2018-2019
Research Projects

Korean National Commission for UNESCO
Are UNESCO’s vision and goals still valid?
What vision and goal should South Korea pursue in its cooperation with UNESCO?
Research Overview (2018)

Objects: To seek for valid vision and goals of UNESCO in changing environment as well as direction of cooperation for the Republic of Korea with UNESCO

Period: March-November, 2018

Participants: Korean experts, staff members of KNCU
Major Findings

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Unique nature of UNESCO should be remembered
UNESCO’s fundamental mission of promoting peace through education, science, and culture is essentially political.

“Bad politicization” occurs when Member States turn UNESCO into a battleground for their short-term national interests.
Major Findings

Greater emphasis should be given to the role of National Commissions.
The raison d’être of National Commissions lies in getting actors, such as intellectuals, experts and civil society, involved in UNESCO activities.

National Commissions can and should help to lower the nationally-focused tendencies of Member States.
Major Findings

South Korea’s Vision for UNESCO: Education for Peace
Peace Education

Particular attention is being paid to peace on the Korean peninsula and beyond recently.

ROK should now also focus on peace education, utilizing its past experiences of colonialism and war.
2018 UNESCO Strategy Forum
Research Projects in 2019

A research project to contemplate ways for UNESCO to strengthen its role of promoting peace as postwar multilateralism loses ground, in continuation of last year’s research

- sectoral analysis to suggest future directions for UNESCO
- consultation with other National Commissions to build a common vision in respect of the Organization
Research Projects in 2019

A joint research project of the National Commissions in the Asia-Pacific region

- inspired by the VINCI project
- collectively revisit the value of UNESCO to the societies of the Asia-Pacific region
Thank you

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