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Jamaica receives funding for 4 UNESCO Participation Programme projects:

1. Engaging Youth in UNESCO Related Activities
2. Revitalisation of Mento
3. Contemporary Masculinities
4. Caribbean SIDS – Roadmap to Biosphere Nomination

HON OLIVIA GRANGE ANNOUNCE NEW BOARD FOR JNC-UNESCO, 2016-19

Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia ‘Babsy’ Grange will lead the new board of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO in the capacity of Chairman.

This, in keeping with the tradition of senior officials of the Ministry to which the National Commission is attached assuming ex-officio chairmanship. The Minister made the disclosure when she announced the appointment of a new Board of Directors of the Commission as approved by Cabinet to serve for a period of three years.

“Under my leadership and with the utmost dedication from these members, the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO will continue to foster and coordinate significant partnerships

between the Government of Jamaica and other member states of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Culture Organization (UNESCO),” she said.

The newly appointed board members of the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO are:

- *Hon. Olivia Grange, CD, MP – Chairman*
- *Mr Lenford Salmon – Deputy Chairman*
- *Min. Floyd Green*
- *Senator Pearnel Charles, Jnr*
- *Professor Ronald Young*
- *Ambassador Marcia Gilbert-Roberts*
- *Ms. Nadeen Spence*
- *Mrs. Laleta Davis-Mattis*
- *Mrs. Roberta Ellis*
- *Ms. Giselle Jones*
- *Mr. Cordell Green*
- *Professor Lloyd Waller*
- *Mr. Orville Byfield*
- *Mr. William Mahfood*
- *Ms. Joy Douglas*

- *Mr. Cliff Hughes*
- *Mr. Everton Hannam*

According to Minister Grange, the membership of the board is broadly represented and is in keeping with UNESCO’s Constitution which states that, **“each Government should ensure that its National Commission is composed of representatives of Ministries, intellectual communities, civil society partners and individuals dealing with matters of Education, Science, Culture and Communications.”**

The Minister expressed confidence in the new board, indicating that she is looking forward to fruitful discussions and meaningful actions as she moves forward and thanked them for accepting the call to serve.

She also thanked the outgoing members for their contributions during the period in which they served.

JAMAICA RECEIVES FUNDING FROM IFCD

UNESCO's International Fund for Cultural Diversity approves USD 60,000 to support Jamaica's revision of its National Culture Policy

The Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport led the symbolic signing of the funding agreement between **Jamaica and UNESCO's International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)** on Thursday, May 5, **2016 at the Ministry's** Trafalgar Road office in Kingston. This agreement covers the revision of the National Culture Policy of Jamaica which was drafted in 2003.

Jamaica is among six countries globally that received funding through UNESCO's IFCD programme based on the **Fund's sixth call for projects** issued last year. The first installments of an estimated USD 542,000.00 were disbursed - in March 2016 to facilitate the projects which will be undertaken during a one year cycle.

Minister of Culture, Gen-

der, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia Grange noted that this marks the first time that Jamaica is to receive funding through the IFCD, **"This is another success story for Jamaica.** Once again we are proving that our cultural capital is widely respected enough so to attract funding to help strengthen policy that will allow for improved delivery of cultural products and services to the people of Jamaica and **the world."**

The revision of the National Culture Policy forms part of the **Ministry's commitment to improving Policy directives,** concerning the strategic positioning of culture, as well as the cultural and creative industries, as critical social and economic pillars in national development. The UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office recently donated USD 20,000.00 towards the revision process, with the IFCD funding anticipated to assist in completing the process in 2016.

The IFCD is a multi-donor fund established under the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Its purpose is to promote sustainable development and poverty reduction in developing countries that are parties to the Convention. industry business models.



Hon. Minister Olivia Grange signs the funding agreement with UNESCO Caribbean Director Katherine Grigsby. Looking on are: Yuri Peshkov, UNESCO Caribbean Culture Programme Specialist, Dr Janice Lindsay, MCGES and SG Everton Hannam

SG EVERTON HANNAM AT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD/3RD INTERREGIONAL NATCOM MEETING

SG Everton Hannam attended the 199th Executive Board, 4-15 April 2016 and participated in other Bilateral Meetings as:

- UNESCO Officials and Programme Officers on matters of interest to Jamaica
- Plenary and other Sessions of the UNESCO Executive Board
- Meeting of the National Commissions

of China .

