



Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO

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The Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO continued its celebration of its 50th anniversary with the launch of the 50th Anniversary Lecture series and Exhibition.

Welcome Hon Olivia Grange
Minister with responsibility for UNESCO



The Hon Olivia "Babsy" Grange is now the new Minister at the new Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment & Sport (CGES)

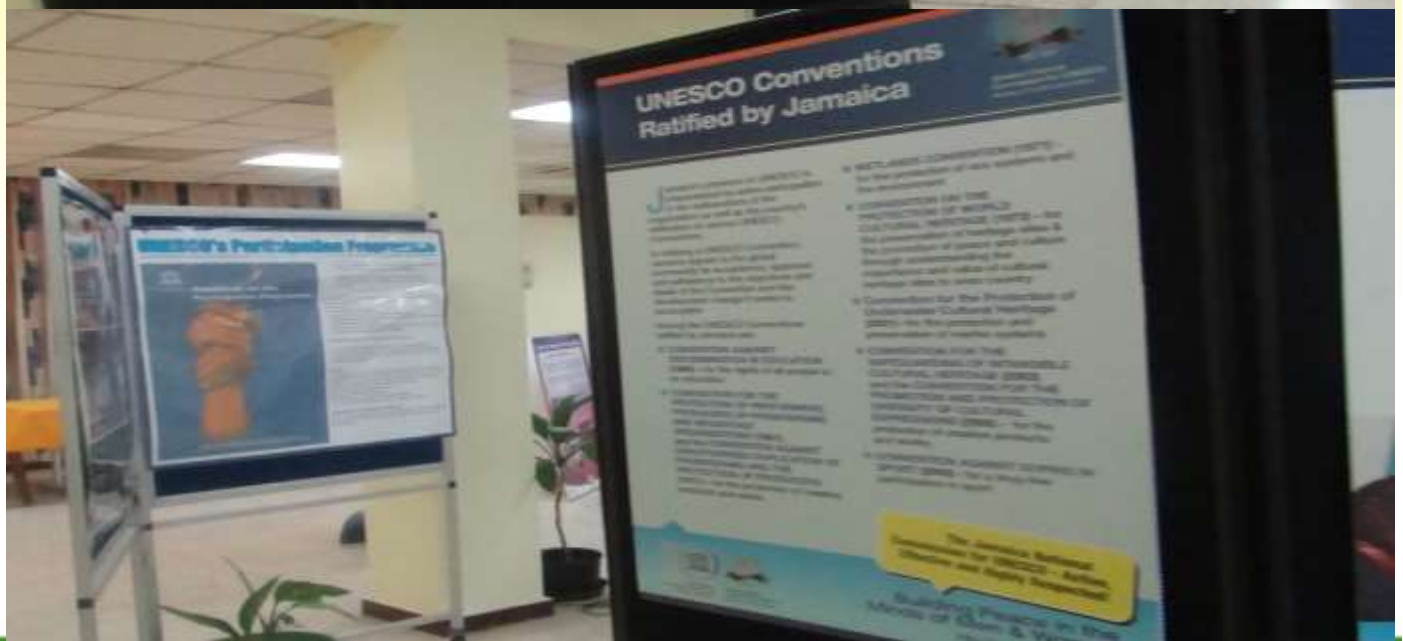
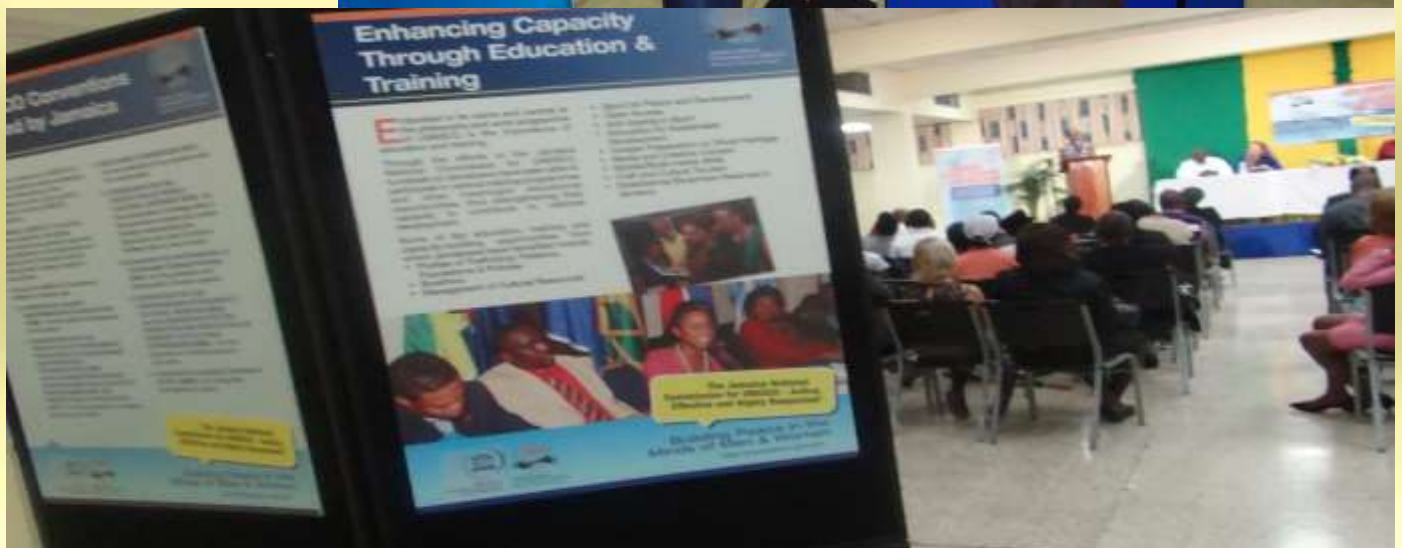
JNC-UNESCO 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The "50 years of leadership and action" hailed by UNESCO's Director General, Irena Bokova, was depicted through a series of posters which was launched by the then Hon Minister Lisa Hanna. Ms Katherine Grigsby, Director, UNESCO Caribbean, brought greetings at the proceedings. The launch was held at the Kingston and St Andrew Parish Library on 27 Jan. 2016



