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**Subject: Invitation to the 43rd session of the General Conference**

Sir/Madam,

It is my honour to inform you that the 43rd session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will open at the Silk Road Samarkand Conference Centre in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on **Thursday, 30 October 2025**, at 10 a.m. Its work is expected to conclude on **Thursday, 13 November 2025**.

### **Agenda**

The provisional agenda, enclosed, was drawn up by the Executive Board at its 221st session. Any Member State or Associate Member may, at least eight weeks before the opening of the session (i.e. by **4 September 2025** at the latest), request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda.

### **Documents**

The following documents, together with all working documents, will be available at <https://www.unesco.org/en/general-conference/43>:

43 C/1 Prov.	Provisional agenda
43 C/2 Prov.	Organization of the work of the session
43 C/NOM/1	Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and rapporteurs of the commissions and committees
43 C/NOM/7	Election of members of the organs whose members are elected by the General Conference
43 C/INF.1	Invitations to the 43rd session of the General Conference
43 C/INF.2	Practical information concerning the 43rd session of the General Conference
43 C/5	Draft Programme and Budget for 2026-2029: Volume 1, Draft Resolutions – First Biennium 2026-2027; Volume 2, Draft Programme and Budget – First Biennium 2026-2027 and a technical note with annexes

### **Delegation composition and credentials**

Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, relating to the composition of delegations, reads as follows:

- “1. Each Member State and Associate Member shall appoint no more than five delegates, who shall be selected after consultation with the

National Commission, if established, or with educational, scientific and cultural bodies.

2. Each delegation may also include not more than five alternate delegates and as many advisers and experts as each Member State and Associate Member deems necessary.”

To be authorized to participate in the proceedings of the General Conference, members of delegations must be in possession of credentials in due form, in compliance with Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference.

In accordance with this Rule, I invite you to communicate to me, by **23 October 2025**, the names and credentials of the members of your country's delegation. The envelope containing these documents should be marked “Delegates' credentials” to ensure that it is delivered to the competent units within the Organization.

In order to highlight the importance of participation by youth – one of the priority groups of the Organization – at both the strategic and programmatic levels, I invite you to include young people in your delegation.

Further information regarding the INDICO registration system, which is to be used by all delegations, will be provided by the Secretariat.

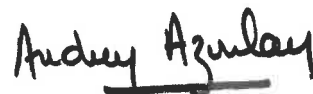
#### **Other matters**

Additional information concerning issues such as privileges and immunities, passports, visas and accommodation is contained in document 43 C/INF.2. Further information is also available at the following address:  
<https://www.unesco.org/en/general-conference/43>.

In addition, the session venue meets accessibility requirements in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy.

I hope that this information will facilitate your country's participation in the next session of the General Conference.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Audrey Azoulay  
Director-General

Enclosures: 1

cc: Permanent Delegations to UNESCO  
National Commissions for UNESCO

Item 1.3 of the provisional agenda

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
OF THE 43rd SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Item	Title	Reference <sup>1</sup>	Document <sup>2</sup>
<b>ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION</b>			
1.1	<p>Opening of the session by the President of the 42nd session of the General Conference</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure, at the opening of each session of the General Conference, the President elected at the previous session shall preside until the General Conference has elected the President for the session.</i></p>	<p>Rules of Procedure of the General Conference (RoP): Rule 28</p>	
1.2	<p>Report by the Director-General on communications received from Member States invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), Article V.A, paragraph 1(b), and Article V.C, paragraph 14(b), of the Constitution</p> <p><i>According to Rule 80 of the Rules of Procedure, the Director-General reports to the General Conference on communications received from Member States requesting voting rights invoking the provisions of Article IV.C, paragraph 8(c), Article V.A, paragraph 1(b), and Article V.C, paragraph 14(b), of the Constitution.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to determine whether the failure of the Member States in question to pay arrears and/or instalments on payment plans is due to conditions beyond their control, and whether they may vote at the 43rd session.</i></p>	<p>RoP: Rule 80, paras. 4 and 5 42 C/Res.02</p>	43 C/10

<sup>1</sup> This column contains references to the provisions of the Constitution, the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the General Conference and the Financial Regulations, and to the decisions of previous sessions of the General Conference or the Executive Board by virtue of which the item appears on the agenda.

