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## The UNESCO Caribbean Forum: Advocating for Small Island Developing States presented a platform to discuss the pressing issues of climate change, disaster preparedness and youth engagement in the region of the Caribbean SIDS.

Held in Kingston, Jamaica participants from 23 UNESCO member countries were able to share experiences and good practices among the decision makers, representatives and donors with UNESCO.

UNESCO is seeking synergies with the private and public sector to join forces for a collaborative effort in supporting common objectives to enhance sustaina-

ble development in the Caribbean

The Forum was held in 2 parts: Advocating for Small Island Developing States: Partner's Forum (11 September 2019) & Consultative Meeting with Secretaries General of the Caribbean National Commissions, 12 September 2019

The Keynote was given by Dr Peggy Oti-Boateng, Director, Division of Science Policy & Capacity Building, UNESCO whilst the Opening Statement and Declaration of Opening was given by Honourable Minister Olivia Grange.

The Forum featured panel discussions in three sessions. Session 1: Forging Strategic Partnerships for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in SIDS. Moderator was Cordel Green, Executive Director, Jamaica Broadcasting Commission

Session 2: Youth in Motion: Building Young People's Future in SIDS. Moderator was Dr Livingston White, Director, Caribbean School of Media & Communication

Session 3: Changing Minds not the Climate: Partnerships on Climate Change, Resilience & Disaster preparedness. Moderator was Anika Kentish, President, Association of Caribbean Media Workers.



## SPEED MENTORING

JNC-UNESCO Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Speed Mentorship was held 14 August 2019 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Kingston.

MENTORS were the former PM Bruce Golding, Hon Parnell Charles Jr, HC Asif Ahmad, Ruth Chisholm (USAID Program Director, Jamaica), Emprezz Golding, Kamal Nunes (Entrepreneur), Shantal Jackson (Actress). Participants were welcomed by SG Everton Hannam and Hon Minister Grange closed the proceedings. Within their sphere of expertise they served as speed mentors to members of the new cohort of the UNESCO youth ambassadors and shared insights

on how to fill the many gaps in the local market, across the various sectors.





## SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

### INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

Global MIL Youth meeting, 24-26 Sept, in Sweden. Participant was Aldon Currie

MAB Youth Forum, 15-18 Sept in Changbaishan Biosphere Reserve, China. Participant was Laura Chin

Consultative Meeting of the National Commissions for UNESCO of member states of UNESCO Executive Board, 12-13 September in Istanbul, Turkey. Participant was Gillian McDaniel, MCGES.

XX meeting of MOWLAC and the regional conference on the memory of the world program was held 11 – 13 September 2019 in the Plurinational state of Bolivia. Participant was Claudette Thomas, JARD

6th meeting of the Technical Cooperation Group on the Indicators for SDG4 – Education 2030 (TCG), 29-30 August 2019 in Yerevan, Armenia. Participant was Philipa Livingston, Senior Statistician Ministry of Education, Youth and Information.

Statutory meeting, International Scientific Committee of the Slave Route Project, 2021 August in Benin. Participant was Dr Sonjah Stanley Niaah

Drafting Workshop for the Caribbean Marine Atlas, 22-24 July in Cartagena, Columbia. Participant was Gabrielle-Jae Watson, NEPA

Consultant workshops on Developing Standards for the Teaching Profession in LAC, 17-18 July in Guyana. Participant was Dr Winsome Gordon, Ministry of Education, Youth & Information.

International Conference of states for the Approval of the new Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, 11-13 July in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participant were Dr. Dameon Black and Odaine James of the Ministry of Education, Youth & Information.

High level UNESCO/IFAP International conference **“Preservation of World’s Languages and Development of Linguistic Diversity in Cyberspace: Context, Policies, Practices”**, 1 - 4 July 2019, Russian Federation, Yakutsk. Participant was Cordel Green.

43rd session, World Heritage Committee, 30 June - 10 July 2019, Baku, Azerbaijan. Participants were Debra Kay Palmer, MCGES & Mrs Jacinth Simpson, JNHT

### Other Meetings:

- Tele-meeting with Permanent Delegate, 5 September
- Meeting with Hon Minister re JFUCCA ACTION PLAN, 28 August
- NLJ Training session on UN/UNESCO Collection, 15 August
- COHSOD Video Conference, 15 July
- 2019/2020 Sectoral Debate Retreat, 11 July
- MOW Committee meeting 5 July
- UNESCO Clubs fundraiser planning meeting, 16, 30 July, 7, 20 August, 3 Sept
- Youth At Risk Participation Programme Site visits/Book donation to St Elizabeth, St Catherine and Clarendon, 17 July
- UNESCO Clubs monthly meeting 6 July 2019

## STAFF NEWS

### *Welcome*

Mr Massimiliano Lombardo, Programme Specialist, Natural Science, UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean

### *Interns*

Annika Anderer, Germany (September 2019 – February 2020)

Local interns/work experience students:

Hope/NYS:  
Rheanna Hamilton  
Aleika Gordon  
12–30 August 2019

Gabrielle Hylton  
Shanice Johnson  
8-26 July 2019

MCGES intern:  
Tameika Binger Fuller  
1-26 July 2019



## INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

Various UNESCO Clubs undertook beach cleanup activities as part of International Coastal Cleanup Day 21 September 2019



Activities were undertaken by DeCarteret College UNESCO Club at Alligator Pond, St Elizabeth; UWI UNESCO Club at Palisades Go Kart Track Ardenne Prep, YWCA with HEART Trust/NTA at Hellshire.