JNC-UNESCO CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONT'D

In 50 years, the Jamaica National Commission for UNESCO, through its committed leadership and dynamic involvement in advancing the work and mission of UNESCO, has proved itself a highly effective and worthy institution. With its foundation firmly planted over these first 50 years, we can look to the future of the Jamaica National Commission.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MESSAGE
BY HON MINISTER

Each year on March 8, countries across the world commemorate International Women's Day (IWD). The 2016 United Nations (UN) theme for IWD is "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality".

The local theme, 'Promoting Partnership towards Gender Equality and Sustainable Development' highlights the importance of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals such as ending poverty and hunger as well as gender equality and empowerment for women and girls. It points to the need for continued partnerships across all sectors in Jamaica. In this regard, each person, family, community, group, as well as the various providers of social services have a pivotal role to play.

GENDER MAINSTREAMING

I wish to highlight the work of the Bureau of Women's Affairs (BWA), as the National Machinery on Women and Gender. Through its gender mainstreaming programme, the BWA continues to sensitize and train multiple stakeholders to mainstream gender in all national policies, plans, programmes and projects. This is designed to enable women and men to benefit equally from the country's resources. To date, twenty-seven (27) Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government have received the Gender Equality Certification Stamp. This signals their commitment to the achievement of gender equality and women's empowerment in keeping with the guiding principles of the National Policy for Gender Equality.

The BWA has increased the focus on community based-outreach to provide strategies to treat with some of the many issues which women face. This is achieved through community activities, public education, training, sensitization and first level interventions. We also maintain partnership with other government and non-governmental organizations to highlight and empower Jamaican women.

Community Outreach Work continues to be done in communities towards the achievement of gender equality. Women's groups receive technical support from the Government of Jamaica to help to maximize the resources available and to access information to develop expertise in specific areas...

STAFF NEWS

Farewell

We bid farewell to Accountant Kedon Davidson & Programme Manager Sherricca Brandford Henry, who resigned in February and March 2016 respectively

We bid farewell to Sara Ahlrichs who has completed her period of internship and returned to Germany.

