# UN Panel- 18 August, 2013

# UNESCO/IFUW

















#### List of representatives

Françoise Sauvage, coordinator Cynthia Ghorra-Gobin Eliane Didier Dominique Ciavatti Anne Nègre Eileen Focke-Bakker, *ad hoc* Narges ben Mlouka

# **Activities 2011- 2012**

Via 2 JPC (Joint Programmatic Commissions) of the UNESCO/NGO Liaison Committee

# \* JPC 1: Education for Sustainable Development (President: Cynthia Ghorra-Gobin)

Work included in the **Decade 2005-2014 for Education for SD** 

#### Meetings:

- The child education as a crucial point for SD
- International day: "Water as a common good: access to drinking water, obstacles, public sensibilization and education"
- Rio + 20 preparation: "Women, climate changes and vulnerability"
  10 propositions for Rio + 20 in "Sustainable development, green economy, green societies"

# \*JPC Science & Ethics

/2a: Environment and Ethics (Member: Eliane Didier)

/2b: Biomedical Ethics (President: Eliane Didier)

**UNESCO** priority: Gender equality: Women, Young, vulnerable people

**IBC theme** (International Bioethics committee): **Vulnerability and biomedical ethics:** philosophical, law and medical issues.

The working group carried out a study of the human and social factors inducing fragility and vulnerability for women health and care, such as:

- Inequalities, discrimination
- Access to education for health
- Access to accurate information and quality care
- Analysis of patient/doctor relationship, coercition, consent
- Biotechnologies: embryo and induced stem cells, researches on embryos, therapeutic cloning, genome, gene therapy, infectious diseases, nanotechnologies...

Contributions from AFFDU members:

- Dominique Ciavatti (AFFDU vice president): "Revised law on hospitalization without patient consent"
- Marie-José Jonczy (AFFDU & UWE vice president):" Europe & bioethics"
- Eliane Didier: "Conflicting interests in biomedecine", "Africa & France cooperation in fighting thalassemia (sickle cell disease)", UNESCO International day on Thalassemia

#### **Activities 2012-2013**

### Preparation of renovated UNESCO/NGOs partnership

Executive board meeting

Meeting Eric Falt (Assistant Director General for external Relations and public Information): Françoise Sauvage, Anne Nègre

Meeting some UNESCO sectors contacts (focal points)

Preparation of the draft medium term strategy (2014-2017) and the draft programme and budget (2014-2021): Françoise Sauvage, Eliane Didier. (to be voted at the general conference- november, 2013)

**CCNGO/EFA** (Collective Consultation of Non Governmental Organizations/Education for All)

Anne Nègre: meeting "Youth and skills. Putting education to work

Eliane Didier: 6th meeting (rapporteur of a WG) . The aim was to set a strategy in order to improve and stengthen the cooperation between civil society organisations (including NGOs) and UNESCO, to reach the MDG 1-6

- 1: Early childhood care and education.
- 2: Universal primary education
- 3: Youth and adult learning needs.
- 4: Adult literacy
- 5: Gender parity and equality
- 6: Quality of education). Propositions have been presented to UNESCO

#### New frame for activities and advocacy:

IFUW: consultative status

Activities *via* LC & NGO International Conference (President: Patrick Gallaud)

Working groups: preparation of fora (Paris, Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe) and international days on the priority themes: Africa, gender equality, Human rights, youth, EFA, cultural diversity, social inclusion, eradication of poverty.

To see the provisional agenda

In addition, Françoise Sauvage suggested to tie more direct links to the UNESCO sectors (meeting focal contacts, presenting projects...)

# **Agenda**

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY- UNESCO- 12 August, 2013

8th session of IGBC (Inter governmental bioethics comittee)- UNESCO- 5-6 September, 2013 (Traditional medecine system and their ethical implications)

8th youth forum- UNESCO- 29-31 October, 2013

Forum 1: "Quality education for world citizenship"- UNESCO- 23 September 2013

<u>Lead organizer</u>: Isabelle Turmaine (IAU)

Forum 3: "Water, women and youth" Africa, May or June 2014

<u>Lead organizer</u>: Martine LEVY(AIF)

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PEACE - Group "Marionettes for Peace" - UNESCO- 21 September 2013 or 2014

Lead organizer: Michel THOUZEAU

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY- Group "Article 31: Action for Human Rights" - UNESCO- 10 December 2013,

<u>Lead organizer</u>: Patrick GALLAUD, (provisional until leader organizer identified)

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY

<u>Group</u>: "Taking into account the intelligence and experience of the very poor" -UNESCO-October 2013,

Lead organizer: Marie Claude ALLEZ

#### INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Group: "Literacy and Education for All, throughout life"- UNESCO- September 2014

<u>Lead organizer</u>: Micheline d'AGOSTINO,

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MIGRANTS

<u>Group</u>: "Social inclusion, elimination of poverty and Migrants' experience", UNESCO- Dec. 2014

Lead organizer: Janine MARIN

General Conference- UNESCO- 5-20 November, 2013

## Suggestions for IFUW

To be represented in fora held in the UNESCO Headquarter and outside

Follow up of UNESCO projects in every region, to communicate with the regional offices, to involve NFAs and local branches

Communication with the Liaison Committee and the UNESCO sectors (to be improved)

To set networks with the international associations and federations represented at UNESCO, specially those interested in women issues

Reports (content? Periodicity?)

Material: Leaflet, visit Cards?

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