8th Ordinary Session of COMEST

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Draft Agenda

Monday 27 May 2013

9:30 Registration

10:00 Opening Ceremony

Welcome Addresses
- Mr Ludovít Molnár, President of the Slovak Commission for UNESCO
- Mr Philippe Quéau, Representative of UNESCO Director-General, Director of the Division of Ethics and Global Change, Social and Human Sciences Sector, Executive Secretary of COMEST
- Mr Khalid Al-Ali, President of COMEST
- Mrs Marta Kollárová, member of COMEST, President of the Slovak Committee for Bioethics of the Slovak Commission for UNESCO

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Overview of Objectives for the Ordinary Session
Chairperson: Mr Rajaona Andriamananjara

Introductory Statement
Mr Khalid Al-Ali, President of COMEST

Key Developments since the 7th Ordinary Session
Mr Henry Richardson, Rapporteur of COMEST

Discussion

Overview of the draft UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy and Programme on Ethics of Science and Technology
Mr Philippe Quéau, Director of the Division of Ethics and Global Change, Social and Human Sciences Sector, Executive Secretary of COMEST

Discussion

*Future collaboration between IBC and COMEST*

Mr Stefano Semplici, IBC President

Discussion

13:00    *Lunch*

14:30    **Background for a Framework of Ethical Principles and Responsibilities for Climate Change Policies**
*Chairperson: Mr Khalid Al Ali*

*Overview of Revision 5 of the Report on an Ethical Framework for Climate Change Policies*

Mr Henry Richardson, Rapporteur of COMEST

Detailed discussion of the draft report

16:00    *Coffee Break*

16:15    **Desirability of Preparing a Declaration of Ethical Principles in Relation to Climate Change**
*Chairperson: Mr Khalid Al Ali*

*Review of the ongoing UNESCO process in light of the decision of the Executive Board at its 190th session*

UNESCO Secretariat

Discussion on an action plan and timeline for background work by COMEST towards a framework of ethical principles for climate change

17:30    *Close of Work*

*17:45 (if required) Informal meeting of Environmental Ethics Working group to prepare final report and recommendation for adoption*

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**Tuesday 28 May 2013**

9:30    **Ethics of the Information Society**
*Chairperson: Mr Khalid Al-Ali*

*Prospects for cooperation between IFAP and COMEST*

Mr Evgeny Kuzmin, President of the IFAP Council

*Presentation of background report on “Ethical and Societal Challenges of the Information Society”*

Mr S. Romi Mukherjee, Sciences Po Paris

Discussion

11:00    *Coffee Break*
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| 11:15   | **Revision of the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers**  
Chairperson: Mr Khalid Al-Ali  
*Review of the process to revise the 1974 Recommendation on the Status of Scientific Researchers*  
UNESCO Secretariat  
Discussion |
| 13:00   | Lunch                                                                |
| 14:30   | **Ethical Issues in Science Governance and the Science-Society Relationship (1)**  
Chairperson: Mr Rajaona Andriamanjara  
*Overview of Revision 3 of the Report on Ethical Issues in Science Governance and the Science-Society Relationship*  
Mr Henry Richardson, Rapporteur of COMEST  
Detailed discussion of the draft report |
| 16:00   | Coffee Break                                                        |
| 16:15   | **Ethical Issues in Science Governance and the Science-Society Relationship (2)**  
Chairperson: Mr Rajaona Andriamanjara  
Continuation of discussion |
| 17:30   | Close of work                                                       |
|         | [17:45 (if required)]  
informal meeting of Science Ethics Working group to prepare final report for adoption along with any recommendations] |

**Wednesday 29 May 2013**

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| 9:30    | **Ethics and Governance of Converging Technologies (NBIC)**  
Chairperson: Mr Khalid Al-Ali  
*Nanotechnologies and ethics: the view from UNIDO*  
Ms Monica Carco, Investment and Technology Unit Chief, UNIDO  
*Review of past work and current challenges*  
UNESCO Secretariat  
Discussion |
| 11:00   | Coffee Break                                                        |
| 11:15   | **What Next for Water Ethics?**  
Chairperson: Mr Khalid Al-Ali  
*Review of past work and current challenges*  
UNESCO Secretariat |
Discussion

13:00  Lunch

14:30  Statutory Business and Organizational Matters (1)
Chairperson: Mr Khalid Al-Ali

- Election of Bureau

15:00  Statutory Business and Organizational Matters (2)
Chairperson: Newly elected President

- Issues relating to Rules of Procedure
- Review of methods of work and membership of Working Groups
- Issues relating to the organization of future sessions

16:00  Coffee Break

16:15  Adoption of Reports and Recommendations
Chairperson: Newly elected President

- Report on the “Background for a Framework of Ethical Principles and Responsibilities for Climate Change Policies”
- Report on “Ethical Issues in Science Governance and the Science-Society Relationship”
- Recommendations (if any)

18:00  Close of Ordinary Session