

Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs

To all Permanent Delegations
to UNESCO

9 June 2023

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Subject : **UNESCO Conventions Ceremony**

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 8 June 2023, which I have sent, on behalf of the Director-General, to invite your State to participate in the UNESCO Conventions Ceremony to be held at the Organization's Headquarters in Paris, on 10 November 2023, between 2 and 3 pm, on the margins of the 42nd session of the General Conference.

This event provides an opportunity to celebrate UNESCO's standard-setting action, allowing States to reiterate their commitment to the Organization's mandate.

At the Ceremony, representatives of those States having expressed their interest will be invited, in the Director-General's presence, to sign and/or deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the conventions and protocols concluded under the auspices of UNESCO. It is to be noted that, while all conventions and protocols are open for ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, only regional conventions and protocols are open for signature.

For your convenience, a complete list of UNESCO conventions is attached herewith. All additional information pertaining to the Ceremony, as well as the status of ratification and signature of conventions by each State, are available on the page dedicated to standard-setting instruments on my Office's website (<https://www.unesco.org/en/legal-affairs>). This website also provides templates of instruments of ratification and full powers.

In accordance with the rules of international law, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are authorized, in virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty and/or to express the consent of the State to be bound by it by signing an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

These formalities may be carried out by another person, provided that he or she presents the appropriate full powers. In order to be valid, the instrument conferring full powers must contain the following:

- The signature of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs designating the person vested with full powers;
- The title of the convention or protocol upon which action is to be taken;
- The full name and title of the person vested with full powers; and
- The date and place of signature.

I would be grateful if you could inform me, by e-mail (dir.la@unesco.org) **before 29 September 2023** of your State's presence in this event and, if applicable, of its intention to sign and/or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the conventions and protocols of which the Director-General is the depositary.

A copy of the full powers and instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, together with any reservations and declarations made thereto, must be communicated to my Office by e-mail (dir.la@unesco.org) before 29 September 2023 for verification that these instruments are in due and proper form in conformity with the applicable rules of international law.

I also have the honor to invite you to attend **an information session, which will be held on 21 June 2023**, during which the conduct of the Ceremony and its modalities will be explained. The Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs remains at your disposal for any supplementary questions you may have.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Santiago Villalpando
Director

Enclosure: List of conventions deposited with the Director-General.

**LIST OF CONVENTIONS
DEPOSITED WITH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

Comprehensive list of conventions deposited with the Director-General

Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 2 February 2022.

Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education. Paris, 25 November 2019.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Buenos Aires, 13 July 2019.

Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014.

Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011.

Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005.

International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005.

Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.

Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.

Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.

Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997.

Convention on Technical and Vocational Education. Paris, 10 November 1989.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States. Arusha, 5 December 1981.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 22 December 1978.

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States Bordering on the Mediterranean. Nice, 17 December 1976.

Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.

Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.

Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.

Protocol 1 annexed for Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of Stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.

Protocol 2 annexed for the Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.

Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.

Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.

Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.

Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.

Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.

Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.

Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed conflict 1954. The Hague, 14 May 1954.

Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Articles XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.

List of conventions opened for signature

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Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.