Message of the Director

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

This week we are celebrating two international days, one related to people, the International Day of the Girl Child, and another related to the planet, International Day for Disaster Reduction.

On 11 October we celebrated the International Day of the Girl Child, themed "EmPOWER girls, emergency response and resilience planning". In our complex world, humanitarian crises always hurt women and girls the most, they account for more than 75% of the refugees and displaced persons at risk from war, famine, persecution and natural disaster. They are also vulnerable to sexual abuse and exploitation, during conflicts and in refugee camps. As UNESCO, we promote the protection of girls from conflict and violence to strengthen their resilience, while ensuring the full participation in mediation and negotiation processes. Thanks to the UNESCO Global Partnership for Girls' and Women's Education, girls can break the cycle of poverty, geographical isolation, minority status, disability, early marriage and pregnancy, gender-based violence and traditional attitudes. There are increased learning opportunities for adolescent girls and women to find solutions to some of the biggest obstacles to their education.

On 13 October, we celebrated the International Day for Disaster Reduction, with the slogan “Home Safe Home”. This is an opportunity to mobilize the world and to strengthen collaboration with all stakeholders. We can reduce the
risks that stem from rapid urbanisation, poverty, environmental deterioration and climate change. Above all, we need to avoid the creation of risks in the first place. This demands more education, culture, and local knowledge, along with prevention skills. Some of these issues will also be addressed during the upcoming Sub-Saharan workshop Africa on Education for Sustainable Development: Sustainable solutions for cities and communities (Global Action Programme GAP priority 5) in Nairobi, Kenya from 5 to 7 December 2017.

The office is also engaged in contributing towards joint programmes in the region and work is ongoing in finalizing our input in Kenya and Rwanda. In Djibouti, the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework for the years of 2018 to 2022 will be signed on 19 October 2017 in Djiboutiville, Djibouti. UNESCO joins the rest of the UN family in working in partnership with the Government of Djibouti in monitoring and guiding the implementation of the objectives in the UNDAF.

Finally, a word of encouragement, following the Regional Senior Management Team meeting on 13 October 2017. National and Antenna offices interacted with sector leads on achievements during the past quarter and a lot is being done in responding to the needs of Member States. These achievements will be further analyzed during the upcoming regional retreat from 22 to 24 November 2017 in Naivasha, Kenya and we will be able to build on these achievements and plan for an engaging 2018 to 2019.

I wish you a good week ahead.

Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta
Announcements

Education in Emergencies Fund’ Mobilization for the Enawo cyclone
UNESCO, in cooperation with the Desk for Education in Emergencies (DEE) mobilized 63 000 $ from Education Cannot Wait Fund following Enawo cyclone that struck the northern part of Madagascar in March 2017. The project aims at strengthening the capacities of the Ministers of Education to respond to the crisis.

UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture Call for Nominations - 15th Edition
Deadline for submission: 30 October 2017
The prize highlights the core message of the organization by promoting a dialogue among cultures, and by rewarding significant contributions made by two eminent personalities, groups or persons or institutions (one from the Arab States and the other from elsewhere) to the development, knowledge and spread of Arab culture by means of artistic, intellectual or promotional outreach aimed at enhancing intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding. Proposed candidates should have earned an international reputation for meritorious action extending over several years.

To submit nomination, send an e-mail to the Secretariat of the Prize, prix.sharjah(at)unesco.org; tel.: +33 1 45 68 42 71, with the name and e-mail of the person authorized to submit your nominees on your behalf.

Consult the website for more information, here.
News of the week

Capacity Building of Community radio practitioners on Financial Planning, Resource Mobilization and Entrepreneurship in Kenya
Capacity Building in Rwanda to foster Open and Distance Learning Growth

South Sudan marks International Day for Universal Access to Information
South Sudan overcomes challenges of ongoing conflict to designate potential World Heritage sites

Events of the week

Workshop on Building Capacity with Community Radio Correspondents (Radio Ishingiro)
Gicumbi, Rwanda
16 October 2017

Workshop on Building Capacity with Community Radio Correspondents (Radio Isangano)
Karongi, Rwanda
18 October 2017
Workshop on Building Capacity with Community Radio Correspondents (Radio Huguka)
Gicumbi, Rwanda
20 October 2017

