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**SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION**

Geneva, 5 – 7 February 2014

**DECISIONS**



## 1. Opening of the session

The 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council was opened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 5 February 2014 by Mr Ole Briseid, the President of the IBE Council who extended a cordial welcome to all the members of the Council and expressed good wishes for the year 2014 and proceeded to Item 2 of the provisional agenda.

## 2. Adoption of the agenda and annotated agenda

*Documents: UNESCO/BIE/C.63/1/Prov + Addendum*

### DECISION

The Council **adopts** the agenda and the annotated agenda of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council.

## 3. Election of the President and of the Steering Committee

### DECISION

On the proposals of the Electoral Group Va (Africa) and in conformity with article 5, paragraph 1, of its Rules of Procedure, the Council elected as its President Professor Godswill OBIOMA, Nigeria

On the proposals of its members, the Council elected as members of the Steering Committee the following 5 Vice-Presidents:

- Group I (Western Europe and North America): H.E. Mr Jean-Frédéric JAUSLIN (Switzerland)
- Group II (Eastern and Central Europe): Dr. Liesma OSE (Latvia)
- Group III (Latin America and the Caribbean): Mr Marcelo DANTAS DA COSTA (Brazil)
- Group IV (Asia and the Pacific): Mr. Khair Bin MOHAMAD YUSOF (Malaysia)
- Group Vb (Arab States): H.E. Dr. Majed AL NOAIMI (Bahrain)

## 4. IBE activities and budget during 2013

- 4.1. Report of the Director (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/2)
- 4.2. Discussion
- 4.3. Replies by the Director to the Council Members questions
- 4.4. Approval of the Report of Activities 2013
- 4.5. Pre-Final Accounts 2013 (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Inf.2)

The IBE Director presented the main elements of the report on the IBE activities for 2013, as they appear in the document *UNESCO/BIE/C.63/2* and *C.63/Inf 2*.

The Director responded to the questions of the delegates. A summary of the debates will be integrated into the Proceedings and Decisions of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the Council.

## DECISION

In accordance with the Statutes of the IBE (Section II, Article V.b.), stipulating that it “*shall supervise the implementation of the programme of activities of the Bureau*”, the Council:

- **Approves** the Report of the IBE Director on Activities in 2013 (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/2);
- **Commends** the IBE Director and staff for the implementation of the programme during 2013 stressing results achieved and in particular priorities and challenges faced;
- **Takes note** of the Pre-final Accounts of the IBE as at 31 December 2013 (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Inf.2), cleared by the Bureau of Financial Management of UNESCO;
- **Delegates** to the Steering Committee the authority to **formally approve** the 2013 accounts, certified by the Bureau of Financial Management of UNESCO, in its forthcoming meeting in September 2014.

### 5. IBE programme of activities and budget for 2014 (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/3)

- 5.1. Proposals by the Director
- 5.2. Discussion
- 5.3. Replies by the Director to the Council Members questions
- 5.4. Approval of the Programme of Activities for 2014
- 5.5. Approval of the budget for 2014

The Director presented the main lines of the draft IBE programme of activities for 2014, as well as the budgetary situation (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/3).

The Director responded to the questions of the delegates. A summary of the debates will be integrated into the Proceedings and Decisions of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the Council.

## DECISION

In accordance with the Statutes of the IBE (Section II, Article V.b), stipulating that the Council is responsible for defining “*in detail, within the framework of the programme and budget approved by the General Conference and taking available extra-budgetary resources into account, as appropriate, the activities to be undertaken by the Bureau*”, the Council:

- **Approves** the planned Programme of Activities for 2014 (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/3), with a view that its implementation will take into account the comments made by the Council;
- **Approves** the draft budget of the IBE for 2014 (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/3).

**6. Oral Progress Report on the implementation of the Strategy aimed at making the IBE a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in curriculum (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Inf.3)**

**DECISION**

Concerning the oral progress report on the implementation of the Strategy aimed at making the IBE a CoE in curriculum, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Commends** the President for his presentation of the overview progress report presented to the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference;
- **Takes note** of the progress made on the implementation of the Strategy recognizing the achievements and challenges met;
- **Requests** the IBE Director to continue its implementation;
- **Acknowledges** the estimated budget for the years 2014-2017;
- **Requests** the IBE Director, in cooperation with the IBE Council and its President, to seek additional extra-budgetary funds for its implementation;
- **Calls upon** Member States to support the attainment of the goals of the Strategy, including voluntary and extra-budgetary contributions to core programme.

Concerning the IBE Strategy and Work Plan 2012-2017, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Takes note** with satisfaction of the progress made in the implementation of the Strategy and Work Plan 2012-2017;
- **Requests** the IBE Director to report on the progress made in the implementation of the Strategy and Work Plan 2012-2017 at the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the IBE Council (January 2015).

