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JAMAICA AT THE UN

SG HANNAM ATTENDS UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CARICOM



On the occasion of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development a high level event on Culture and Sustainable Development, 21 May 2019 was held

It was a UN event in partnership with UNESCO. Hon Minister Grange participate in the Roundtable entitled, "Cultural diversity as the common heritage of humanity"

The event focus was on the contribution of culture to the achievement of the sustainable development goals from the national, regional and international perspectives, building on national experiences, existing policies and frameworks and cooperation. The event also marked another important United Nations milestone, which acknowledge the importance of cultural diversity and recognize the critical contribution of indige-

nous cultures to sustainable development.—the International Year of Indigenous Languages (2019).

SG Everton Hannam attended the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) thirty-sixth meeting June 6-7, 2019 for discussion of matters in relation to Culture with-in CARICOM and presented on "The Fortieth UNESCO General Conference: The Caribbean's Preparedness"



206TH SESSION UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD/INNA DE YARD LAUNCH

At the 206th Session of the UNESCO Executive Board meeting in Paris, France. (3-17 April)

The Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, the Honourable Olivia Grange, chaired the Committee on Conventions and Recommendations on 4 April 2019 and was part of decisions considering the programme and budget of UNESCO

While in Paris Minister met with UNESCO Secretary-General Audrey Azoulay, Assistant Director General Ernesto Ramirez and our Permanent Delegate to UNESCO Ambassador Sheila Monteith and used the opportunity to share some iconic Jamaica products with them

2019, attended the traditional morning meeting of the National Commissions for UNESCO that took place at UNESCO Headquarters. Over 120 participants, representing 90 National Commissions/Permanent Delegations, attended the meeting.



Secretary General Everton Hannam on April 9 delivered Jamaica presentation to the Opening Plenary and was part of a meeting held 11 April 2019 between CARICOM members on the Executive Board with the ADG Africa/PAX and his team. He also (10 -12 April

Inna de yard launch

Bernard Jankee, ICJ/JMB attended ICH Bureau meeting as rapporteur. Whilst there, at the request of JNC-UNESCO, he participated in the launch of INNA DE YARD: THE SOUL OF JAMAICA which is a video documentary on reggae.



SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

Promotion of information literacy examples from Jamaica.

The Broadcasting Commission of Jamaica has received TWO Gold Muse awards in the International Muse Creative Awards Competition for 2018. The BCJ advertisements that received awards were the very popular "Pinchy Dead" video, and the BCJ's most recent release - "Ordinary People", which warns parents to be more aware of what their children are viewing online. and encourages online users to be more careful

"Pinchy Dead" warns against fake news, when consuming and sharing content online. The video has received rave reviews from critics, newscasts and the wider public. It was viewed on social media over 2 million times and shared over 8,000 times within the first month of release.

One of the linked videos is in Jamaican patois emphasizing indigenous languages
NB: 2019 is the international year of Indigenous Languages

This year's Muse winners also included Porsche, and 'Summer Set Free', which featured Usain Bolt.

"Pinchy Dead" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBRVb7p28Rc>
Ordinary People
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LX3qqaH1wYw>
The Digital Age
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yz_7aINphro

The Sunken City of Port Royal – A Relict and Continuing Cultural Landscape. The site will go before the WHC at the 43rd session which will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan between June 30 – July 10, 2019.

International Jazz Day was observed on Tuesday, April 30, on the east lawns of Devon House in St Andrew. The eighth International Jazz Day was celebrated around the world, with Melbourne, Australia, being the host city.

The show at Devon House was produced by The Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts (EMCVPA) in partnerships with the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport, and Touchstone Ticketing..

Press Freedom Day 2019

Isabel Viera Bermudez, Advisor, Communication and Information, UNESCO Caribbean Office, brought greetings at MEDIA EXHIBITION & DEMOCRACY (5th Annual Bachelor of Communication Arts and Technology Final Year Student Exhibition) held at the University of Technology, Jamaica Papine Campus on May 2, 2019.

Other Meetings:

- **Authors Live... Conversations** with H.E.Palmer, 20 June 2019, Manchester Public Library. SG Han-nam provided expert knowledge on the role fathers play in child development
- Youth At Risk meeting, 12 June, 18 June 2019
- JARD Inventorying interview, 14 June 2019
- MTRBB Budget Rationalization workshop, 20 & 27 May 2019
- Science Advisory Committee, 31 May 2019
- Safety Wardens Training 10 May 2019
- Information Advisory Committee, 8 May 2019
- Culture Club meeting, 7 May
- UNESCO Clubs fundraiser planning meeting 7 May
- Labour day Launch 7 May
- UNESCO Clubs monthly meeting 6 April

STAFF NEWS

Welcome

To Ms Jo_Anne Archibald who assumed duties as new Principal Director, Culture & Creative Industries Policy Division, MCGES.

