Promoting efficient interaction between NatComs and UNESCO Field Offices

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“103. The relevance and depth of UNESCO’s action depends to a large degree on its field-level experience and expertise. In order to be closer to its Member States, and to respond better to their needs and priorities, UNESCO will develop during the 2014-2021 period a • strong operational culture and • enhanced management of field operations.”
Key dates

• **2009:** Basic criteria for national implementation of decentralization approved by GC

• **2011:** Revised implementation plan approved by GC

• **2016:** Objectives of reform + criteria/principles of field presence endorsed by Ex Board

• **2018:** Results of comprehensive analysis of field network to Ex Board
Presence
Key parameters of field reform

• Agenda 2030
• Review of UN development system by UNSG
  • Physical presence
  • Role UN Resident Coordinators
  • Common operational services
• Recommendations by audits/evaluations
  • External audit of field network
National Commissions - field offices

• Unity of purpose
  Contribute to peace and security by promoting collaboration… through education, science and culture

• Unity of action
  Work together to accomplish UNESCO’s mandate.

• Different legal/administrative structures
• Different reporting lines
Reference texts

• “Action Plan for Enhancing Cooperation of the UNESCO Secretariat with National Commissions for UNESCO” (2013)

• “Guidelines for interface and cooperation between UNESCO field offices and National Commissions for UNESCO” (2015)
National Commissions and field offices together promote UNESCO’s ideals and principles.