Concerning the IBE's Organizational and staffing structure, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Takes into account** that the new contractual arrangements allow for enhanced flexibility of the IBE's organizational structure to be progressively implemented subject to the availability of additional funds;
- **Requests** the IBE to continue implementing the new organizational and staffing structure in a phased manner and with flexible adjustments in accordance according with new extra-budgetary funding.

Concerning the IBE's Governance, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Acknowledges** the revised articles of the IBE Statutes approved by the General Conference at its 37<sup>th</sup> session (37 C/Resolution 14);
- **Commends** the IBE Director for the cost reduction and decision to hold the Council meetings at the IBE premises;

- **Acknowledges** with gratitude the financial contribution from the Fund Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Project for supporting Arabic language in UNESCO for translation and interpretation to Arabic.

#### 7. Resource Mobilization and Communication Strategy (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Inf.4)

##### DECISION

Concerning the Resource Mobilization and Communication Strategy, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Takes note** of the progress made in implementing the Resource Mobilization and Communication Strategy;
- **Recognizes** the active support and advocacy contribution of the resource mobilization committee (RMC) formed by Bahrain, Nigeria and Norway;
- **Recognizes** the resource mobilization efforts of the IBE Director, the RMC and other members of the Council, **acknowledges** the new agreement for 2014 from Norway, and **encourages** other members of the IBE Council to further support the implementation of the CoE;
- **Further recognizes** the efforts of Bahrain, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, and United Arab Emirates to seek core contributions and other extra-budgetary funding to the IBE;
- **Emphasizes** the necessity of sustained resource mobilization to make the IBE a Centre of Excellence and **welcomes** the proposal from Switzerland concerning the organization of a donor meeting ;
- **Calls upon** the members of the Council to support fundraising efforts in advocating for the IBE and contributing financially to the extent possible, especially through core contributions within the framework of multi-year agreements as well as other extra-budgetary resources.

#### 8. Revision of the Statutes of the IBE and of the Rules of Procedure of the IBE Council (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Inf.5)

##### DECISION

Concerning the draft revised articles of the Statutes of the IBE and the draft revised Rules of Procedure of the IBE Council, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Acknowledges** the draft revised articles of the Statutes reflecting the new situation and the changes introduced by 37 C/Resolution 14 adopted by the General Conference at its 37<sup>th</sup> session;
- **Requests** the IBE Director to take into account the comments made by the members of the Council and present a final draft of the revised articles of the Statutes for approval to the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the IBE Council;

- **Further acknowledges** the draft revised Rules of Procedure of the IBE Council adjusted to the changes introduced in the Statutes of the IBE by 37 C/Resolution 14;
- **Requests** the IBE Director to take into account the comments made by the members of the Council and prepare a consolidated draft of the Rules of Procedure to be further discussed at the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Council (September 2014), with a view to present a final draft for approval to the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the IBE Council.

**9. Comprehensive plan for Policy Dialogue and the International Conference on Education (ICE)(UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Inf.6)**

**DECISION**

Concerning the Comprehensive plan for Policy Dialogue and the ICE, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Takes note** of the long term comprehensive plan for policy dialogue and the ICE presented by the Director;
- **Requests** the Director to explore further the wide range of Policy Dialogue options put forward in the document ;
- **Encourages** further discussions with Members of the Council as well as with the Education sector in order to clarify issues related to the time, theme, format, periodicity and funding sources of a future ICE.

**10. Follow-up of the recommendations of the IOS Evaluation for Category 1 Institutes (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Inf.7)**

**DECISION**

Concerning the Follow-up of the recommendations of the IOS Evaluation for Category 1 Institutes, the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the IBE Council:

- **Recognizes** the progress made in implementing all the recommendations;
- **Requests** the Director to continue to implement those recommendations that are of an ongoing nature.

### 11. Dates for the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the IBE Council

#### DECISION

The Council decides to propose to the Director-General of UNESCO that:

- The 64<sup>th</sup> session of the IBE Council will be held from 28 to 30 January 2015;
- The meeting of the Steering Committee of the Council will be held in September 2014.

### 12. Adoption of the decisions of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Decisions/Prov.1)

#### DECISION

In conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the IBE Council (IV, Section XI, Rule 22.1 and 22.2), which foresees 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:

- Approves the text of its decisions (UNESCO/BIE/C.63/Decisions/Prov.1);
- Entrusts the IBE Secretariat with the task of publishing the Proceedings and Decisions of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the Council by mid-March 2014 after having circulated a draft to the Council members for possible comments.

### 13. Closing of the 63<sup>rd</sup> session

The President closed the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the Council on Thursday 6 February 2014 at 6.20 p.m.