

**41ST SESSION - UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE
SUMMARY OF DEBATES
DELEGATES INFORMATION BUREAU**

SHS COMMISSION

Date	17 November 2021	Room	XI
N° meeting	5	Hour	From: 10 am To: 1:15 pm
Chairperson(s)	Mr Joel Ongoto Mr Justo Mellado Mr Stein van Oosteren Ms Junever Mahilum-West	Country	Kenya Chile Netherlands Philippines

SUMMARY OF DEBATE(S)

Items examined	<p>Item 5.9 – International Day of Conscience</p> <p>Item 5.25 – World Futures Day</p> <p>Item 5.24 – The Khiva Process: Promoting International Collaboration in Central Asia</p> <p>Item 5.7 – Slave Route Project</p> <p>Item 5.22 – Draft Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2022-2029)</p>		
Debate no	5	Debate status	End
Related documents	<p>41 C/28</p> <p>41 C/59</p> <p>41 C/58</p> <p>41 C/24</p> <p>41 C/56 + ADD.</p>		
DRs examined	-		
Countries that took floor	<p>On Item 5.9, 2 Member States took the floor for statements: Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Bahrain.</p> <p>On Item 5.25, 4 Member States took the floor for statements: United Arab Emirates, Austria, Uruguay, Indonesia. One observer made a statement: Holy See.</p> <p>On Item 5.24, 5 Member States took the floor for statements: Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Turkey, China.</p> <p>On Item 5.7, 20 Member States took the floor for the debate: Brazil, Canada, China, Kenya, Uruguay, Cuba, Madagascar, Spain, Ethiopia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Italy, Zambia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Dominican Republic, France, Haiti, Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea, Tunisia.</p>		

	<p>On Item 5.22, 25 Member States took the floor for the debate: Namibia (on behalf of the African group), Saudi Arabia, China, Spain, Kenya, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Germany, Japan, Cameroon, Morocco, Senegal, Equatorial Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Egypt, Italy, Uruguay, Dominican Republic, Switzerland, Russian Federation, Sudan, Burkina Faso, Slovakia, Ghana.</p>
Summary of debate	<p>Item 5.9 on the International Day of Conscience was considered without debate. The resolution was adopted without amendment.</p> <p>Item 5.25 on World Futures Day was considered without debate. The resolution was adopted without amendment.</p> <p>Item 5.24 on the Khiva Process was considered without debate. The resolution was adopted without amendment.</p> <p>On Item 5.7 on the Slave Route Project, Member States largely expressed their support highlighting the importance of this Project. The resolution was adopted as amended.</p> <p>On Item 5.22 on the Draft Operational Strategy for Priority Africa (2022-2029), a debate took place in the Commission. There was broad support for the two SHS flagships programmes, namely the Flagship 2 on "The General History of Africa (GHA) as a catalyst for achieving Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda" and the Flagship 4 on "Harnessing new and emerging technologies for sustainable development in Africa, including through the implementation of the recommendation on the ethics of artificial intelligence", discussed in this Commission, and for the Africa Group proposals. The draft resolution on item 5.22 will be examined by the Joint Meeting of the Commissions.</p>

DETAILS NEXT MEETING

Date		Room	
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Items to be examined			
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