<sup>2</sup> This column contains references to documents planned to date.



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1.3	<p><b>Adoption of the agenda</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 14.1 of the Rules of Procedure, the revised agenda shall be submitted by the Chairperson of the Executive Board to the General Conference for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/1 Prov.</i></p>	<p>Const. Article V.B.6(a) RoP: Rules 9, 10, 13 and 14 221 EX/Dec.24.I 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/1 Prov.
1.4	<p><b>Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the General Conference and of the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the commissions and committees</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 26.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference, at the beginning of each session, shall elect a President and a number of Vice-Presidents not exceeding thirty-six, and establish such committees, commissions and other subsidiary organs as may be required for the transaction of its business.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in documents 43 C/NOM/1 and Add.</i></p>	<p>RoP: Rules 26, 29, 33, 41 and 46 221 EX/Dec.24.IV 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/NOM/1 and Add.
1.5	<p><b>Organization of the work of the session</b></p> <p><i>The proposals of the Executive Board on various aspects concerning the organization of the work of the General Conference are contained in document 43 C/2 Prov.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/2 Prov.</i></p>	<p>RoP: Rules 26, 41 and 43 221 EX/Dec.24.II 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/2 Prov.
1.6	<p><b>Admission to the 43rd session of the General Conference of observers from non-governmental organizations (other than those in official partnership with UNESCO), foundations and similar institutions maintaining official relations with UNESCO, as well as from other international organizations, and recommendation of the Executive Board thereon</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Rules 6.6 and 7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Director-General submits to the General Conference the list of foundations maintaining official relations with UNESCO, and of international non-governmental organizations other than those with the status of official partners of UNESCO.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: on the recommendation of the Executive Board, the General Conference is invited to decide whether to admit as observers at its 43rd session the organizations referred to in document 43 C/12.</i></p>	<p>Const. Article IV.E. 13 and 14 RoP: Rules 6.6, 7 and 82.1(d) Foundations Directives: Art. IV.2 221 EX/Dec.24.III 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/12

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<b>REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMME</b>			
2.1	Report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 2020-2023, presented by the Chair of the Executive Board  <i>In accordance with Articles V.B.10 and VI.3(b) of the Constitution and Rule 10(a) of the Rules of Procedure, the Chairperson of the Executive Board presents the report on the activities of the Organization in 2020-2023 (Strategic Results Report), prepared by the Director-General in accordance with the provisions of Article VI.3(b) of the Constitution.</i>	Const. Article V.B.10, VI.3(b) RoP: Rule 10 (a) 34 C/Res.89 220 EX/Dec.4	43 C/3
2.2	Report by the Executive Board on its own activities and on programme implementation  <i>In accordance with Article V.B.6(b) of the Constitution, as well as 156 EX/Decision 5.5, paragraph 6.C(a), the Executive Board reports to the General Conference on its own activities in 2024-2025.</i>  <i>Pursuant to 34 C/Resolution 89, the Executive Board also reports to the General Conference on the implementation of the programme (42 C/5), together with the results achieved in the previous biennium.</i>	Const. Article V.B.6(b) 33 C/Res.78 (II), para. 4 34 C/Res.89 217 EX/Dec.16.II 220 EX/Dec.23 222 EX/Dec.xx	43 C/9.I and II
<b>DRAFT PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2026-2029 (43 C/5)</b>			
3.1	Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2026-2029  <i>In accordance with Articles V.B.6(a) and VI.3(a) of the Constitution, the Draft Programme and Budget prepared by the Director-General (43 C/5) is submitted, together with the recommendations of the Executive Board thereon (43 C/6), for consideration by the General Conference.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to consider and adopt document 43 C/5.</i>	Const. Article V.B.6(a) and VI.3(a) RoP: Rules 78 and 79 Fin. Reg.: Art. 3.4, 3.6 and 3.7 220 EX/Dec.17 221 EX/Dec.20 222 EX/Dec.xx	43 C/5 43 C/6 43 C/8
3.2	Adoption of the Appropriation Resolution for 2026-2027  <i>In accordance with Article 4.1 of the Financial Regulations, the appropriations approved by the General Conference shall constitute an authorization to the Director-General to incur commitments and make payments for the purposes for which those appropriations were approved and up to the amounts so approved, except that approval of the Executive Board shall be required for grants-in-aid and subsidies to other organizations.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to adopt the Appropriation Resolution for 2026-2027.</i>	Const. Article IX.2 RoP: Rule 82.2(i) Fin. Reg.: Art. 4.1	43 C/13 (during the session)
3.3	Adoption of the provisional budget ceiling		43 C/14 (during the session)