Discussion were on key topics such as the Role of the National Commissions in the implementation of the Agenda 2030, Youth and prevention of violent extremism and protection of our common heritage in the event of armed conflict or attack. This meeting also served to strengthen networking between National Commissions from all re-

gions and promote best practices of National Commissions and enhance the Organization's work and optimize their contribution to UNESCO programmes.

Approximately 150 participants from more than 120 National Commissions, including Secretary General Everton Hannam, participated in this event.

The Third Inter-regional Meeting of National Commissions for UNESCO, co-organized by the UNESCO Secretariat and the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, took place 13-15 June, Shanghai, People's Republic



STAFF NEWS

Farewell/Welcome

We bid farewell to our temporary Programme Manager, Arlene Moulton Jackson and welcome the new PM, Tara Sue Mogan.

We also welcome our new Accountant, Dionne McDonald

Condolences

We extend condolences to the family of the late Rosemarie Vernon, former member of the Commission and former Chair of its Education Advisory Committee

Interns

Michael Steffen (Germany): 14 September 2015 - 31 August 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE
4-22 July 2016:
Schennelle Brown (NYS)
Graig Brown (MCGES)

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

- NBCJ mtg, 14 Apr
- MOW meeting, 22 Apr

External Meetings:

- BJCM Unveiling ceremony (World Heritage Day), Papine, 18 April 2016 (Secretary General)
- (WHD symposium "Sport for Nat'l Dev" (Librarian/

Documentalist,
Receptionist)

- Creative Cities, 19 Apr, 12 May, 21 June (Libn)
- MOE Values & Attitudes, 20 Apr (Sec. General)
- JIPO Copyright Forum, 25 Apr (Secretary General)
- SECIN Exec mtg, 3 May
- Forecasting workshop, 5

May (Accountant)

- BJCMP workshop 19 May (Programme Manager)
- Nat'l Consultation for the Rev of the Nat'l Cultural Policy, 8 June (P.M)
- Confer of Honorary Degree, 10 June (Libn)
- Health for All forum 13 June (Prog. Manager)

BIOETHICS

COMEST/IBC MEET IN KUWAIT

Cheryl Brown of Jamaica and member of IBC was a participant at the the Working Groups of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) and the World Commission on Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology of UNESCO (COMEST) on 24-25 April 2016.

The meeting of the Working Groups was organized by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) in cooperation with UNESCO and the Kuwait National Commission for UNESCO, with financial support from the Government of Kuwait.

During the meeting the IBC Working Group focus on bioethical questions arising from the condition of refugees, and the COMEST Working Group on the ethics of water and the oceans. Both discussed the draft reports of their respective topics.

GLEANERS FORUM

Members of the National Bioethics Committee of Jamaica (NBCJ) believe the Government has failed to include them in critical areas of decision making to address some of the ills facing the country.

The NBCJ was established in 2008 through the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) Assisting Bioethics Committees (ABC) initiative.

The initiative focuses on the establishment and capacity building of national bioethics committees across the world.

PURPOSE OF ORGANISATION

They aim to provide advice on ethical problems in clinical settings, formulate recommendations and contribute to the preparation of guidelines on issues. In addition, the organisation aims to assess the relevant ethical, legal, scientific and social issues related to research projects involving human beings and provide advice on ethical problems in clinical settings within the scope of the UNESCO Declaration, which is to foster debate, education and public awareness of, and engagement in, bioethics. While addressing a Gleaner Editors' Forum, Professor Tunde Bewaji, chairman of the committee and lecturer at the University of the West Indies, Mona (in pic), said the committee

has a lot to offer in terms of investigation and providing recommendations to address gaps that exist.