Interns

Michael Steffen (Germany): 14 September 2015 - 31 August 2016
Sarah Ahlrichs (Germany): 14 September 2015 - 29 February 2016

ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT

- Science Advisory, 8 Jan
 - NBCJ mtg, 14 Jan
 - C&I Advisory, 18 Jan
 - MAB mtg, 29 Jan
 - Executive Committee mtg, 3 Feb
 - Heads of Agencies mtg, 11 Feb (Secretary General)
 - UN House mtg, 16 Feb (Secretary General)
 - BJCM Exhibition Launch 16 Feb (Librarian/Documentalist)
 - UWI Research Day Opening, 17 Feb (Secretary General)
 - UWI Research Day, 18 Feb (Librarian/Documentalist)
 - SECIN Mtg, 10 March (Librarian/Documentalist)
- External Meetings:
- Creative Cities, 12 Jan (Librarian/Documentalist)

RADIO ABENG 88.7 LAUNCH

The Maroons of Accompong, St Elizabeth now have their own community radio station, Abeng 88.7

The radio station was launched on 6 January. Minister of Youth and Culture, Hon. Lisa Hanna, in her address read by Director of Culture, Dr. Janice Lindsay, urged the Maroons to use the station to tell their stories and strengthen the viability of their assets.



JAMAICAN IS WPF2016 DESIGN WINNER

A proposal with an image of speech bubbles in bright colors representing freedom of expression has been selected as the winning design for the visibility campaign of the upcoming World Press Freedom Day 2016.

“The design submitted by Marc James, an art director from Jamaica, was chosen for its clarity and universal appeal. He drew inspiration from the free flow of ideas,”

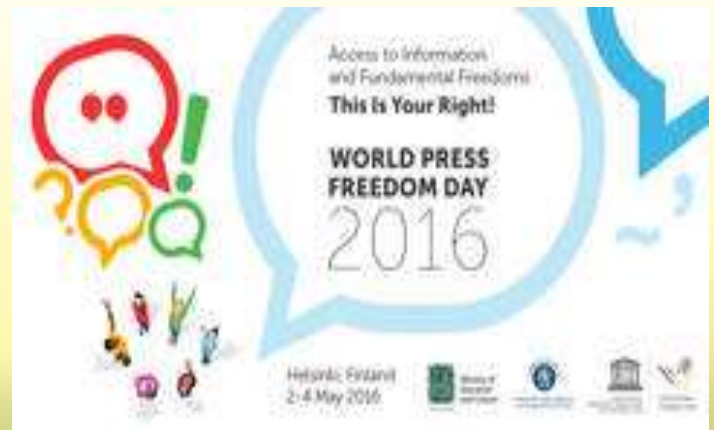
says Sylvie Coudray, Chief of Section for Freedom of Expression at UNESCO.

His work will be used in all communication materials for the WPF2016 celebrations. The main global event will be organized from 2 to 4 May in Helsinki, Finland, while various local and regional events will be organized all over the world to celebrate the Day.

Among the submissions,

over twenty proposals were of such high quality that they have received an honorable mention to publicly recognize their exceptional design and

hard work. UNESCO features a selected collection in the online gallery of the WPF2016 dedicated website.



BJCM EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Celebrating the BJCM as a World Heritage site, an exhibition by the ACIJ

on Tuesday February 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m

The Blue and John Crow Mountains property offered refuge to the Maroons and therefore preserves the tangible cultural heritage associated with the unique Jamaican Maroon story.

This includes settlements such as Nanny Town (with later settlement of Moore Town located within its buffer zone);

Trails such as the 8 kilometre Cunha Cunha Pass (used by the Maroons to traverse between the parishes of St. Thomas and Portland) viewpoints and hiding places that form the Nanny Town Heritage Route.



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PUBLICATIONS



There are fewer grounds today than in the past to deplore a North-South divide in research and innovation. This is one of the key findings of the *UNESCO Science Report: towards 2030*. A large number of countries are now incorporating science, technology and innovation in their national development agenda, in order to make their economies less reliant on raw materials and more rooted in knowledge. Most research and development (R&D) is taking place in high-income countries, but innovation of some kind is now occurring across the full spectrum of income levels according to the first survey of manufacturing companies in 65 countries conducted by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics and summarized in this report.

