202 EX/Dec.5.III.G	204 EX/5 Part II.E
5.III	Human resources issues (FA)		
5.III.A	Geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat and progress on the implementation of the measures taken to redress any imbalance Pursuant to 199 EX/Decision 5.III.A and 201 EX/Decision 5.IV.A, this document is intended to inform on progress made since the last report at the 201st session of the Executive Board, including trends and statistical data as of January 2018. Proposed decision: submission to the Executive Board of an information note on the situation of the geographical distribution and gender balance of the staff of the Secretariat and on the achievement of gender parity at the senior level at its 206th session.	187 EX/Dec.6.IX 36 C/Res.97 190 EX/Dec.5.XI 37 C/Res.74 197 EX/Dec.5.V.A 201 EX/Dec.5.IV.A	204 EX/5 Part III.A
5.III.B	Progress report on the strategic framework for human resources partnerships Pursuant to 202 EX/Decision 5.IV.B, this document is intended to inform on progress made since the last report at the 202nd session of the Executive Board, on the development of a strategic framework for human resources partnerships. It outlines a set of key basic principles governing human resource partnerships. Proposed decision: submission to the Executive Board of a report on human resource partnerships, in the context of the biennial report on the comprehensive partnership strategy at the 40th session of the General Conference.	199 EX/Dec.5.III.D 200 EX/Dec.5.IV.B 202 EX/Dec.5.IV.B	204 EX/5 Part III.B

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5.III.C	<p>Annual report (2017) by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC): Report by the Director-General</p> <p>Pursuant to 114 EX/Decision 8.5 and 22 C/Resolution 37, this document is intended to inform and describe measures affecting the conditions of service of UNESCO staff members, which were implemented following ICSC recommendations/decisions and/or decisions taken by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/72/255 of 24 December 2017.</p> <p>Proposed decision: continue to ensure UNESCO's participation in the work of the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) and take into account its recommendations and the decisions of the United Nations General Assembly.</p>	<p>114 EX/Dec.8.5 22 C/Res.37 38 C/Res.88 201 EX/Dec.5.IV.C</p>	204 EX/5 Part III.C
PROGRAMME MATTERS			
6	<p>Proposal for the convening of an international conference of States for the revision of the 1978 Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States (PX)</p> <p>This document is presented pursuant to 39 C/Resolution 83</p> <p>Proposed decision: request the submission of invitations to the conference at the 205th session.</p>	39 C/Res.83	204 EX/6
7	<p>Nominations of new UNESCO Global Geoparks (PX)</p> <p>In accordance with 38 C/Resolution 23, the Director-General submits the 13 nominations of the 2nd statutory meeting of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council for the endorsement of the Executive Board. The Executive Board is invited to endorse the nominations.</p>	38 C/Res.23	204 EX/7 204 EX/7.INF
8	<p>Draft action plan for a comprehensive review of the Memory of the World Programme (PX)</p>	<p>199 EX/Dec.29 201 EX/Dec.5.I.H 202 EX/Dec.15</p>	204 EX/8
9	<p>UNESCO Prizes (PX)</p>	<p>132 EX/Dec.30 114 EX/Dec.5.3.2 162 EX/Dec.12</p>	204 EX/9

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INSTITUTES AND CENTRES			
Category 1 institutes and centres			
10	Report by the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) on the activities of the Institute (JOINT)	30 C/Res.44 Article V.1(e) of the Statutes 37 C/Res.57 196 EX/Dec.13 201 EX/Dec.12	204 EX/10
11	Management of category 1 institutes (FA)	202 EX/Dec.17	204 EX/11
Category 2 institutes and centres (FA)			
12	Follow-up to the Review of the Management Framework for UNESCO Category 2 Institutes and Centres	Item proposed by the Director-General	204 EX/12
13	Renewals and reviews of category 2 institutes and centres	192 EX/Dec.16.VII	204 EX/13 Parts I and II
14	Establishment in China of a UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) international centre	39 C/Res.12	204 EX/14
15	Establishment in Ecuador of an International Centre of Advanced Communication Studies for Latin America (CIESPAL)	39 C/Res.41	204 EX/15
PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING			
16	39 C/5 implementation plan (JOINT)	202 EX/Dec.19	204 EX/16
MATTERS RELATING TO NORMS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS			
17	Examination of the communications transmitted to the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations in pursuance of 104 EX/Decision 3.3, and report of the Committee thereon (CR)	104 EX/Dec.3.3	204 EX/CR/HR 204 EX/CR/2