"It could be better in terms of the kind of dialogue that we would have wanted. Maybe if they had to pay consultants, we would see better results, but due to the fact that it is voluntary, I think that's a factor as to the value being given our contributions," he told journalists at **The Gleaner's** North Street, Kingston, office.

"We are not absent or totally ignored, but at the same time, we would love to be used to solve problems, address issues and investigate things as the need arises," he continued.

He was supported by committee member Donna McKoy, who resolved to be proactive in voicing concerns and also provid-

ing solutions.

"I think we can be a lot more useful, but we are still not going to sit down and wait till an invitation comes. This (Editors' Forum) is a good day for us because we have the opportunity to be more visible. We now have to prove that we are a force to be reckoned with, and that is what we are prepared to do going forward," she declared.

"We are prepared to call a strike if they don't listen to us going forward," said Vincent Morrison, newly appointed member.

The appointment of members was confirmed on September 27, 2008 and a formal launch ceremony was held on October 1, 2009. Jamaica is the first English-speaking Caribbean country to establish such a committee.

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CREATIVITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Best known for its music scene and for being home to world stars such as Bob Marley, the queen of pop, Rihanna, and hip hop artist Nicki Minaj – the Caribbean region hosts a hive of cultural creativity bursting with new talents.

Recognizing the Caribbean's important creative contribution to the global creative economy and its potential to par-

ticipate as an equal partner in the global flow of cultural goods and services, UNESCO held a specialized three-day forum 27-29 June in Bridgetown, Barbados, on how the region can better benefit from the **2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions**, now ratified by 143 countries and the European Union.

Entitled "Fostering New Policies for Creativity in

the Caribbean' this workshop was attended by ministry officials, academics, cultural entrepreneurs and civil society representatives from Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica (L. Salmon & M. Benain), Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago.

They learnt and debated how to strengthen cultural policy-making and how it can strengthen their creative industries. They

exchanged lessons learned to be shared with the global community in the context of quadrennial periodic reporting assessing the impact of the 2005 Convention, as well as on project design to benefit from the **International Fund for Cultural Diversity (IFCD)**. The ultimate aim is to have better regional and international cooperation to build stronger sustainable systems of governance for culture and promote growth and employment.

SAHS UNESCO CLUB AT OPEN DAY

Open Day at St Andrews High School for Girls

St Andrews High School for Girls UNESCO Club took part in the Open Day activities at the school on 15 April 2016.



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PUBLICATIONS



Drawing on a unique mandate, and seven decades of experience, UNESCO remains at the forefront of global efforts to build a more peaceful, just and sustainable world for human rights and dignity, for every woman and man. This Annual Report opens a window onto how, every day, we are taking this mission forward across the world.

Assessment of Media Development in Curacao



UNESCO Publishes First-ever Comprehensive Report on Media Development in Curacao

NEWS FROM THE REGION

Developing safeguarding plans for Intangible Cultural Heritage

WILLEMSTAD—More than twenty participants representing Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten and Suriname gathered in Curaçao 17-20 May 2016 for a workshop on developing plans to safeguard their intangible cultural heritage. Reflecting diverse communities and practitioners, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations involved in the safeguarding of living heritage in the sub-region, these participants are among the first to benefit from a newly-developed training combining the use of interactive scenarios and role-playing games that will be delivered by experts trained by UNESCO.

This activity builds on the community-based inventorying training and field exercises recently undertaken in the Dutch Caribbean.

Organized by the UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the

Caribbean, in close cooperation with national partners across the islands, the workshop in Curaçao is part of a capacity-building project to reinforce safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage on the Dutch Caribbean islands and in Suriname.

St. Kitts and Nevis' participation in UNESCO's 199th Session in April 2016 put the Government's agenda for youth in sharp focus and established it as an action priority in the months ahead.

Basseterre, 5th May, 2016: Secretary General of the National Commission for UNESCO Mr. Antonio Maynard and Permanent Delegate of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis to UNESCO, Ambassador David Doyle, presented a number of burning issues affecting the Federation including that of the finalization of a Youth Policy that would necessitate the revision of the existing draft policy.