Day at Rocky Point Beach in Clarendon

Our recently arrived German intern, Annika Anderer assisted at Hellshire JNC-UNESCO Youth Committee Ambassadors and Volunteers along with the Hon Minister in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Hon Parnell Charles, did a fantastic job for International Coastal Clean up





## PREPARATORY MEETING, EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jamaica as a member of the Executive Board attended the preparatory meeting held at UNESCO, Paris on 24-26 September

Jamaica was represented by Ambassador Sheila Sealy-Monteith, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO and Everton Hannam, Secretary-General as alternate member.

Among the main agenda items discussed were items 4, 5 and 40. The Budget and cash flow of the organization item generated significant discussion with a number of options for the Budget being presented. The most feasible option being \$523m plus \$11m from unspent amount. This will allow for UNESCO to con-

tinue with many of its programmes and projects. Concerns were also expressed on the allocation and use of donation and special contribution received. Management issues (Item 5) and 5iiiE, UNESCO strategic transformation member states continued to share their views on the various management issues including the ongoing strategic transformation. A new agenda Item #40, World Day for African and Afro-descendent culture was proposed by Congo. Jamaica identified itself with this proposal.



A wrap-up workshop of the project “Community-based inventorying of intangible cultural heritage” was organized in July in Kingston, Jamaica five months after its launching. Since March, members from three communities of Kingston were invited to join capacity building work-

The UNESCO Cluster Office for the English and Dutch Caribbean coordinated the project in collaboration with the African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/ Jamaica Memory Bank.



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## MAB YOUTH FORUM

The 2019 MAB Youth Forum, hosted in Changbasian China, brought together over 70 participants from around the world and almost 200 Chinese nationals.

With the theme “committed to biodiversity” participants were challenged to find ways in which their Biosphere Reserve could be positioned to strengthen global conservation efforts and stymie climate change. Participants also met with their respective regional Biosphere Networks to discuss how best to facilitate knowledge sharing. The Forum gave the youths a voice as all their ideas and concerns were drafted in a mandate to be heard at the CBD and COP20. The generous forum organizers also gave the participants the opportunity to visit **China’s first Biosphere Reserve**, the Changbasian Mountain Biosphere Reserve .





## PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME PROJECTS UPDATE

The Jamaica National Commission is currently engaged in the implementation of four projects: The Empowerment of At-Risk Youth, Positive Fathering, Jamaica Micro Science Project- UNESCO and BCJ Virtual Digital Literacy Academy.

Although we did not get the full amount of funds requested from UNESCO, we have been able to extend these projects through partnerships with other Government agencies, the University of the West Indies and NGO'S.

**"Empowerment of At-Risk Youth"** has two components, Literacy and Cosmetology, operating in five locations at the Manning's Boys Home in St Elizabeth, St Augustine Place of Safety in Clarendon, Sunbeam Boys Home, Eltham High School and Spanish Town High School in St Catherine. We are in partnership with the Jamaica Library Service and the Ministry of Education to enrich the reading component of the project in the three boys home mentioned. For the cosmetology component we are in partnership with HEART at Spanish Town High School and Eltham High School.

**Positive Fathering** is proceeding as planned and

have completed interviews, team meetings data analysis, and a draft report. They will host a masculinity and fathering training workshop in October 2019 and a session for the dissemination in November.

**"BCJ Virtual Literacy Academy"** has two animated video pilots in progress. The scripts have been completed and being reviewed internally before submission.

**"Micro Science Project"** is

being heartily endorsed by The Ministry of Education and is sold on the Idea of introducing the Micro Science Kits in our schools. The Ministry have secured funding to extend the scope of the project and

have just completed a training seminar in Micro Science with Teachers in training institutions focusing on sustainable development.

*Dr Maria Smith  
Programme Manager*



## PUBLICATIONS



The world ocean is one, interconnected and vast. It covers 70% of the surface and contains more than 95% of the water of the planet. Grasping such vastness is challenging. Yet we have to **realize that the ocean's resistance** and resilience are not infinite. We can and should no longer assume that the world ocean can continue absorbing the effects of unsustainable human activities endlessly and still continue providing its vital services. The ocean is vulnerable. It is our duty to use it sustainably. This is our responsibility to both current and future generations. We must act now to ensure the sustainability of the world ocean.