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	<p>Pursuant to 104 EX/Decision 3.3 adopted in 1978, setting out the procedure for the examination of communications received by the Organization relating to cases and questions concerning the exercise of human rights in the fields of competence of UNESCO, the Board is invited to examine, in private meeting, the report of the CR Committee on the subject.</p>		
18	<p>Implementation of standard-setting instruments (CR)</p>		
18.I	<p>General monitoring</p> <p>This document contains an overall report on the implementation of the conventions and recommendations that the CR Committee is required to monitor and an analysis of specific measures taken by the Secretariat within the framework of the monitoring of the implementation of the standard-setting instruments and any difficulties encountered for each of the instruments.</p> <p>Proposed decision: request the Director-General to continue to ensure the implementation of the legal framework concerning standard-setting instruments, as adopted at its 177th session and amended at its 196th session, by the programme sectors and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), which have responsibility for the conventions and recommendations monitored by the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR).</p>	<p>195 EX/Dec.15 197 EX/Dec.20.VII 199 EX/Dec.14.I 202 EX/Dec.24.I</p>	204 EX/18 Part I
18.II	<p>Implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) – preparations for the next consultation</p> <p>Pursuant to 38 C/Resolution 14 and in compliance with 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20 on the specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided, the first consolidated report on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning Technical and Vocational Education and Training</p>	195 EX/Dec.15	204 EX/18 Part II

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	<p>(TVET) should be submitted to the General Conference at its 40th session in 2019. This document presents the draft guidelines developed to guide the reporting on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation.</p> <p>Proposed decision: approval of the abovementioned draft guidelines.</p>		
18.III	<p>Implementation of the 1980 Recommendation concerning the Status of the Artist – preparations for the next consultation</p> <p>Pursuant to 38 C/Resolution 95 and in compliance with 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20, the fourth consolidated report on the implementation of the 1980 Recommendation should be submitted to the General Conference at its 40th session. This document presents draft guidelines developed to guide the reporting on the implementation of the 1980 Recommendation</p> <p>Proposed decision: approval of the abovementioned guidelines</p>	38 C/Res.95	204 EX/18 Part III
18.IV	<p>Implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education – preparations for the next consultation</p> <p>Pursuant to 38 C/Resolution 93 and in compliance with 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20 on the specific multi-stage procedure for the monitoring of the implementation of UNESCO conventions and recommendations for which no specific institutional mechanism is provided, the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation on the Recognition of Studies and Qualifications in Higher Education should be submitted to the General Conference at its 40th session in 2019. Pursuant to 202 EX/Decision 24.V, this document presents the draft guidelines developed to guide the reporting on the implementation of the 1993 Recommendation.</p> <p>Proposed decision: approval of the abovementioned guidelines</p>	38 C/Res.93 202 EX/Dec.24.V	204 EX/18 Part IV

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18.V	<p>Implementation of the 2003 Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace – preparations for the next consultation</p> <p>Pursuant to 38 C/Resolution 97, and in compliance with 177 EX/Decision 35.I and 196 EX/Decision 20, the fourth consolidated report on the implementation of the 2003 Recommendation Concerning the Promotion and Use of Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace should be submitted to the General Conference at its 40th session in 2019. This document presents draft guidelines developed to guide the reporting on the implementation of the 2003 Recommendation.</p> <p>Proposed decision: approval of the abovementioned guidelines.</p>	38 C/Res.97	204 EX/18 Part V
18.VI	<p>Implementation of the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Preservation of, and Access to Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form—preparations for the next consultation</p> <p>Pursuant to 38 C/Resolution 55, the first consolidated report on the implementation of the Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage including in Digital Form (2015) should be submitted to the General Conference at its 40th session in 2019. This document presents a draft questionnaire developed to guide the reporting on the implementation of the 2015 Recommendation.</p> <p>Proposed decision: approval of the abovementioned questionnaire</p>	38 C/Res.55	204 EX/18 Part VI
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS			
19 ²	Financial regulations of special accounts (FA)	Articles 6.5 and 6.6 of the Financial Regulations 38 C/Res.86 201 EX/Dec.24.I & II	204 EX/19