Media engagement with National Dialogue Steering Committee in South Sudan
Juba, South Sudan
17 October 2017

Meeting on Integration of UNESCO HIV and AIDS Core Indicators into the National Education Information Management System
Nairobi, Kenya
17 October 2017

Workshop on the use of Internet on reporting, daily contact management, broadcasting software and ICT in broadcasting at Radio Huguka
Muhanga, Rwanda
16 to 18 October 2017

Workshop on the use ICT in programming and diffusion and raising capacity to report in selected thematic areas on health, agriculture and education at Radio Huguka
Muhanga, Rwanda
18 to 20 October 2017
Workshop on increasing capacity in three selected thematic areas on humanitarian affairs at Radio Apac
Apac, Uganda
16 to 18 October 2017

Workshop on Income Generation, financial planning and on marketing strategies at Radio Apac
Apac, Uganda
18 to 20 October 2017

Training of Trainers for the Global Learning XPRIZE Project for the Promotion of Early Learning through Innovative Technologies
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
19 to 20 October 2017

Refreshment training of district officials and ward officials for the Global Learning XPRIZE Project for the Promotion of Early Learning through Innovative Technologies
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
24 to 27 October 2017

Mission to evaluate the training and vocational integration of rural youths from the first cohort
Antananarivo, Madagascar
4 to 27 October 2017

Consultation Workshop on Teacher Policy; National Platform for the
Piloting of the Education Sector
Antananarivo, Madagascar
18 October 2017

Missions

Abdul Rahman Lamin
SDG and the Role of Bioethics in Eastern and Southern Africa
17 to 18 October 2017
Gaborone, Botswana

What the Press says about us

UNESCO’s Support to Girls Education in Imotong State, Source: Relief Web

East Africa: 18 New 'Candidates' to Join World Heritage Sites List Soon, Source: AllAfrica.com

UNESCO to launch Global Report at Innovation Africa 2017, Source: IT News Africa
Meetings

United Nations Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework, Communications Group meeting

10 October 2017

On Tuesday 10 October, the Communications Group of the United Nations Great Lakes Regional Strategic Framework met to discuss the Communications Strategy and the actions to take related to the promotion and visibility of the 6 Pillars of the Strategic Framework, a project aimed at creating cross-border management and interconnect the nature of the challenges faced by five countries, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda. This is an initiative of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region. The 6 pillars are 1. Sustainable land and natural resources management, 2. Economic integration, cross-border trade, food and nutrition security, 3. A comprehensive approach to border management and cross-border mobility, 4. Youth and adolescents, 5. Gender and sexual and gender-based violence, 6. Justice and conflict prevention. UNESCO will be mostly involved with Pillar 6 in cross-sectorial activities.
On 12 October, the UNESCO Communications Focal Points in the Region discussed over Skype on planned events for the last quarter and how to best promote them. In addition, statistics of Facebook and Twitter accounts were discussed, Social Media, Partnerships and good content and quality of messaging can boost traffic and web/social media performance, as well as planning social media messages in advance for good readership consumption.

Publications

The Power of Empathy

This photo book is a tribute to the power of empathy and solidarity felt and expressed by young people. Its photographs and stories were selected from the response to the global youth contest "If I were", launched by UNESCO on social media in Arabic, English, French and Spanish in early 2017. UNESCO received some

here

Summary Note: Regional Workshop on Teacher Deployment: experience sharing for more effective teacher management in Basic Education in Africa

Author: UNESCO/IPE Pole de Dakar

This summary note draws from the second Regional Workshop on teacher allocation practices in Africa, organized in May 2017 in Nairobi, Kenya, where the issues and possible solutions for an equitable, efficient and effective teacher deployment approach were addressed. Read the summary note, here.
UNESCO Days and Public Holidays

17 October
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (28 C/Resolution 2.1; A/RES/47/196)
UN website

20 October
World Statistics Day (A/RES/64/267)
UN website

Birthdays

David Onyango
20 October

Gideon Mwaura
28 October
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Inspiration of the Week

"I LEARNED THAT COURAGE WAS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR, BUT THE TRIUMPH OVER IT."

NELSON MANDELA