

**Second coordination meeting with UNESCO category 2 institutes and centres (C2Cs) and
UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs related to culture
23-24 November 2017, UNESCO Headquarters**

CONCEPT NOTE

The first coordination meeting of UNESCO category 2 institutes and centres (C2Cs) and UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs related to the Culture Sector was held at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris on 14 December 2015. It was attended by more than sixty representatives of C2Cs and UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs from around the world. The meeting provided an opportunity to share experience and knowledge, promote interaction and strengthen the networks among the UNESCO Culture Sector, C2Cs and Chairs related to culture.

One of the results of this first meeting was the creation of an on-line network of UNESCO Chairs and C2Cs through collaborative efforts by the team of Professor Peter Okebukola from the Institute for African Culture and International Understanding (Abeokuta, Nigeria), Professor Yonca Erkan from Kadir Has University (Istanbul, Turkey), Professor Isabel Tort from the Polytechnic University of Valencia (Valencia, Spain) and the UNESCO Culture Sector. The network aims to exchange ideas and share information on activities, programmes and projects undertaken by C2Cs and UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks active in the field of culture, and increase cooperation among them.

The recently adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development marks a substantial step forward. For the first time, the role of cultural heritage, cultural and creative industries was firmly recognized by the international community as enablers of sustainable development. The 2016 UNESCO Global Report, *Culture: Urban Future*, which was launched at the Habitat III Conference on housing and sustainable urban development provided a comprehensive document with policy recommendations that provide new UNESCO directions for the coming two decades. The *Policy document for the Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective into the Processes of the World Heritage Convention* (ref. WHC/15/20.GA/INF.13) adopted by the World Heritage General Assembly in 2015 recommends that C2Cs and Chairs "should prioritize issues related to the implementation of this policy within their capacity-building and research initiatives".

Against this backdrop, the second coordination meeting will take place on 23-24 November 2017 and will provide opportunities for discussion with C2Cs and UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs that have a pivotal role to play in helping UNESCO implement its programmes and support its Member States.

On the first day, participants will discuss the Culture Sector's programme and actions, followed by thematic group discussions on the overarching theme of culture as an enabler of sustainable development. On the second day, the online network of UNESCO Chairs and C2Cs will be launched, thereby supporting effective communication, information sharing and

research. In the afternoon of 24 November, workshops will be organized based on voluntary participation to exchange knowledge and learn from experiences of UNESCO Chairs and C2Cs on specific issues relating to sustainable development.

Overall, the meeting aims to share knowledge and good practices among participants and create effective networks among C2Cs and UNESCO Chairs for research, capacity building and partnerships in alignment with core priorities of UNESCO.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

First Day (23 November)

Morning

10:00-10:30 Opening

10:30-12:30 Thematic presentations followed by Q & A

- Role of heritage and sustainable development: conventions and recommendations
- Culture, SDGs and cities
- Role of the centres and universities : shaping the research agenda

(Group photo, lunch and networking)

Afternoon

15:00-15:30 Sustainable development goals as cross cutting themes

15:30-17:00 Break-up sessions based on Conventions and recommendations

17:00-18:00 Joint group reporting

Second Day (24 November)

Morning

10:00-11:30 The format for developing and sharing good practices

- On-line network - data exchange and harmonization
- Regional/Thematic Networks
- Guidelines on the use of UNESCO logo and name

11:45 Conclusions and recommendations

12:45 Closing remarks

Afternoon (voluntary participation)

14:30-16:30 Thematic workshops

Meeting Rooms: Room IX (plenary), VII and VI

Interpretation (EN/FR): only for plenary sessions in Room IX

Participants will be expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Lunch will be offered by UNESCO on the first day.