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<b>GENERAL POLICY AND PROGRAMME QUESTIONS</b>			
4.1	Proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2026-2027  <i>Pursuant to 206 EX/Decision 30 concerning the celebration of anniversaries in Member States with which UNESCO could be associated, the Director-General submits to the Executive Board the proposals received from Member States. The Board's recommendations to the General Conference are presented in document 43 C/15.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to approve the recommendations made by the Executive Board with regard to these anniversaries contained in document 43 C/15.</i>	206 EX/Dec.30 221 EX/Dec.32 222 EX/Dec.xx	43 C/15
4.2	Jerusalem and the implementation of 42 C/Resolution 32  <i>This item is inscribed on the agenda in pursuance of 42 C/Resolution 32 by which the Director-General was invited to present a progress report on the implementation of the UNESCO Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/16.</i>	42 C/Res.32	43 C/16
4.3	Implementation of 42 C/Resolution 49 concerning educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories  <i>This item is inscribed on the agenda in pursuance of 42 C/Resolution 49. Document 43 C/17 summarizes progress achieved by UNESCO since the 42nd session of the General Conference in providing assistance to educational and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/17.</i>	42 C/Res.49 219 EX/Dec.23 220 EX/Dec.34 221 EX/Dec.34	43 C/17
4.4	Category 2 institutes and centres  <i>By 40 C/Resolution 99 the General Conference approved the 2019 Strategy for category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO. Furthermore, in accordance with the relevant Executive Board decisions, the Director-General submits to the General Conference proposals concerning category 2 institutes and centres under the auspices of UNESCO contained in documents 43 C/18.I to xx.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to approve the proposals concerning these institutes and centres and to authorize the Director-General to sign the related agreements, supplemented by the relevant recommendations of the Executive Board.</i>	40 C/Res.99 222 EX/Dec.xx	43 C/18.I-xx

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4.5	<p><b>Report by the Director-General on implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes</b></p> <p><i>By 42 C/Resolution 40, the General Conference requested the Director-General to submit to it at its 43rd session a report for debate on the Organization's implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) outcomes, UNESCO's follow-up to the process and expected outcomes in the framework of the global digital compact (2024) and the twenty-year review (WSIS+20) (2025).</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/19.</i></p>	<p>39 C/Res.42 40 C/Res.58 41 C/Res.39 42 C/Res.40</p>	43 C/19
4.6	<p><b>UNESCO's Emergency assistance programme for Ukraine</b></p> <p><i>By 42 C/Resolution 52, the General Conference invited the Director-General to submit to it at its 43rd session a report on the implementation of UNESCO's emergency assistance programme for Ukraine.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/20.</i></p>	42 C/Res.52	43 C/20
4.7	<p><b>Renaming "International Arts Education Week" as "UNESCO Culture and Arts Education Week"</b></p> <p><i>By 219 EX/Decision 5.I.F, the Executive Board recommended to rename the "International Arts Education Week" "UNESCO Culture and Arts Education Week", with the aim of reflecting more comprehensively the scope of the UNESCO Framework for Culture and Arts Education and emphasizing the integration of both culture and arts in and across education, and thereby aligning the objectives of the Week fully with UNESCO's mission to foster quality education, cultural diversity and to promote heritage safeguarding and creative expression in all forms and to submit this recommendation to the 43rd session of the General Conference.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/21.</i></p>	219 EX/Dec.5.I.F	43 C/21
4.8	<p><b>Commemoration of the International Day of Vesak at UNESCO</b></p> <p><i>By 219 EX/Decision 27, the Executive Board requested the Director-General to transmit the decision on Commemoration of the International Day of Vesak at UNESCO to the General Conference at its 43rd session for adoption.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/22.</i></p>	219 EX/Dec.27	43 C/22
4.9	<p><b>Recognition and Observance of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha at UNESCO</b></p> <p><i>By 219 EX/Decision 37, the Executive Board requested the Director-General to annually disseminate a message underscoring the significance of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, and to transmit this decision to the General Conference during its 43rd session for adoption and subsequent implementation.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/23.</i></p>	219 EX/Dec.37	43 C/23