There is a sense of urgency and responsibility – indeed, a moral imperative – to ensure inter-generational equity in our interaction with the global commons, of which the world ocean is one. We urge the integration of ocean matters, including the social and economic dimensions of how people use and **migrate through the world's** ocean. Understanding the ocean as a system requires untangling its complexity through research and sustained observations, supported by adequate infrastructures and investments. In short, our understanding of the ocean and its contribution to sustainability largely depends on our capacity to conduct effective ocean science.

### The Curacao National Commission launched on 14 September 2019 “Bring your own bag” UNESCO project and became the second Caribbean country to do so

They partnered with the Association of Girl Guides PNA, Scouting Antiano, Field and Track Organisation Trupial, Green Phenix, Youth for Climate Change Curaçao, Foundation Formation Tomorrow, Maduro & Curiel's Bank and SELIKOR

During a morning of activities, the members of the youth organisations participated in various recycling, games and was introduced to, for the first time, a recycled shredder exercise bike. Information on recycling was also imparted to them.

The project will be divided in 2 phases over 3 years.

♦ Phase 1A: launch TBT (BYOB),

- ♦ Phase 1B: World cleanup Day,
- ♦ Phase 1C: Trash to Treasure and
- ♦ Phase 2: Workshops and Trainings.

The Trese Bo Tas (TBT): Bring your Own Bag campaign is a social education initiative geared toward encouraging the population to reject single-use plastic and encourage alternatives.

The TBT project seeks to:

- Encourage capacity building among young people in areas which are adversely affected by improper waste disposal and the accumulation of plastic.
- Provide mentorship and entrepreneurial skills to the youth of Curaçao so that they can earn an income through plastic repurposing and recycling.





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 207<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNESCO Executive Board, Paris, 9-23 October 2019
- 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport, Paris, 29 -31 October 2019
- 7<sup>th</sup> UNESCO Training Course for Island and Coastal Biosphere Reserve Managers, Jeju Island, Republic of Korea , Oct 30– Nov 1, 2019
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-regional Conference for the Memory of the World: Preserving & Providing Access to Digital Heritage, Republic of Korea, 5-8 November 2019
- 40<sup>th</sup> UNESCO General Conference, Paris, 12-27 November 2019
- 11<sup>th</sup> UNESCO Youth Forum, Paris, 18 -19 November 2019.
- 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, Bogotá Centro de convenciones in Bogotá (Republic of Colombia), 9-14 December 2019

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- International Days:  
27 October - World Day for Audiovisual Heritage  
10 November - World Science Day for Peace & Development

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6<sup>th</sup> edition of the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers

The prize (US \$300 000) is awarded every two years and it recognizes initiatives that contribute to improving educational practices around the world, with priority given to developing countries and to marginalized and disadvantaged communities.

Candidates should be organizations, international or national non-governmental organizations (NGOs), institutions or local, national and regional communities who are working to enhance the performance and effectiveness of teachers.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2019-2020 Prize is 31 October 2019 (midnight, Paris time).

Call for proposals for producing The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Film of UNESCO's International Programme for the

## COMPETITIONS, PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS



Development of Communication (IPDC)

On the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IPDC in 2020, UNESCO wishes to produce a short film (5 to 10 minutes, which can also be segmented into shorter elements with key messages for social media posts). on UNESCO's oldest programme in the field of media development, through tracking its history and evolution over the last 40 years

Candidates should send a technical and financial offer by 07 October 2019 at midnight (Paris Time)

**UNESCO's strong engagement with youth aims to give them a voice and drive social innovation and change, to enable them to participate fully in the policies defining their future. Standing with them at the UN Climate Summit, the organization announced a training and capacity building programme on**

**climate knowledge to empower 200,000 youth per year, and called all governments to join this movement to reach the target of 2 Million Youth Empowerment by 2030.**

By bringing more than 50 youth engaged in climate action from Biosphere Reserves designated by UNESCO around the world, and supporting the participation of 35 youth selected by the UN, the organization was a key sponsor of the highly successful Youth Climate Summit.

UNESCO aims to capitalize on its extensive networks of designated sites to support youth leadership: 1,200 World Heritage Sites, 701 Biosphere Reserves and 140 UNESCO Global Geoparks, home to 70 million youth, will serve as training hubs to train 200,000 per year on climate knowledge and give them the tools they need to translate their ideas in to climate action.

# PHOTOS



Participants of the Caribbean SIDS Forum



**Chevening Scholars 2019**  
CONGRATS Najuequa Barnes AND Odayne Haughton. Naj is Vice President, (Jamaica Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres & Associations (JFUCCA) Odayne is a member of JNC-UNESCO Youth Committee AND has represented us at the UNESCO Youth Forum.



Culture for Sustainable development  
Cuban officials courtesy call to JNC-UNESCO.

Katherine Muller-Main, Director, Regional Office for Culture in LAC; Olga Rufins Machin, National Professional Office, Coordinator, Portal of Culture of LAC in discussions with SG Everton Hannam and Yuri Peshkov, Culture Programme Specialist, UNESCO Caribbean Cluster Office.