

*Meeting of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Council
Paris, UNESCO House, Room XII, 15-16 September 2016
Agenda item 6*

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BUREAU TO THE MOST IGC ADOPTED ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

On the basis of the deliberations and in order to give effect to their outcomes, the Bureau unanimously adopted the following comprehensive decision.

Having considered the 2016-2021 Action Plan for Implementation of the MOST Strategy, as presented to it in document MOST/IGC/Bureau/2016/22; the Preliminary proposals for the revision of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure – report and proposals of the working group, as presented in documents MOST/IGC/Bureau/2016/23.1 and MOST/IGC/Bureau/2016/23.2; and the Preliminary proposals for a possible MOST initiative on the background causes, processes and social implications of migration, as presented to it in document MOST/IGC/Bureau/2016/24;

Having further considered the oral presentations and information materials related to the aforementioned documents;

Taking note of the Summary Report on the proceedings of the meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of MOST, as presented to it in document MOST/IGC/SAC/2016/10;

Taking further note of the proposal to convene the 13th Ordinary Session of the IGC in Kuala Lumpur, on 16-17 March 2017;

1. *Welcomes* the trend to establishment and/or vitalization of MOST National Committees according to the Guidelines, and recommends their creation at national level in all Member States, with a particular focus on IGC members.
2. *Requests* the MOST Secretariat to conduct additional consultations with Member States to improve the 2016-2021 Action Plan for Implementation of the MOST Strategy. Member States shall submit their input to the Action Plan by 15 December 2016 and the revised draft of the Action Plan, taking account of such input and consisting of one single document, shall be submitted to the 13th Ordinary Session of the IGC.
3. *Recommends* that the revised Action Plan should attain a balance between the national, sub-regional, regional and global levels of implementation. Furthermore, the Bureau requests that the revised document include estimated costs as well as indicative funds allocation from the Regular Programme, and targets for resource mobilization by Member States, under each strategic pillar of the Action Plan.
4. Referring to its decision in January 2016, *reiterates* the usefulness of establishing a MOST Special Account and the importance of fundraising and resource mobilization to support implementation of the Action Plan.
5. *Recommends* that the revised Action Plan, after approval at the 13th Ordinary Session of the IGC, be used by the Social and Human Sciences Sector to develop its contribution to the preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2018-2021 (39 C/5).
6. *Recommends* further written consultations with IGC members, to be completed by 15 December 2016, on the proposals for revision of the Statutes and Rules of Procedures prepared by the working group.
7. *Requests* the Secretariat, taking account of discussions during the Bureau meeting on 15-16 September 2016, to conduct a review of available research on migration, in cooperation with relevant

stakeholders at national, regional and international level, in order to identify knowledge gaps, and to ensure publication of its outcome.

8. *Further requests* the Secretariat, on the basis of the aforementioned review and of consultation with all Member States, to revise and expand the document on the MOST initiative on the background causes, processes and social implications of migration, with particular emphasis on the position of vulnerable migrants, for submission to the 13th Ordinary Session of the IGC.
9. *Invites* the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) to strengthen its advisory role in the context of the MOST Action Plan and in particular to publish an annual report on migration issues of relevance to MOST.
10. *Welcomes* the generous offer of the Government of Malaysia, on the basis of Rule of Procedure 3.3, to host the 13th Ordinary Session of the IGC in Malaysia.
11. *Requests* the Secretariat, pursuant to Rule of Procedure 30, urgently to consult IGC members by correspondence on the place and date of the 13th Ordinary Session.
12. *Urges* IGC members to endorse the proposal to convene the 13th Ordinary Session in Kuala Lumpur on 16-17 March 2017, preceded by a Bureau meeting on 14-15 March 2017.
13. *Proposes*, pursuant to Rule of Procedure 5.4, that the provisional agenda of the 13th Ordinary Session include the following items:
 - Examination of a draft 2016-2021 Action Plan for Implementation of the MOST Strategy,
 - Consideration of follow-up to General Conference resolution 38 C/Res. 101,
 - Revision of the MOST Statutes and Rules of Procedure,
 - MOST initiative on the background causes, processes and social implications of migration.

14. *Welcomes* the forthcoming MOST Ministerial Forums to be generously hosted by the Governments of Cameroon (October 2016) and Malaysia (March 2017), and affirms their importance in contributing to policies supported by research and to the social dimension of Agenda 2030.
15. Encourages other IGC Members, as well as other UNESCO Member States, to host subregional or regional MOST Ministerial Forums, seeking opportunities where relevant to convene such Forums jointly with other regional Ministerial meetings.
16. *Reaffirms* the importance of MOST co-operation with the UN and the UN system, and recommends the regular organization of side-events in the Commission for Social Development and other relevant UN venues, including the regional economic commissions, and strengthened cooperation, in particular with UNDESA, to enhance visibility, partnerships and impact.