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## HIS EXCELLENCY STANLEY SIMATAA VISITS JAMAICA/ HON OLIVIA GRANGE CHAIRS 1ST EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION



### His Excellency Mr. Stanley Simataa, President of the General Conference of UNESCO visits Jamaica

As part of his visit to Jamaica he visited the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Honourable Olivia Grange, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport and Chairperson of JNC-UNESCO warmly welcomed

him. He met with members of the Board, the UNESCO Caribbean Office and the Secretariat. Later there was a cocktail reception during which he was presented with a token.

Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia ‘Babsy’ Grange chairs the first meeting of the Executive Committee (see pic below)



**We have changed location and is now at:**  
Ground Floor, Air Jamaica Building  
72-76 Harbour Street,  
Kingston

## HON MINISTER ELECTED AS CHAIR

### Hon Minister elected as Vice Chair of the Inter-American Committee on Culture

The election was at the recently concluded VII Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities in Paraguay.

The Inter-American Committee on Culture is the technical-political body of discussion in the area of culture, and is composed of representatives of the Ministries of Culture and highest appropriate authorities of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Minister Grange said the **Committee's main function** is to see to the implementation of the mandates of the Declarations and Plans of Action of the Ministerial Meetings on Culture, as well as of those that emanate from the Summits of the Americas.

The Committee on Culture, which was established in 2008 has over the years focussed on a diverse range of areas including:

- **The role of culture** in social development and economic integration and growth
- **Preservation of Cultural Heritage**
- **Challenges of Cultural**

Industries

- **Culture and Indigenous Peoples**
- **Drafting of Culture Policies** and impact on Caribbean citizens
- **Culture and Equality**
- **Cultural Diversity and Public Policies**

Minister Grange will serve alongside: Minister-Secretary of Culture of Paraguay, Fernando Griffith (Chair); Minister of Culture of Guatemala, José Luis Chea Urruela (Vice Chair); Beatriz Vivas, Director, Directorate International Cooperation, Ministry of Culture of Argentina (Vice Chair), Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth of Barbados, Stephen Lashley (Vice Chair).

Minister Grange said she is grateful for the opportunity to play such an integral role in the development of culture in Latin America and the Caribbean. She also pledged to ensure that Jamaica follows in the footsteps of the Latin American Countries in the OAS, which have already reaped significant economic benefits from their initiatives in the Cultural and Creative Industries, when compared to their Caribbean counterparts.

## KINGSTON CREATIVE CITY OF MUSIC CELEBRATES ITS 1ST ANNIVERSARY



Kingston designated as a Creative City (music) hosted a first anniversary celebration with a musical concert journeying through six genres of Jamaican music born in Kingston.

No-Maddz, was Jamaica's representative at the recent World Music Festival in Japan while Freddie McGregor and his 'Big Ship' Band represented Jamaica in Bogota as a part of the International Black Expression Encounter 2016 for Peace without Racism.



## INTERREGIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS

Representatives from 112 National Commissions for UNESCO met in Shanghai, China, 13 -15 June on the occasion of the annual interregional meeting of the National Commissions for UNESCO.

The meeting was organized to exchange views and formulate recommendations concerning the preparation of UNESCO's Programme and Budget of the Organization for 2018-2021 (39 C/5).

Secretary General Everton Hannam represented JNC-UNESCO. Besides Jamaica LAC was represented by Anguilla, Belize, Cuba, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Mexico, Paraguay, St Kitts/Nevis, Sint Maarten, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago

**LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN MEETING**  
Under Global priorities the participants recommended that SIDS be added as a third global priority and cited the following for the Regional priorities for the Major Programmes:

### EDUCATION

- Quality education
- Literacy and how it relates to crime and violence
- Education for sustainable development
- Support for global citizenship
- The promotion of STEM in the education system

### CULTURE

- Governments to ratify culture conventions and seek to have more sites assigned to World Heritage Lists
- Capacity -building and training to implement the culture conventions and policies as outlined in the regional work plan for culture in LAC 2016-2021 which was supported and signed by the Ministers of the Region
- Elevate the Transatlantic Slave Trade Project in light of the Decade of People of African Descent and designate the appropriate resources as this is important the LAC region
- Creative Industries for job creation

### NATURAL SCIENCES

- Climate Change with spe-

cial focus on SIDS

- Water management
- Biodiversity
- Man and Biosphere Programme

### SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES

- Emphasize our support of the MOST Programme
- What needs to be addressed is the issue of the aging population which relates to SDG 3
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well
- being for all at all ages
- Illegal immigration as an emerging issue was also discussed and should be considered and addressed

### COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

- Freedom of expression, safety of journalists, Access to Information, the Information for All Programme
- Ethical use of information and communication technologies
- Preservation of documentary heritage via the Memory of the World Programme

## STAFF NEWS

### Welcome

JNC-UNESCO welcomes the new programme specialists in Culture, Education, Natural Sciences & Social Sciences at the Kingston Cluster Office.