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4.10	<p><b>International day for Underwater Cultural Heritage</b></p> <p><i>By 220 EX/Decision 37, the Executive Board recommended that the General Conference at its 43rd session proclaim 21 August of each year international day for underwater cultural heritage, the celebration of which should be funded from voluntary contributions, and encourage Member States, civil society, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector to actively participate in organizing and supporting activities related to this International Day, recognizing the potential of multistakeholder partnerships in achieving its goals.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/24.</i></p>	220 EX/Dec.37	43 C/24
4.11	<p><b>Conclusions of the Youth Forum</b></p> <p><i>In 35 C/Resolution 99 (II), the General Conference invited the Director-General and the Executive Board, when preparing future sessions of the General Conference, to include an item on the results of the Youth Forum in its agenda.</i></p>	35 C/Res.99 (II) 216 EX/Dec.8	43 C/INF.13
4.12	<p><b>Revised timeline for reporting on programme implementation – Strategic Results Report (SRR)</b></p> <p><i>The Director-General transmits to the General Conference for its consideration the Executive Board's decision (220 EX/Decision 4) through which it decided to align the Strategic Results Report (SRR) cycle with the C/5 cycle.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/25.</i></p>	220 EX/Dec.4	43 C/25



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4.13	<p>Examination of the recommendations concerning public statements condemning the sale of an illicitly traded cultural object from its country of origin pursuant to paragraph 5 of 40 C/Resolution 42</p> <p><i>This item concerns the results of the discussions of the Meeting of States Parties to the 1970 Convention and its Subsidiary Committee on the implementation of paragraph 5 of 40 C/Resolution 42 as regards the criteria and procedure to be followed for the public statements condemning the sale of an illicitly traded cultural object from its country of origin. Decision required: The General Conference is invited to examine the proposals contained in document 43 C/26 and endorse the recommendations contained therein.</i></p>	40 C/Res.42	43 C/26
4.14	<p>Fit for Life: Advancing inclusive, equitable and safe sport and quality physical education, including through the promotion of cycling</p> <p><i>By 221 EX/Decision 5.I.D, the Executive Board invited the Director-General to include an item on the agenda of the 43rd session of the General Conference regarding UNESCO's work on inclusive, equitable and safe sport and Quality Physical Education (QPE), including activities and programmes which promote cycling.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/27.</i></p>	221 EX/Dec.5.I.D	43 C/27
4.15	<p>International Day of Engagement in Science for Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>By 221 EX/Decision 37, the Executive Board recommended that the General Conference, at its 43rd session, proclaim 27 November of each year International Day of Engagement in Science for Sustainable Development, as one of the international days marked by UNESCO.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/37.</i></p>	221 EX/Dec.37	43 C/37
4.16	<p>World Greek Language Day</p> <p><i>By 221 EX/Decision 39, the Executive Board recommended that the General Conference, at its 43rd session, proclaim 9 February of each year World Greek Language Day.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/38.</i></p>	221 EX/Dec.39	43 C/38
4.17	<p>International Day for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)</p> <p><i>By 221 EX/Decision 41, the Executive Board decided to include this item in the agenda of the 43rd session of the General Conference and recommended that the General Conference proclaim 25 April of each year International Day for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/39.</i></p>	221 EX/Dec.41	43 C/39

