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To Non-Governmental Organizations, Official partners of UNESCO

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Dear Partners,

After the summer break, which I hope you were able enjoy, we have reached September, which marks the start of a busy autumn with important events for the Organization and especially for our partnership.

Our first appointment, in which I hope many of you will participate, will be on **Monday 23 September** for the first Forum of NGOs on the theme 'Which educational goals for tomorrow's citizens of the world: Is quality enough?' for which you have already received the invitation co-signed with Mr Gallaud, Chairperson of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee.

The second important event will undoubtedly be the 192nd session of the Executive Board (24 September to 11 October 2013), including the meeting of the Committee on Non-Governmental partners (NGP), which will be held on **Thursday 26 September** and for which you will soon receive the detailed programme.

You have also recently received the invitation from the Director-General to the 37th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO, to be held from 5 to 20 November 2013. The orientation seminar we organize for NGOs in collaboration with the Liaison Committee on **Wednesday 25 September** will provide you with all relevant information regarding the functioning and major challenges of the General Conference, as well as on the modalities of participation for NGOs. All details in this regard will be communicated to you shortly.

Finally, before informing you about other events that may be of interest to you, I wish to remind you of the census on our partnership with NGOs we launched at the beginning of August. Your contribution to this undertaking is essential; I therefore invite those of you who have not done so yet to return the completed questionnaire (ngo@unesco.org) before the **15 September 2013**.

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5 October 2012 - World Teachers' Day

A Call for Teachers' is the slogan for the 2013 celebration of this Day, which commemorates the anniversary of the signature of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers on 5 October 1966.

This year's celebrations at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris will focus on UNESCO's work on quality teachers for global citizenship and cultural diversity. Teachers develop learners' abilities to build a sustainable future with citizens who are able to take action in their own communities and contribute to global challenges.

Our partners are also invited to consider undertaking special celebrations at local level to celebrate this Day. You will be able to register the event organized by your NGO on the map to be found under [this link](#), thus sharing your plans with other people that might be interested in participating or promoting them.

We are awaiting your contributions to commemorate this important Day!

For more information you may consult this address:
http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/public-events/?tx_browser_pi1%5BshowUid%5D=13245&cHash=355aaaf7e5
Contact: Mr Lucio Sia (wtd@unesco.org).

22-25 October 2013 – 8th Annual Internet Governance Forum Meeting (IGF), Bali, Indonesia

Organized this year around the main theme 'Building Bridges – Enhancing Multi-stakeholder Cooperation for Growth and Sustainable Development', this forum is a multi-stakeholder forum for policy dialogue on issues of Internet governance. It brings together on an equal basis and through an open and inclusive process all stakeholders involved in the Internet governance debate, whether they represent governments, the private sector or civil society, including the technical and academic community.

As in the previous edition, this meeting is open to all civil society stakeholders and I invite NGOs whose areas of expertise extend to the Internet to join.

For more information on this 8th edition: <http://igf2013.or.id/>. For general information on the Forum: <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/>.
Contact: Mr Cedric Wachholz (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

28 October - 1 November 2013 - Digital Heritage 2013, Marseille, France

Organized under the patronage of UNESCO, this large international scientific event will bring together hundreds of participants to discuss digital technology applied to the protection, documentation and understanding of humanity's shared heritage.

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The Congress will discuss heritage in all its forms stretching from the buildings (UNESCO's World Heritage), cultural traditions and folklore (UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage), to museums, objects and documentary heritage (UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme).

I am convinced that many NGO representatives will be attending this event in Marseille.

I invite you to visit the conference website: <http://www.digitalheritage2013.org/>
Contact for general information: info@digitalheritage2013.org
UNESCO Focal Point: Ms Joie Springer (j.springer@unesco.org)

29 October 2013 - Award Ceremony of the 2013 UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize for the Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the Caribbean

This Prize rewards young researchers who contribute to reinforcing the links between social sciences research and public policies. It also seeks to motivate young researchers and encourage intellectual exchange and dialogue in Latin America and the Caribbean. The prize is named after the eminent author, politician, social analyst and fervent advocate of democratic values and a culture of peace, whose work made a remarkable contribution to the study of social and political processes in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean.

The prize will officially award its young laureate, Karen Nathalia Cerón Steeven, during a ceremony that will take place on the sidelines of the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum. Selected by an international jury, the young Latin-American researcher was designated as the 1st laureate of this prize at the end of 2012 in recognition of her essay addressing youth violence in Central America.

Established in 2009 by UNESCO's Executive Board, the UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize consists of US\$10,000 and a diploma awarded every two years.

You will find more information on this event [under this link](#).
Contact: Mr Germán Solinís (g.solinis@unesco.org)

UNESCO Publications

- The publication *A world of Science – Vol. 11 N°3, July-September 2013* is available at the following address: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002217/221776E.pdf>. It is a quarterly journal published in English by the Natural Sciences Sector.
- The brochure *UNESCO Science for Peace and Sustainable Development* is available. This brochure will give you a snapshot of UNESCO's current work in science. You can download it at the following address: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002197/219756E.pdf>.

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- The brochure *Why Teach about the Holocaust?* is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Russian](#), [Chinese](#) and [Arabic](#). It brings to the fore universal issues raised by the history of the Holocaust, introduces educators to some of the main challenges and opportunities linked with teaching about genocide and provides an overview of the variety of resources available in the field. You can download it at [this address](#):

Yours sincerely,



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