For many lower-income countries, sustainable development has become an integral part of their national development plans for the next 10–20 years. Among higher-income countries, a firm commitment to sustainable development is often coupled with the desire to maintain competitiveness in global markets that are increasingly **leaning towards 'green'** technologies. The quest for clean energy and greater energy efficiency now figures among the research priorities of numerous countries.

NEWS FROM THE REGION

Inscription on the Cuban National Register of the “Memory of the World Program” of the “Tarifa General de” Precios de Medicina



Under the auspices of the Cuban National Commission for UNESCO and the National Committee of the Memory of the World Program of UNESCO, the document “Tarifa General de Precios de Medicina”, was inscribed in the National Register of this Program.

This outstanding heritage is the first known and preserved printed document which was prepared in Cuba, on January 11th, 1723. It was elaborated in order to regulate the drugs selling in the Island, and it represented an important step for stopping the irregularities and injustices committed in the drug trade.

The National Library of Cuba was chosen for the in-

scription because it is the institution that has protected that important document. At the same time, the inscription ceremony will start the National Journal for the 57th anniversary of the creation of the National Printing and for the Cuban Book Day, on March 31st.

The 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves ended on 17 March in the capital city of Peru with the adoption of a Declaration and a new ten-year Action Plan for UNESCO’s Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

The Lima Declaration was adopted by consensus by some 1,000 participants attending the Congress. It sets out to promote synergies between Biosphere Reserves and the United Nations’ 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the Agreement on Climate Change, adopted in Paris in late 2015.

The text recommends a **“wider and more active role” for local communities** in the management of the reserves and the establishment of **“new partnerships** between science and policy, between national and local governance, public and private sector actors.” It also calls for greater involvement of citizen

groups and organizations, notably indigenous and youth communities and stresses the need for collaboration with scientific institutions such as universities and research centres.

The Declaration and Action Plan were developed over four days in some 20 workshops held during the World Congress, organized by UNESCO in cooperation with Peru’s Ministry of the Environment (MINAM) and its National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State (SERNANP).

It was the first World Congress outside Europe. It also featured 13 side events, which showcased the role of biosphere reserves as testing grounds in the fight against climate change and for environmental Education, sustainable tourism for economic development, and cooperation with local communities.

Still in Lima, the International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme will hold its next session 18 and 19 March. It will examine applications for the addition of new biosphere reserves and extensions to existing ones. A total of 32 candidacies from 23 countries will be examined: Algeria, Australia, Canada, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Tanzania and the United Kingdom.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- *Special event during the United Nations Forum of Indigenous People, New York 01/05/2016*
- *7th Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, Paris 10/05/2016*
- *9th session of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme (IFAP), Paris 30/05/2016*
- *6th session of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Paris 30/05/2016*

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- *International Days:
13 February World Radio Day
21 Feb - Int'l Mother language Day
8 March - Int'l Women's Day
21 March - World Poetry Day
22 March - World Water Day*

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DEADLINE
(MIDNIGHT PARIS TIME) : MAY 4 2016

Submit applications at:

www.unesco.org/employment

Or mail to:

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de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France

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



COMPETITIONS, PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS



UNESCO – China co-sponsored fellowships

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 20 May 2016

Fellowships The fellowships, tenable at a selected number of Chinese universities, are for a duration of one year and are for advanced studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. These fellowships, are in most cases to be conducted in English. In exceptional cases, candidates may be required to study Chinese language before taking up research/study in their fields of interest.

<http://www.unesco.org/.../unescopeoples-republic-of-china-th.../>

Please note that all applications have to be endorsed by JNC-UNESCO and that DEADLINE IS: 16 May

Master in World Heritage and Cultural Projects for Development

DEADLINE for application: 30 June 2016

Language: English

Venue: Turin, Italy

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

<http://www.itcilo.org/.../master-in-world-heritage-and-cultur...>

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 is divided into three major learning cycles:

1. through a distance learning component 17 October - 18 December 2016.

2. 24 January - 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. 25 May - 13 October 2017, will be a research and study period during which the students are expected to finalize their final project.

PHOTOS



Head Table: Minister Lisa Hanna and Sheila C. Monteith (centre)

Katherine Grigsby, Director, UNESCO Caribbean (left), Secretary General Everton Hannam (right)

Below: Attendees at the Launch