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4.18	Enhancing Dialogue with teachers around the world: proposal for an Interactive Platform  <i>By 221 EX/Decision 42, the Executive Board requested the Director-General to submit this matter for inclusion in the agenda of the 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference, ensuring that teacher empowerment receives the highest level of attention and commitment from Member States.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/47.</i>	221 EX/Dec.42	43 C/47
4.19	International Taijiquan Day  <i>By 221 EX/Decision 43, the Executive Board decided to include this item in the agenda of the 43rd session of the General Conference and recommended that the General Conference proclaim 21 March of each year International Taijiquan Day.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/48.</i>	221 EX/Dec.43	43 C/48
<b>METHODS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION</b>			
5.1	Follow-up to 42 C/Resolution 35 and prospects for the UNESCO conventions in the field of culture  <i>By 42 C/Resolution 35, the General Conference requested the Director-General to submit to it at its 43rd session a report on the follow-up to this resolution on the processes conducted by the assemblies of UNESCO's conventions in the field of culture to revise their rules of procedure.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to examine the report contained in document 43 C/28.</i>	39 C/Res.87 41 C/Res.74 42 C/Res.35	43 C/28
5.2	Revision of the terms of reference of the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC)  <i>By 217 EX/Decision 18, the Executive Board requested the Director-General to provide a proposal for an amendment at the 43rd session of the General Conference to the terms of reference of the Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC).</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to examine the proposals as contained in document 43 C/29.</i>	217 EX/Dec.18 42 C/Res.76 219 EX/Dec.20 220 EX/Dec.28 221 EX/Dec.31	43 C/29
<b>CONVENTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS</b>			
<b>A. Preparation and adoption of new instruments</b>			
6.1	Draft recommendation on the ethics of neurotechnology  <i>By 42 C/Resolution 29, the General Conference invited the Director-General to submit to it, at its 43rd session, the draft text of a recommendation on the ethics of neurotechnology, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/30.</i>	216 EX/Dec.9 42 C/Res.29	43 C/30

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6.2	<p>Preliminary study on the technical and legal aspects relating to the desirability of revising the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers (1966) and the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel (1997)</p> <p><i>In 220 EX/Decision 9, the Executive Board recommended that the General Conference, should it decide to revise the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation, request the Director-General to convene a special committee, pursuant to Article 10, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Rules of Procedure concerning recommendations to Member States and international conventions covered by the terms of Article IV, paragraph 4, of the Constitution. Furthermore, pursuant to 220 EX/Decision 9 and 221 EX/Decision 8, the Executive Board recommended that the General Conference decide to convene a special intergovernmental conference to adopt the revised text of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation, should the Governing Body of the International Labour Office (ILO) and the General Conference decide to revise this Recommendation, pursuant to the final ILO/UNESCO joint procedural framework thereon.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the recommendations of the Executive Board contained in document 43 C/31.</i></p>	<p>215 EX/Dec.24.II 219 EX/Dec.17.II 220 EX/Dec.9 221 EX/Dec.8</p>	43 C/31
<b>B. Monitoring existing instruments</b>			
7.1	<p>Summary of the reports received from Member States on the measures taken to implement the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education</p> <p><i>By 41 C/Resolution 68, the General Conference invited the Director-General to transmit to it at its 43rd session the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/32.</i></p>	<p>41 C/Res.68 217 EX/Dec.20.II 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/32
7.2	<p>Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 1978 Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Educational Statistics</p> <p><i>By 41 C/Resolution 70, the General Conference invited the Director-General to transmit to it at its 43rd session the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 1978 Revised Recommendation concerning the International Standardization of Educational Statistics.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/33.</i></p>	<p>41 C/Res.70 215 EX/Dec.24.III 220 EX/Dec.21.II</p>	43 C/33

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7.3	<p>Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers</p> <p><i>By 41 C/Resolution 71, the General Conference invited the Director-General to transmit to it at its 43rd session the next consolidated report on the implementation of the 2017 Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/34.</i></p>	<p>41 C/Res.71 219 EX/Dec.17.IV 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/34
7.4	<p>Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2021 Recommendation on Open Science</p> <p><i>By 41 C/Resolution 26, the General Conference invited the Director-General to transmit to it at its 43rd session the first consolidated report on the implementation of the Recommendation on Open Science.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/35.</i></p>	<p>41 C/Res.26 219 EX/Dec.17.III 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/35
7.5	<p>Consolidated report on the implementation by Member States of the 2021 Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence</p> <p><i>By 41 C/Resolution 34, the General Conference invited the Director-General to transmit to it at its 43rd session the first consolidated report on the implementation of the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI).</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/36.</i></p>	<p>41 C/Res.34 219 EX/Dec.17.V 220 EX/Dec.41 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	<p>43 C/36 43 C/INF.15</p>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS</b>			
<b>Financial questions</b>			
8.1	<p>Financial report and audited consolidated financial statements relating to the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2024, and report by the External Auditor</p> <p><i>In accordance with Article 12.10.1 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations, the External Auditor's report together with the annual financial statements audited of the first year of the biennium shall be transmitted through the Executive Board, with such comments as it deems necessary, to the General Conference for approval. The accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2024 are transmitted to the General Conference by the Executive Board.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take note of and to approve the report by the External Auditor and the audited consolidated financial statements on the accounts of UNESCO for the financial period ended 31 December 2024.</i></p>	<p>Fin. Reg.: 12.10.1 and 12.10.2 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/40 and Add.

