215th Executive Board session
Special Committee

JIU reports of special interest to UNESCO (215 EX/20)

6 Octobre 2022
Overview

Types of JIU requests:

- **Input for on-going reviews:** Input on TORs, draft reports, questionnaires, surveys, interviews. ADM/EO is responsible to coordinate actions.

- **Once final review is finalized. Decisions on acceptance of recommendations issued:** Recommendations are addressed either to legislative bodies or executive heads.
JIU Formal and informal recommendations

Final JIU reviews issue **formal** and **informal** recommendations:

**Formal recommendations:** JIU recommendations directed to legislative bodies or Executives heads for **consideration and action.**

**Informal recommendations:** compliments formal recommendations as additional suggestions to the legislative bodies and the executive heads for further improvements. **No official action is required.**
**Considering acceptance of JIU recommendations**

**Consideration of recommendations addressed to Executive Heads:**

- Considered by ADG/ADM or the relevant Sectors (depending on the thematic).
- A position is adopted internally.

**Consideration of recommendations addressed to legislative bodies:**

- Reviewed by Member States during the Special Committee of the Executive Board.
- A position is then adopted by the Member States on how to proceed.
Once a position has been taken, the status of acceptance and implementation is updated in the JIU tracking system:

**Status of acceptance** for each recommendation:
- Accepted
- Not accepted
- Not relevant
- Under consideration
- Not available

**Status of implementation** of each recommendation:
- Not started
- In progress
- Implemented

Status is determined **either** by the Secretariat or the legislative bodies. Status is determined by the Secretariat who is managing the implementation.
UNESCO’s process to handle JIU requests

1. **JIU request received**
   - **IOS is the focal point** to receive information and requests from the JIU.

2. **Distribution of request**
   - **IOS** communicates the requests internally to **ADM/EO and/or the appropriate service.**

3. **UNESCO input**
   - **ADM/EO coordinates required actions** – provide input, data documentation, interviews, etc.

4. **JIU receives UNESCO input**
   - **ADM/EO shares contributions with IOS who consolidates and sends to JIU.**
Tracking JIU recommendations

- **JIU Follow-up System**: Online tracking system of the status of acceptance, implementation and impact achieved.

- **IOS website**: Provides details on all JIU outstanding recommendations.

- **UNESCO’s Register of Oversight Recommendations**: Central repository of all recommendations issued to UNESCO (IOS/AUD, IOS/EVA, OAC, External Auditor and JIU)
What is expected of legislative bodies?

Each year, during the Special Committee, it is expected that the Executive Board discusses the recommendations with JIU Inspectors and the Secretariat.

The Executive Board should take a formal position on these recommendations.

- Recommendations addressed to legislative bodies are summarized annually in the Executive Board document: *Reports by the JIU of interest to UNESCO and status of implementation of recommendations* (page 6 of 215 EX/20).

- Annex I provides a status of all outstanding recommendations addressed to legislative bodies.
Recommendations for consideration

Recommendations “under consideration” pending a decision from the Executive Board:

**LLDCs implementation of Vienna Programme of Action (JIU/REP/2021/2)**

**Recommendation 7:** Issue directives, if they have not already done so, by the end of 2022, for their organizations to mainstream the priorities of the programme of action for Landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) that are pertinent to their mandated work and request that their organizations report periodically on its implementation.

**Policies and platforms in support of learning (JIU/REP/2020/2)**

**Recommendation 8:** The governing bodies of United Nations system organizations should, by the end of 2023, approve a common United Nations Organizational Learning Framework, agreed through relevant inter-agency mechanisms, which should contain a set of principles and a plan of action for gradual implementation.
Thank You