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20	Collection of Member States contributions, cash flow implications and contingency plan (FA)	201 EX/Dec.25.II 202 EX/Dec.31.II A & B	
20.I	Report by the Director-General on the collection of Member States' contributions		204 EX/20 Part I
20.II.A	Report by the Director-General on the cash flow implications		204 EX/20 Part II.A
20.II.B	Report by the Director-General on the status of carry forward of the remaining unspent regular budget fund under the 38 C/5 expenditure plan, and the proposals for use of the unspent balance.		204 EX/20 Part II.B
21	New audits by the External Auditor (FA)	Article 12.4 of the Financial Regulations 37 C/Res.96	
21.I	Audit report on the UNESCO field office network		204 EX/21 Part I 204 EX/21.INF
21.II	Audit report on the UNESCO Office in Lima		204 EX/21 Part II 204 EX/21.INF.2
21.III	Audit report on the UNESCO Office in Jakarta		204 EX/21 Part III 204 EX/21.INF.3
21.IV	Audit report on the UNESCO National Office in Haiti		204 EX/21 Part IV 204 EX/21.INF.4
21.V	Audit report on UNESCO procurement		204 EX/21 Part V 204 EX/21.INF.5
21.VI	Audit report on UNESCO internal human resources management processes		204 EX/21 Part VI 204 EX/21.INF.6
22	Internal Oversight Service (IOS): annual report 2017 (JOINT) The annual report of the Internal Oversight Service (IOS) is submitted pursuant to a standing request by the Executive Board (160 EX/Decision 6.5 and 164 EX/Decision 6.10). The report presents the key	160 EX/Dec.6.5 164 EX/Dec.6.10 189 EX/Dec.16 194 EX/Dec.22 196 EX/Dec.24 199 EX/Dec.16 201 EX/Dec.22	204 EX/22

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	<p>achievements of IOS for the concerned year.</p> <p>Proposed decision: request the Director-General to maintain an effective oversight function and ensure that all Internal Oversight Service recommendations are fully implemented within a reasonable timeframe; and that the IOS risk-based audit work plan is fully funded within document 39 C/5</p> <p>RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS</p>		
23	<p>Relations with non-governmental partners (NGP)</p>	<p>Directives concerning UNESCO's partnership with non-governmental organizations 29 C/Res.64 36 C/Res.108 188 EX/Dec.12 190 EX/Dec.36 195 EX/Dec.24 200 EX/Dec.23 202 EX/Dec.37</p>	<p>204 EX/23 204 EX/23.INF</p>
24	<p>Draft Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and UNESCO (JOINT)</p> <p>GENERAL MATTERS</p>	<p>Item proposed by the Director-General</p>	<p>204 EX/24</p>
25	<p>Occupied Palestine (PX)</p>	<p>39 C/Res.36 201 EX/Dec.30 202 EX/Dec.38</p>	<p>204 EX/25</p>
26	<p>Implementation of 39 C/Resolution 55 and 202 EX/Dec.39 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories (PX)</p>	<p>39 C/Res.55 201 EX/Dec.31 202 EX/Dec.39</p>	<p>204 EX/26</p>

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27	Dates of the 205th session and provisional list of matters to be examined by the Executive Board at its 205th session (PLEN)	Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board 103 EX/Dec.3.2.1	204 EX/27.INF 204 EX/27.INF.2
ADDITIONAL ITEMS			
28	Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) beyond 2019 (PX)	Item proposed by Austria, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, Netherlands, Oman, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and Viet Nam.	204 EX/28
29	8th World Water Forum (PX)	Item proposed by Brazil	204 EX/29
30	Invitations to intergovernmental meetings (category II) related to the preliminary draft of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (BUR)	Item proposed by the Director-General	204 EX/30
31	The path to UNESCO's Strategic Transformation (JOINT)	Item proposed by the Director-General	204 EX/31

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Provisional timetable of work

Date ¹		Plenary meetings Room X	Committees		Commissions			Bureau ²	
			CR Room X	NGP Room XI	PX Room X	FA Room XI	Joint PX/FA Room XI		
April 2018	Wednesday 4 April	am						1 st	
		pm		1 st					
	Thursday 5 April	am		2 nd	1 st				
		pm		3 rd	2 nd				
	Friday 6 April	am		4 th				2 nd	
		pm		5 th					
	Monday 9 April	am	Opening, Item 1, DG introduction, Item 3, PLEN debate (Items 4, 5 & 16)						
		pm	PLEN debate (cont'd)						
	Tuesday 10 April	am	PLEN debate (cont'd)						
		pm	PLEN Reply by the DG + Q&A session						
	Wednesday 11 April	am				1 st	1 st		
		pm				2 nd	2 nd		
	Thursday 12 April	am				3 rd	3 rd		
		pm				4 th	4 th		
Friday 13 April	am						1 st	3 rd	
	pm		Report Room XII				2 nd		
Monday 16 April	am	PLEN (Reports)							
	pm	PLEN							
Tuesday 17 April	am	PLEN (Reports)							
	pm	PLEN (Reports) & Closure							

¹ Time of meetings: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-6 p.m. unless otherwise announced

² First Bureau meeting: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & the following: 9 to 10 a.m.