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8.2	<p><b>Member States' contributions</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Article 5.8 of UNESCO's Financial Regulations, the Director-General shall submit to the ordinary session of the General Conference a report on the collection of contributions to the regular budget and advances to the Working Capital Fund. The General Conference invited the Director-General to report to it on the implementation of 42 C/Resolution 58 concerning the payment plans agreed upon between UNESCO and Member States in arrears with their contributions.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to approve the new payment plans contained in documents 43 C/41 and Add.</i></p>	<p>Fin. Reg. 5.8 42 C/Res.02 42 C/Res.58 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/41 and Add.
	<b>STAFF ISSUES</b>		
9.1	<p><b>Staff Regulations and Staff Rules</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Regulation 12.2 of the Staff Regulations, the Director-General shall report to the General Conference at each session such Staff Rules and amendments thereto as she may make to implement those Regulations.</i></p> <p><i>The Director-General informs the General Conference of new Staff Rules and amendments since the 42nd session in this respect.</i></p>	<p>Const. Article VI.4 Staff Regulations and Staff Rules: Reg. 12.1 and 12.2</p>	43 C/42
9.2	<p><b>Staff salaries, allowances and benefits</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with 42 C/Resolution 62, the Director-General has continued to apply to the staff of UNESCO measures affecting salaries, allowances and other benefits adopted by either the General Assembly of the United Nations or the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC).</i></p> <p><i>The Director-General informs the General Conference of changes since the 42nd session in this respect.</i></p>	<p>Staff Regulations and Staff Rules: Reg. 3.1 and 3.2 42 C/Res.62</p>	43 C/43
9.3	<p><b>United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Article 14 (a) of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF), the Director-General presents a report on the Fund.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to appoint Member States' representatives to the UNESCO Staff Pension Committee for the period from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029.</i></p>	<p>Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, Art. 6 (c) and Art. 14 (a)</p>	43 C/44
9.4	<p><b>Report by the Director-General on the financial and administrative situation of the Medical Benefits Fund (MBF)</b></p> <p><i>The Director-General reports on the financial and administrative situation of the Medical Benefits Fund, and the after-service health insurance (ASHI).</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision on the proposals contained in document 43 C/45 and is invited to appoint Member States' representatives to act as observers and alternates on the MBF Board of Management from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027.</i></p>	<p>27 C/Res.34 42 C/Res.64</p>	43 C/45