A substantive meeting lead by Secretary General of the National Commission for UNESCO - St. Kitts and Nevis, Antonio Maynard and Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences Ms. Nada Al-Nashif, centered on UNESCO's intervention to conduct such a review of St. Kitts and Nevis' Youth Policy and Strategic Action Plan.

As such, preparations got underway for a planned study visit to St. Kitts and Nevis to be undertaken by the UNESCO Youth Unit to discuss the existing embryonic plan for youth development, through a multi-stakeholder and participatory approach.

In keeping with UNESCO's very comprehensive strategies, the project will be coordinated with the OECS and CARICOM, given the need for an optimal response that balances national and sub-regional needs in several areas of expressed priority by Caribbean Ministers.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- *20th Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation, 22-23 September*
- *International Meeting on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage Sites, 29-30 September*
- *CILAC 2016: 1st Open Science Forum in Latin America & the Caribbean, Montevideo, 6-9 September*
- *The MOWLAC (Memory of the World Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Committee) 2016 meeting, Mar de Plata, Arg 24-26 October 2016*



- *International Days:*
Aug 23 - International day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
Sept 8 - International Literacy Day



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PROGRAMME SPECIALIST (P-4)

WS-Apia

Deadline (Midnight Paris Time) : 8 Sept, 2016

PROGRAMME SPECIALIST (P-3)

EG-Cairo

Deadline (Midnight Paris Time) : 8 Sept, 2016

HEAD OF OFFICE AND UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE**TO MALI (P-5)**

ML-Bamako

Deadline (Midnight Paris Time) : 8 Sept, 2016

DIRECTOR OF OFFICE AND UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE TO CHILE (D-2)

CL-Santiago

Deadline (Midnight Paris Time) : 2 Sept 2016

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Send full CV in English or French, on the Official UNESCO curriculum vitae form.



COMPETITIONS, PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS,

**Applications invited for Master in World Heritage & Cultural Projects for Developments**

ITCILO (part of the UN system and training arm of International Labour Organisation) is calling for applications for the Master in World Heritage and Cultural Projects for Development.

DEADLINE: 20 August 2016.

The Programme provides a solid foundation in a variety of cultural economics topics and the value chain of cultural and natural sites. It explores in detail the economic, social, institutional and legal considerations that govern the diverse categories of UNESCO designated World Heritage Sites. The Programme also puts emphasis on strategic management competencies for the preservation and promotion of these sites as well as on monitoring the efficacy and adequacy of site management plans and associated cultural projects.

The Master will take place from 17 October 2016 to 13 October 2017 and is divided into three major learning cycles:

1. The first cycle will be conducted through a distance learning component that will start on 17 October 2016 and will end on 18 December 2016.
2. The second cycle, from 24 January 2017 to 18 May 2017, is a face-to-face learning period that will be held in Turin, Italy, at the International Training Centre of the ILO. Class attendance is compulsory for the entire period.
3. The third cycle, from 25 May 2017 to 13 October 2017, will be a research and study period during which the students are expected to finalize their final project.

To apply please complete the online Application form and for further information please visit:

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PHOTOS



Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia 'Babsy' Grange 18 April 2016 unveiled the gateway signage for the Blue and John Crow Mountains World Heritage Site in Papine St. Andrew.

The occasion was shared with (from left) Culture Programme Specialist, UNESCO Cluster Office of the Caribbean, Yuri Peshkov; Member of Parliament, East Rural St. Andrew, the Most Honourable Juliet Holness; Mayor of Kingston, Her Worship Senator Angella Brown Burke, Counsellor, Papine Division, Venesha Phillips; University of Technology Jamaica (UTECH), Dr. Patricia Green; Town Clerk, Robert Hill; Associate Vice President, Advancement UTECH, Hector Wheeler

Student performing a skit, ACIJ's David Brown talking about the Kumina Drum, attendees from the various schools, Q & A time by librarian, 50th anniversary lecture at the St Thomas Parish Library in June

Courtesy call by Yuri Peshkov, UNESCO Caribbean Culture Programme Specialist, to SG Everton Hannam, JNC-UNESCO

