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24 – 26 January 2007

AGENDA AND ANNOTATED AGENDA

AGENDA

Wednesday 24 January (morning) 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

1. **Opening of the session**
2. Adoption of the **Agenda** (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/1/Prov.) and the **Annotated agenda** (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/1/Prov./Add.)
3. **Presentation of the new Director and exchange of views with the members of the Council**
4. **IBE activities during 2006**
 - 4.1 Report of the Director a.i. (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/2)
 - 4.2 Part one of the report by the Administrative Group (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.3)
 - 4.3 Discussion

Wednesday 24 January (afternoon) 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

- IBE activities during 2006 (continued)**
 - 4.4 Replies by the Director a.i. to the Council's questions
 - 4.5 Approval of the Report of activities 2006
 - 4.6 Approval of the provisional accounts 2006 (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.2)
5. **Information and exchanges of view**
 - 5.1 South-South Co-operation on education (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.4)
 - 5.2 "Education and care" (presentation by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Thursday 25 January (morning) 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

6. **The IBE's programme of activities for 2007**
 - 6.1 Proposals by the Director a.i. (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/3)
 - 6.2 Part two of the report by the Administrative Group (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.3)
 - 6.3 Discussion
 - 6.4 Replies by the Director a.i. to the Council's questions
 - 6.5 Approval of the Programme of activities for 2007
 - 6.6 Approval of the budget for 2007
 - 6.7 Approval of the entire report of the Administrative Group

Thursday 25 January (afternoon) 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

7. **Forty-eighth session of the ICE**
 - 7.1 Report by the Council's Working Group on preparation of ICE
 - 7.2 Forum on the theme and sub-themes of the forty-eighth ICE (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.5)
8. **UNESCO's Strategy and the IBE's Strategy 2008–2013** (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.6)

7 p.m.: Cocktail at the IBE

Friday 26 January (morning) 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

9. **Draft programme and budget for the 2008-2009 biennium (34 C/5)** (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.7)
10. **Dates for the fifty-sixth session of the Council**
11. **Any other business**
12. **Adoption of the Decisions of the fifty-fifth session** (doc. UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Decisions/Prov.)
13. **Closing of the fifty-fifth session**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

The fifty-fifth session of the Council will be held in Room A of the Varembe Conference Centre (CCV) – 9/11 rue de Varembe (opposite the Geneva International Conference Centre – CICG).

It will begin on Wednesday 24 January at 10 a.m. and is foreseen to finish on Friday 26 January 2007, if possible at 1 p.m.

The session's working timetable will probably be as follows: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3 p.m. to **7 p.m.**

The Administrative Group and the Working Group responsible for preparing the forty-eighth session of the ICE will meet at the same place (Rooms B and C) from Monday 22 January 2007 at 10 a.m. until Tuesday 23 January at 1 p.m.

Wednesday 24 January 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened on Wednesday 24 January at 10 a.m. by H.E. Mrs Bhaswati Mukherjee (India), President of the IBE Council.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and the Annotated Agenda

DOCUMENTS: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/1/Prov + Addendum

The preliminary draft agenda and the calendar for the session had been discussed and accepted by the Council's Steering Committee on 22 July last year. However, in conformity with its Rules of Procedure (Rule IV, para. 5), "*After the adoption of the agenda, the Council may, in the course of the session, alter the order of the agenda items or add or delete items. A two-thirds majority of the members present and voting shall be required for the addition or deletion of an item in the course of a session.*"

DECISION

The Council is invited:

- to comment upon and, if necessary, amend the draft Agenda;
- to adopt it in its final form.

3. Presentation of the new Director and exchanges with the members of the Council

The Council will officially welcome the new IBE Director and will have the opportunity to get to know her better and to exchange points of view on a certain number of matters concerning the institution, its activities and its future.

4. IBE activities during 2006

DOCUMENTS: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/2 and 55/Inf. 2 + 55/Inf. 3 (Report of the Administrative Group, which will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting.)

- 4.1. The Director a.i. will present the salient points of the report on activities during 2006.
- 4.2. The Council will take note of the first part of the Administrative Group's Report on activities during 2006.
- 4.3. The Council will discuss the report of activities.

Wednesday 24 January, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

(Continuing with item 4 of the Agenda)

- 4.4. The Director a.i. and/or the programme co-ordinators will reply to the Council's questions.
- 4.5. The Council will proceed to approve the Report of Activities for 2006.
- 4.6. The Council will proceed to approve the provisional accounts for 2006 and the Revised Resolution concerning a credit transfer for 2006.

DECISION:

In conformity with the Statutes of the IBE stating that it will “supervise the implementation of the programme of activities of the Bureau”, the Council is invited:

- to discuss the report by the Director a.i. on the activities carried out during 2006;
- to discuss and adopt that part of the Administrative Group's Report concerning activities in 2006;
- to approve the Report of Activities in 2006;
- to approve the provisional accounts of the IBE for 2006 and the Resolution concerning a credit transfer for 2006;
- to delegate to its Steering Committee the authority to approve the audited accounts for 2006

5. Information and exchanges

5.1. The Council will take note of the decisions taken by the Executive Board in 2006 concerning South-South co-operation in the field of education (*DOCUMENT: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf.4*).