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9.5	<p><b>Human Resources Strategy for 2023-2027</b></p> <p><i>By 221 EX/Decision 5.III.A the Executive Board requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of the Human Resources Strategy for 2023-2027 to the General Conference at its 43rd session and present a proposal to consider transitioning to an annual report to allow for a more comprehensive and strategic overview of the prior year's achievements and challenges, and to present such a report thereafter to the Executive Board at each spring session.</i></p> <p><i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to examine the proposal contained in document 43 C/46.</i></p>	<p>221 EX/Dec.5.III.A 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/46
<b>HEADQUARTERS QUESTIONS</b>			
10.1	<p><b>Report by the Director-General, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex</b></p> <p><i>By 42 C/Resolution 66(VII), the General Conference requested the Director-General to report to it at its 43rd session, in cooperation with the Headquarters Committee, on managing the UNESCO complex.</i></p>	<p>42 C/Res.66 (VII) 220 EX/Dec.25 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/49
<b>DIRECTOR-GENERAL</b>			
11.1	<p><b>Appointment of the Director-General</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Article VI.2 of the Constitution and with Rules 102 to 105 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is invited to appoint the Director-General of UNESCO for a period of four years.</i></p>	<p>Const. Article VI.2 RoP: Rules 102-105 220 EX/Dec.19 221 EX/Dec.21 222 EX/Dec xx</p>	<p>43 C/NOM/3 43 C/50</p>
<b>ELECTIONS</b>			
12.1	<p><b>Election of Members of the Executive Board</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Article V.A 4(a) of the Constitution and Rules 33.4 and 99 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference shall elect 27 Members of the Executive Board to fill the vacancies occurring at the end of the session and to serve until the end of its 45th session. The current composition of the Executive Board by electoral group is given in an annex to document 43 C/NOM/2.</i></p>	<p>Const. Article V.A 4(a) RoP: Rules 33.4 and 99-101 42 C/Res.09</p>	43 C/NOM/2
12.2	<p><b>Election of the members of the Legal Committee for the 44th session of the General Conference</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 34.1 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the 24 members of its Legal Committee to serve at the 44th session. Membership of the Committee at the ten preceding sessions is set out in an annex to document 43 C/NOM/4.</i></p>	<p>RoP: Rules 34.1 and 35 42 C/Res.023</p>	43 C/NOM/4
12.3	<p><b>Election of members of the Headquarters Committee</b></p> <p><i>In accordance with Rules 37.1 and 38 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of its Headquarters Committee who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i></p>	<p>RoP: Rules 37.1 and 38 42 C/Res.024</p>	43 C/NOM/5

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12.4	<p>Election of members of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission responsible for seeking the settlement of any disputes that may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is informed by the Director-General of the status of candidatures with a view to the election of five members to the aforementioned Commission.</i></p>	<p>12 C/Res.B.1 Protocol instituting the Commission: Art. 2-5 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.012 222 EX/Dec.xx</p>	43 C/NOM/6
12.5	<p>Election of members of the Council of the International Bureau of Education (IBE)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Council who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i></p>	<p>IBE Statutes: Art. III RoP: Rule 33.5 41 C/Res.12 42 C/Res.011</p>	43 C/NOM/7
12.6	<p>Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Council who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i></p>	<p>Statutes of the Council: Art. 2 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.021</p>	43 C/NOM/7
12.7	<p>Election of members of the International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Council who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i></p>	<p>Statutes: Art. II RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.013</p>	43 C/NOM/7
12.8	<p>Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Council who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i></p>	<p>Statutes: Art. II RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.014</p>	43 C/NOM/7
12.9	<p>Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (ICPRCP)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Committee who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i></p>	<p>Statutes of the Committee: Art. 2 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.018</p>	43 C/NOM/7
12.10	<p>Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)</p> <p><i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Council to serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i></p>	<p>Statutes of the Council: Art. 2 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.020</p>	43 C/NOM/7

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12.11	Election of members of the Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations (MOST) Programme  <i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Council to serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i>	Statutes: Art. II RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.015	43 C/NOM/7
12.12	Election of members of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)  <i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Committee who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i>	Statutes of the International Bioethics Committee: Art. 11 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.017	43 C/NOM/7
12.13	Election of members of the Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS)  <i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Committee who will serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i>	Statutes of the Committee: Art. 3 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.016	43 C/NOM/7
12.14	Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS)  <i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Board to serve until the end of the 45th session of the General Conference.</i>	Statutes of the Institute: Art. IV, para. 1(a) RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.022	43 C/NOM/7
12.15	Election of the members of the Executive Committee of the International Campaign for the Establishment of the Nubia Museum in Aswan and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Cairo  <i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Committee.</i>	21 C/Res.4/11 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.019	43 C/NOM/7
12.16	Election of members of the Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for STEM Education (IISTEM)  <i>In accordance with Rule 33.5 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference is required to elect the members of the Board.</i>	Statutes of the Institute: Article 3 RoP: Rule 33.5 42 C/Res.13	43 C/NOM/7
<b>44th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE</b>			
13.1	Venue of the 44th session of the General Conference  <i>In accordance with Rule 2 of its Rules of Procedure, the General Conference, during its ordinary session, shall fix the venue of the next session.</i>  <i>Decision required: the General Conference is invited to take a decision in this regard.</i>	RoP: Rule 2 222 EX/Dec.xx	43 C/60