### Interns

Nadja Atamaniuk (Germany): September 2016 - February 2017

## ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

- Executive Committee Meeting , 30 December
- MAB National Committee meeting, 7 December

### External Meetings:

- 200th Executive Board meeting, 6-18 Oct (Sec. General)
- Roger Mais Inscription Ceremony, 12 Oct (Librarian/Documentalist, \Programme Manager)

- Health For All breakfast forum, 1 December (Librarian/Documentalist)

## UNESCO CLUBS

The JFUCCA UNESCO Clubs project held its **first activity 'Coordinators Training Workshop'** which was part of a UNESCO Participation project 'Engaging Youth in UNESCO Related Activities'.

Participants from schools and facilities from most parishes of Jamaica spent 2 days (23-24 November) in interactive sessions learning how to setup and manage their new UNESCO Clubs.

The main presenter was Guy Djoken, USA UNESCO Clubs Federation, There were two youth presenters Tina Renier and Oshane Robinson who presented on Global Citizenship Education (GCED) and "Making it Personal: Cultural Interaction for Integration" respectively.

Other presentations were: Growing greatness through volunteerism and service by *Dr. Andre MacDonald*, Our Digital World: Opportunities and Challenges by *Mr. Don Dobson*, Broadcom

Senator Parnel Charles Jr., Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee, brought greetings on behalf of the government of Jamaica. Andrea Burbano-Fuertes, SHS Programme Specialist of the UNESCO Caribbean Office represented that office and brought greetings.



## MEMORY OF THE WORLD

National Library of Jamaica's '*Estate Maps of Jamaica, 1655 - 1890*' was inscribed in the Regional Memory of the World Register in 2016 while UWI, Jamaica's Roger Mais Collection formally received its certificate of inscription. It was presented by Isabel Viera, C&I Programme Specialist, UNESCO Caribbean Office at a ceremony held at the UWI Main Library



### Jamaica receives funding for a 5th UNESCO Participation Programme project

'Rallying for the protection of Culture & Heritage in SIDS under a sustainable 21st century climate change program' (Regional). Total funding received is now USD114,000

## 11TH IGC MEETING FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

The eleventh IGC for ICH was convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from November 28 to December 2, 2016.

Approximately 500 persons were in attendance representing, states parties, NGOs, the ICH secretariat and the media.

Jamaica was represented by Mr. Bernard Jankee, Director of the African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/ Jamaica Memory Bank which is the national focal point for the implementation of the ICH convention.



At this meeting, 6 periodic reports on the implementation of the Convention were presented, along with 6 reports on an element inscribed on the Urgent Safeguarding List, 6 nominations to the Urgent Safeguarding List, 37

nominations to the Representative List and 7 proposals to the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices. Of the files presented for consideration, 4 were inscribed on the list of elements in urgent need of safeguarding, 33, were inscribed on the representative list and 5 were added to the register of good safeguarding practices.

The 12<sup>th</sup> IGC will take place in the Republic of Korea from December 4 to 8, 2017.

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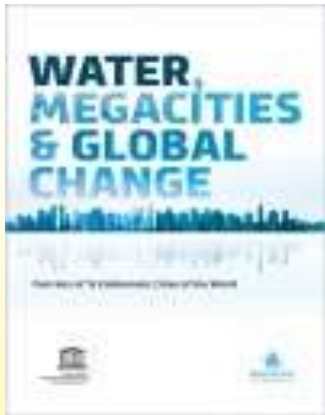
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## PUBLICATIONS



Numerous studies have explored urban growth and the emergence of the megapolitan phenomenon through increasing growth in the number of cities with over 10 million inhabitants. Similarly, the processes of climate change are also the subject of study from various perspectives as part of more operational approaches or research. Rather, the objective here is to highlight the impacts of those global changes (urban growth and climate) on megacities, their resources, and their water and sanitation services. What emerges is a singular vulnerability: megacities concentrate populations, services and goods. This amplifies the consequences of water-related risks (e.g. largescale floods, lack of resources, environmental pollution and other challenges).

## NEWS FROM THE REGION

The St Kitts/Nevis National Commission for UNESCO in collaboration with the UNESCO Regional Cluster Office in Jamaica has made a giant leap in its advancement of the preservation of heritage sites in the Federation as it culminated a two-day capacity building workshop at the Ocean Terrace Inn on Wednesday, November 09.