Thank You

To Mrs Gillian Wilkinson McDaniel (Senior Director Entertainment) who acted during the interim.

Interns

Local interns/work experience students:

Ashley Johnson
3 June - 2019

UWI Heritage Studies
Joseph Starr
10 June - 2019

Hope/NYS:
Patricia Bernard
Teeka Black
10-28 June 2019



JFUCCA ACTIVITIES

Under its UNESCO mandate JFUCCA undertook a Labour Day Project at the Homestead Home and two of its clubs participated in the Green Expo

Homestead Place of Safety Beautification Project" was the target of the Labour Day Project undertaken by JFUCCA. The participants included: The UWI UNESCO Club J.F.U.C.C.A.'s President Ms. Keisha Tomlinson and executive members JNC-UNESCO Librarian Mrs. D Hopkinson Members of Staff at Homestead Place of Safety and other community members. Activities conducted were the re-painting of picket fence, benches and tables, curb wall and the planting of flowers.

On June 7th, 2019 some of our clubs attended the Green Expo which was held at The National Arena. YWCA, seen with

their Tyre Recycle! Project whilst Holy Trinity High participating in Wysnco's Plastic Bottle Drive.



ABENG AWARDS AND EQUIPMENT HANDING OVER

Abeng 88.7FM
Special Certificate Volunteer Awards/& equipment handing over was completed 12 April 2019 In Accompong Town, St. Elizabeth

AWARDEES

- *Sophia McLeggon* (served over 100 hours)
Technical Producer, Digital Editor, Show Host
- *Elizabeth Rowe* (served over 100 hours)
Show Host, Programme coordinator
- *Junigay Johnson* (served over 100 hours)
Show Host: Technical Producer
- *Kaydeen Crosse*
Station Manager Assistant, Director Children's Programme
- *Althea Wright Foster*
show Host, Assistant Director Children's Programme
- *Daynia Miles Anderson*
Administrative Assistant
- *Aniecia Harrison*
Programme Host, Children's Programme
- *Shereka McLeggon*
Best Host
- *Cherissa Rowe*
Music Selector
- *Robertha Degazon*
Improved writing skills
- *Jahvena Josephs*
Attendance
- *Jordain Crosse*
Improved Cooperation
- *Neon Lewis*
Researcher
- *Harris Pawley*
Exceptional Volunteer



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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 University of the West Indies Open Campus on St. Kitts hosted a three day **workshop “Training Media Workers in the Effective and Proper Use of Social Media’ 14 -16 May 2019**

The purpose of the workshop was to introduce media workers in St. Kitts and Nevis to the effective and proper use of social media and the platforms that exist.

SG Antonio Maynard said that they must continuously adapt experiment **and anticipate what's coming** next to be able to produce impactful broadcasting. To strengthen his point, he noted that during the passage of Hurricane Irma a radio broadcaster was forced to take the initiative in utilizing the mobile phone to continue broadcasting reports of the hurricane after the broadcasting station was struck by the storm and was unable to operate as normal.

They were assisted by two very experienced Caribbean media professionals— Wesley Gibbings from Trinidad and Tobago who is the founding President of the Association of Caribbean Media Workers and Anika Kentish from Antigua and Barbuda.

The workshop is being carried out by the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean with the financial assistance of the International Programme for the Development of Communication.

REGIONAL NEWS

We welcome the new Secretary General, Trinidad & Tobago National Commission, Mr Tony Sham Mohammed AND

A big up to Secretary General Guyana, Patrice La Fleur, on receiving the Golden Arrow of Achievement for nation building

Secretary General of the St. Kitts-Nevis National Commission for UNESCO, Antonio Maynard, retired after 15 years of service on May 31, 2019.

As a result of his active support, and advocacy, St. Kitts and Nevis was instrumental in creating, and chairing, the first ever Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Committee of Representatives at UNESCO in Paris, from 2006, to facilitate a dedicated dialogue between Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific SIDS delegates and the UNESCO SIDS Secretariat.

120 delegates from over 85 countries attended the Third International Youth Forum (IYF3) on Creativity and Heritage along the Silk Road, in UNESCO designated creative cities of Changsha and Nanjing, China.