5.2. The representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will present the outcomes of the first seminar held in Caracas in June 2006 devoted to inclusive education; he will inform the Council about the proposed second seminar in 2007 on the theme of “Education and care”.

6. The IBE's programme of activities for 2007

DOCUMENTS: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/3+ C.55/Inf.3 (The Administrative Group's Report, which will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting.)

- 6.1. The Director a.i. will present the proposals for a programme of activities, as well as the draft budget for 2007.
- 6.2. The Council will take note of the Administrative Group's Report on this subject.
- 6.3. The Council will discuss the proposals for the programme in 2007.

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(Continuing with point 6 of the Agenda)

- 6.4. The Director a.i. and/or the programme co-ordinators will reply to the Council's questions.
- 6.5. The Council will proceed to adopt the Programme of Activities for 2007.
- 6.6. The Council will proceed with approving the IBE budget and the Resolution for a credit transfer for 2007.
- 6.7. The Council will proceed with formal approval of the entire report of the Administrative Group.

DECISION:

In conformity with the Statutes of the IBE which stipulate that it is responsible for defining “in detail, within the framework of the programme and budget adopted by the General Conference and taking available extra-budgetary resources in to account, as appropriate, the activities to be undertaken by the Bureau”, the Council is invited:

- to comment upon the Director’s a.i. proposals;
- to discuss and adopt that part of the Administrative Group’s Report concerning the programme for 2007;
- to approve the draft programme of activities for 2007;
- to approve the draft budget and the Resolution concerning a credit transfer for 2007;
- to formally approve the entire Administrative Group’s Report.

Thursday 25 January, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

7. Forty-eighth session of the ICE

DOCUMENT: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf. 5

The Council will take note of the Report of the Council’s Working Group responsible for assisting the Director in preparing for the forty-eighth session of the ICE, as well as the activities carried out by the Education Sector’s Working Group.

The Forum will be devoted to a discussion of the theme and sub-themes to be borne in mind for the ICE.

DECISION:

The Council is invited:

- to approve the Report of the Council’s Working Group;
- to choose the theme and the sub-themes of the forty-eighth ICE that will be proposed to the thirty-fourth session of the General Conference;
- to establish the dates of the Conference;
- to lay down the ways in which the Conference shall be financed, as well as the way it will be organized.

8. UNESCO’s and the IBE’s Strategy for 2008–2013

DOCUMENT: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf. 6

The ADG/ED will inform the Council about progress in preparing UNESCO’s Strategy 2008–2013 (34 C/4) to be presented at the next General Conference. The Director a.i. of the IBE will describe the present situation with regard to the preparation of the IBE’s Strategy for the same period.

DECISION:

The Council is invited:

- to take note of UNESCO’s draft Strategy 2008–2013;
- to discuss the draft of the IBE’s Strategy for 2008–2013 and to make proposals for finalizing it and presenting it, with a view to its approval, at the fifty-sixth session of the Council in January 2008.

At 7 p.m. the traditional IBE cocktail will take place at the Varembé Conference Centre.

Friday 26 January, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

9. Draft programme and budget for the 2008–2009 biennium (34 C/5)

DOCUMENT: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Inf. 7

9.1 The ADG/ED will present to the Council the guidelines for preparing the major lines of emphasis of the Draft 34 C/5 for the Education Sector.

9.2 The Director a.i. will present the proposals for the IBE's programme and budget for 2008-2009, as well as the Draft Resolution to be submitted to the thirty-fourth General Conference.

DECISION:

In conformity with its Statutes, stipulating that it is responsible for drawing up “*on the proposals of the Director of the Bureau, taking into account the lines of emphasis of the medium-term planning, the draft general programme and budget of the Bureau, for submission to the General Conference with the observations or recommendations of the Director-General and the Executive Board, and to take steps to ensure the consistency and complementarity of the activities foreseen in the draft general programme and budget of the Bureau with the other activities foreseen in the draft programme and budget of UNESCO*”, the Council is invited:

- to discuss the proposals for the IBE's programme and budget for 2008–2009, as well as the Draft Resolution for the 34 C/5.
- to approve them.

10. Dates of the fifty-sixth session of the Council

DECISION:

The Council is invited:

- to establish the dates of its fifty-sixth session (2008), as well as those of the meeting of its Steering Committee in 2007.

11. Any other business

12. Adoption of the decisions of the fifty-fifth session

DOCUMENT: UNESCO/BIE/C.55/Decisions/Prov.

In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the IBE Council (Rule 22), which foresee that that “*the Council shall approve at each session the text of the decisions adopted during that session*” and that “*the text shall be published during the month following the end of the session*”, the Council is invited:

- to comment upon the draft Decisions of the fifty-fifth session;
- to adopt them;
- to make the Council Secretariat responsible for publishing the text between now and the beginning of March 2007.

13. Closing of the fifty-fifth session