Deputy Prime Minister and Chairperson of the National Commission for UNESCO, Hon Shawn Richards, applauded UNESCO for its assistance. **“I acknowledge with interest the high caliber of World Heritage experts who will not only participate in this workshop but also assist us in the monitoring and implementation of proposed conservation measures for Brimstone Hill and other historic sites in St. Kitts and Nevis in order to prevent further structural damage to and the gradual process of decay of our local heritage properties.”**

The Minister added that he anticipated the recognition of other sites of outstanding international value in the

Federation and noted specifically the intention to inscribe additional properties including the City of Charlestown (Nevis) and Charles Fort (Sandy Point, St. Kitts) on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

**“The entire population of St. Kitts and Nevis has a sacred responsibility to protect them (heritage sites) at all costs.” The Deputy Prime Minister, who is also the Minister responsible for Education, Youth and Culture stated the seriousness of his entire cabinet in heritage preservation with a recent decision to, “expand the Citizenship by Investment Programme to provide an option for persons willing to invest in cultural and heritage initiatives.”**

He stated additionally that the work by UNESCO extends across its cultural mandate; cutting deep through its various cultural Conventions within its member states and countries in the Caribbean where the virtues of these Conventions are not yet fully recognized or operational. He stated categorically that the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has long since recognized UNESCO’s comparative advantage in

the field of Culture as it ratified the 1972 World Heritage and the 2001 Underwater Heritage Conventions. He noted additionally the recent ratification of the 2003 and 2005 Cultural Conventions.

President of the Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park Society, Sir Probyn Inniss, who delivered the **featured address’ chose** to focus on how the Heritage Site can be more relevant in the process of nation building. The president emphasized the importance of educating youth about their history. **“We need to eradicate some of the negatives that have been sown in our minds...because unless we do that we will never be empowered to develop our fullest potential as human beings.” He added** that in order for the sites to have meaning youths must be made aware of the work, skills, spirituality and strength of their ancestors as evidenced in their contribution to the building of sites such as Brimstone Hill.

**NATCOM) Basseterre, 10 November, 2016:**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- *23rd meeting of the International Advisory Committee for biosphere reserves (IACBR 2017) 23-26 January 2017, Paris*
- *Sixth Ordinary Meeting of the Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (IFPC) 09–10 February 2017, Paris,*
- *27th meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme 27 February 2017, Paris, France*
- *Latin America & Caribbean Regional Workshop on the Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Cities 15-17 March 2017, Costa Rica*



- *International Days:*  
13 February - World Radio Day  
8 March - Int'l Women's Day  
22 March - World Water Day



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## UNESCO VACANCIES

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Work Location : FR-Paris  
**Deadline** (Midnight Paris Time) : February 06, 2017

**REFERENCE ARCHIVIST- KMI 177 (P1/P2)**  
Work Location : FR-Paris  
**Deadline** (Midnight Paris Time) : January 30, 2017

**HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER - 1CAUIS003OST (P-3)**  
Work Location : CA-

Montreal  
**Deadline** (Midnight Paris Time) : January 30, 2017

**DIRECTOR OF OFFICE AND UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE TO THAILAND, MYANMAR, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND SINGAPORE -**

4THFSC0001RP (D-2)  
Work Location : TH-Bangkok  
**Deadline** (Midnight Paris Time) : January 30, 2017

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## COMPETITIONS, PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS,



### UNESCO & the Canadian Commission for UNESCO CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO:

"UNESCO Week for Peace and Sustainable Development: the Role of Education  
<<http://en.unesco.org/events/unesco-week-peace-and-sustainable-development-role-education>>"

in Ottawa, Canada from 6 to 10 March 2017. The Week presents a unique platform for discussion on two key programmes of UNESCO's Education Sector, namely Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship Education (GCED), and their practical contribution in achieving Target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on Education.

The Week will focus on the issue of teachers and teacher training, and highlight best practices in the fields of ESD and GCED. Such practices can be found throughout the UNESCO Associated Schools Network

(ASPnet) and we want to showcase a number of successful and innovative initiatives during the Education Week.

In this regard, UNESCO is inviting ASPnet teachers to share their experiences and practices around ESD and/or GCED, during the different sessions as well as in the dedicated ASPnet Exhibition Booths.

The deadline for the submission of teacher applications is 17 January 2017.

UNESCO will communicate the results of the call for applications to the ASPnet National Coordinators and to the applicants directly by 24 January 2017.

Participation in the Week is by invitation only. Formal invitations to successful applicants will be issued.

# PHOTOS



Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable **Olivia 'Babsy' Grange** presents a token to His Excellency Mr. Stanley Simataa, President of the General Conference of UNESCO  
In picture below she welcome him to the reception in his honour



Four local entities (UNESCO Clubs, JCDC, UWI, JNC-UNESCO-MAB) received their grants funded through the UNESCO Participation

Programme. The grants are to carry out projects in the areas of music, gender, youth development and science. The cheques were presented by Hon. Minister Grange.