Twelve delegates from the Caribbean; Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, the Bahamas, St Kitts & Nevis, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. The Caribbean contingent joined the Caribbean Embassies in Beijing (namely the Embassies of Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, and the Bahamas) in presenting the inaugural Caribbean Film Festival in Changsha; a five-day festival featuring films from Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago screened at universities across Changsha, China.

The event was organised by UNESCO, the China National Commission for UNESCO, the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centers and Associations and the Chinese Municipal Governments in Changsha and Nanjing March 31 - April 3.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- *Sixth meeting of the Technical Cooperation Group on the Indicators for SDG4 – Education 2030 (TCG) 29-30 August 2019, Armenia. Representative is Philippa Livingston, Senior Statistician MOEYI*
- *43rd session of the World Heritage Committee, 30 June - 10 July 2019, Baku, Azerbaijan. Representatives are Debra Kay Palmer, MCGES & Mrs Jacinth Simpson, JNHT*
- *26th (Ordinary) Session of the IBC and the 11th (Ordinary) Session of COMEST 5-6 July 2019, Bangkok, Thailand*
- *Int'l Conference of States: New Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies. 11-13 July 2019, Argentina. Representative is Odaine James, MOEYI*

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- *International Days:*

23 August - *Int'l Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade & its Abolition*
8 September - *World Literacy Day*
27 October - *World Day for Audiovisual Heritage*

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10th IFCD (**International Fund for Cultural Diversity**) call is open. DEADLINE: 22 JULY 2019, MIDNIGHT, PARIS TIME.

UNESCO-sponsored Caribbean regional workshop “*Mobilizing indigenous and local knowledge solutions: addressing climate impacts and vulnerabilities*”, 16-18 July 2019 in Georgetown, Guyana. Interested applicants must submit a case study, research, narrative or testimony that relate to one of the themes at: <https://en.unesco.org/conference/lik-climate-caribbean>. Some financial support is available for travel and accommodation, with priority given to knowledge holders, both women and men, from indigenous and local communities based in the Caribbean region.

Global Media & Information Literacy Week 2019 Youth Agenda Forum in Gotheburg, Sweden is designed for youth, led by youth and open to everyone. The Forum provides a space for networking, learning and

sharing knowledge. Get more details: <https://on.unesco.org/2WhayRs>

UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the use of information & communication technology (ICT) in Education. Are you working on project leveraging AI in education? Apply now for a chance to win US\$ 25,000: on.unesco.org/2WG1V31

PhosAgro-UNESCO-IUPAC grants for projects in green chemistry. DEADLINE: 31 August 2019. The grant programme aims to promote the implementation of innovative research projects in green chemistry by young scientists that respect the 12 principles of green chemistry. Young scientists with a PhD degree (or equivalent) in chemistry or its allied areas are invited to compete; the age limit is 39. Grants will be up to US\$30,000 and should be awarded for research that may be completed in one year.

World Youth Conference on Kindness August 20 - 23, 2019 [#KindnessMatters](https://www.kindnessmatters.org/). Be the change for the SDGs. A Global Youth Campaign. UNESCO MGIEP has initiated an International Youth Campaign on Kindness for the Sustainable Development Goals. The purpose of this Campaign is to mobilize the world's youth to achieve the 17 SDGs through transformative acts of kindness. UNESCO MGIEP is organising the first World Youth Conference on Kindness in New Delhi, India on the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Gandhi for the Contemporary World: Celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi'.

ETHICS TEACHER TRAINING COURSE at Fiji national university, Namaka campus Nadi, Fiji (14-18 october 2019). [deadline: 30 june 2019. ETTC Fiji announcement: http://www.unesco.org/.../ethics_teachers_training_course_un.../](https://www.unesco.org/.../ethics_teachers_training_course_un.../)

PHOTOS



Ahead of the Women's World Cup, UNESCO organized "Women and Football: #ChangeTheGame", debate, on 4 June (10:30-12:30) at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (France). Nadia Nadim (Denmark), an Afghan refugee with an exceptional sporting background, and Jody Brown (Jamaica), a rising star of international football, accompanied by her Jamaican team, the Reggae Girlz, spoke about the key role that sport can play in promoting diversity and gender equality.

Bernard Jankee giving his remarks at INNA DE YARD

In pic a member of Jamaica's Reggae Girlz Team with Audrey Azoulay, Director General, UNESCO and Amb Monteith and First Secretary of Jamaica's Permanent Delegation.



The Mt. Carmel Revival Mission located in Denham Town, performs at a tribute service for the late former Prime Minister Edward Seaga, June 10th, 2019. Sponsored by Tpdco in conjunction with ACIJ/Jamaica Memory Bank and JNC-UNESCO