Photo: New programme aims to help women in Madagascar who have missed out on the economic benefits of growing tourism, CapEd Programme Official Launch in Madagascar 14 June 2018 (c) UNESCO
Message of the Director

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

This week saw the launch of an exciting new project in Madagascar in promoting vocational education and training, with particular emphasis on women and agriculture. The program will benefit communities surrounding the Tsingy Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on the western coast of Madagascar.

UNESCO also participated in the panel discussion on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Kenya during the National Dialogue on the status, gaps, challenges and opportunities on the implementation of sexuality education in Kenya, organized by the National Organization of Peer Educators (NOPE). UNESCO plays an important role to advocate for quality age appropriate sexuality education, to promote health and well-being, respect for human rights and gender equality, and to empower children and young people to lead healthy, safe and productive lives.

This week UNESCO is organizing the 5th Interregional Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO in Diani, Kenya from 19 to 21 June 2018. The Meeting is co-organized by the UNESCO Secretariat and the Kenya National Commission for UNESCO and will bring together 250 participants from all UNESCO Member States, all regional directors across the globe as well as colleagues from UNESCO Headquarters, including the Director of the Division of Field Support and Coordination. The meeting will discuss key topics such as improving coordination and networking among National Commissions of all regions, leveraging their role in the implementation of the Agenda 2030, engaging with youth and other possibilities for joint action. A meeting of all regional directors will also take place to discuss positioning UNESCO within the United Nations wide reform. The meeting will also be an opportunity to examine the auditor’s recommendations on scaling up the UNESCO field reforms in all regions drawing from the Africa Field reform.

The Regional Office for Eastern Africa, will also meet with the Chief of Staff of the Office of the UNESCO Director General, Mr Nicolas Kassianides, who will pay a visit to the office on 18 June 2018.

I wish you an exciting week ahead!

Ann Therese Ndong Jatta
Announcements

Calls for applications and nominations is now Open for UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, 2018 Theme: Literacy and Skills Development. **Deadline for submission:** 17 June 2018, more information [here](#). Official Hashtag: #LiteracyDay

**Call for Proposals for Photo-Journalists & Professional Photographers!**

The call invites photographers from around the world to submit their work that depicts journalists doing their jobs in an everyday environment. The aim of the call is to raise awareness on the working conditions of journalists and to illustrate UNESCO activities and programs contributing to the promotion of freedom of expression. Applications are due 15 July 2018, [Link](#)

News of the week

**South Sudan:** South Sudan undertakes a national review of its culture policy to promote peace-building and sustainable development

UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers 2018 Campaign benefits Eastern Africa region
Missions

Karalyn Monteil
National workshop on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in Djibouti
16 to 20 June 2018
Djibouti, Djibouti

and

Project launch and national workshop on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in Comoros
23 to 30 June 2018
Moroni, Comoros

Alice Ochanda
Validation of the Interim Report for East African Regional Policy for Science, Technology and Innovation
18 to 19 June 2018
Kampala, Uganda

Judith Ogana
Accompany Mr. Nicolas Kassianides, Chief of Staff in the Office of the Director-General & ADG/ERI, UNESCO Headquarters on side visit to Sacred Mijikenda Kaya Forests World Heritage site in Kenya
19 to 20 June 2018
Kwale County, Kenya

Mission from UNESCO Headquarters:

Mr. Nicolas Kassianides, Chief of staff in the office of the Director-General and UNESCO Assistant Director-General ad interim for External Relations and Public Information sector visiting UNESCO Nairobi Office on 18 June 2018 Staff meeting, field offices will join via Skype.

Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Louise Agnes Mackongo, Gaia Paradiso, Harrison Ouko
Fifth Inter-regional meeting National Commissions for UNESCO
18 to 22 June 2018
Diani, Kenya

Abdul Lamin Rahman
Regional Conference on Corruption and the Challenges of Economic Transformation in Southern Africa
18 to 20 June, 2018
Gaborone, Botswana

Jane Kamau
Review the implementation of the Regional meeting on HIV and Health Education Programme in East and South African countries
Pretoria, South Africa
17 to 23 June 2018

Jaco Du Toit
UNCT Retreat in Madagascar
20 to 22 June 2018
Antsiranana, Madagascar
What happened last week

Somalia  Media  Support  Group
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Issues discussed covered the digitization of archives of Radio Hargeisa and Radio Mogadishu. Moreover, the increasing incidents of harassment, arrests and jailing of journalists were discussed and the need to find meaningful avenues for engagement to address issues of freedom of expression and safety of journalists was highlighted. The recent launch of a Multi-Stakeholder forum in April 2018 in Somalia, as well as a national mechanism for the protection of journalists, can be two sustainable interventions to ensure safety of journalists.

National Dialogue on the status, gaps, challenges and opportunities on the implementation of sexuality education in Kenya

14 June 2018

UNESCO participated in the 8th International Convention on peer education, sexuality, HIV & AIDS, organized at the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

During the panel "National Dialogue on Sexuality Education" UNESCO emphasized the complexity of the topic, and the need of pulling together, media, teachers, parents, government, religious leaders to open up for a Continuous Dialogue, with Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, religious leaders, media outlets by empowering everyone with skills, knowledge, attitudes & right information, to ensure safe places for the Youth of the Future.

"We think Globally and we act locally: Thinking Globally means that each country needs to adapt United Nations frameworks into their Social, political and policy contexts" Ms. Jane Kamau, HIV and Health Officer highlighted "Pulling together to understand and achieve solutions".
Upcoming events

5th Inter-regional Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO
19 to 21 June 2018
Diani, Kenya

Signature of the Kenya United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2018-2022
21 June 2018
Nairobi, Kenya

Birthdays

Ann Therese Ndong Jatta
22 June

Publications & Videos

NEW & updates on the ANESI and Abandoned Mines in Sub-Saharan Africa websites:
Africa Network of Earth Science Institutions
Environmental and Health Impacts of Abandoned Mines in Sub-Saharan African Countries

VIDEO: STEP 4 YOUTH

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