UNESCO WORLD CONFERENCE ON CULTURE & ARTS EDUCATION

13 – 15 FEBRUARY 2024
ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
ABU DHABI NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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BACKGROUND

In 2006, the international community came together in Lisbon, Portugal, and agreed on the relevance and added value of Arts Education to the achievement of global and national development goals. The Lisbon Conference produced the UNESCO Road Map for Arts Education, which provided guidance for advancing the development of arts education. Building on this work, in 2010, high-level representatives and relevant stakeholders in the arts and in education met again in Seoul to assess and encourage the implementation of the Roadmap. The Seoul Conference resulted in the Seoul Agenda: Goals for the Development of Arts Education, intended to serve as a concrete plan of action to support countries’ efforts to realize the full potential of quality arts education.

14 years later, UNESCO is convening Ministers of Education and of Culture at the UNESCO World Conference on Culture and Arts Education, from 13 to 15 February 2024 in Abu Dhabi. Hosted by the United Arab Emirates, the World Conference will provide a space for Member States and diverse actors to update their perspectives on the topic, exchange experiences, and most importantly adopt a “Framework for Culture and Arts Education” that considers not just the “Arts” but also “Culture”, understood in the broadest sense.

As requested by UNESCO’s Member States (ref. 211EX/Decision 39), this Framework proposes new avenues to improve, deepen and scale up collaborations between the education and culture Sectors while harnessing digital technologies to accelerate the achievement of present and future global development objectives such as the 2030 Agenda.

Inspired by the draft Framework, the participants attending the Conference will be invited to share their experiences and articulate concrete recommendations that can help take the Framework forward at the national and regional levels.

To facilitate exchanges among and between professionals working in education and those in culture, the programme is organized around seven thematic sessions that aim to speak to both Sectors while encouraging inter- and trans-disciplinary conversations.

**Thematic Sessions**

- Equitable Access to Culture and Arts Education
- Quality and Relevant Lifelong and Life-wide Learning in, through and with Cultural Diversity
- Skills to Shape Resilient, Just and Sustainable Futures
- Institutionalization and Valorization of Culture and Arts Education Ecosystems
- Culture and Arts Education through Digital Technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Partnerships and Financing in Support of Culture and Arts Education
- Monitoring, Research and Data
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**Tuesday**

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#### 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. **PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS**

- **Empowering Children and Families as Cultural Producers in Art Museums**
  Harvard Graduate School of Education, Louvre Abu Dhabi, MoMA, Young V&A
  **CONFERECE ROOM B 2 (GROUND FLOOR)**

- **Cultivating Collaborations and Sharing Practices for a Sustainable and Shared Future**
  King Abdulaziz Centre for World Culture – Ithra
  **CONFERECE ROOM CS 5 (FIRST FLOOR)**

- **Integrating Intangible Cultural Heritage in Education**
  The Regional Centre for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe under the auspices of UNESCO, UNESCO Chair on Intangible Cultural Heritage and Comparative Law, University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza (Italy), Didyma Public Education Center, Didyma District Directorate of National Education (Türkiye)
  **CONFERECE ROOM B 3 (GROUND FLOOR)**

- **Asia-Pacific Partnership: (Re)developing Culture and Arts Education Policies and Initiatives**
  Korea Arts and Culture Education Service (KACES)
  **CONFERECE ROOM B 1 (GROUND FLOOR)**
3.00 – 4.30 p.m.  **PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS 1**  
**Equitable Access to Culture and Arts Education**

Access to culture and arts education for all learners is an enabling first step for transformative change towards just, equitable and sustainable futures. This session will focus on actions to foster and sustain equity and inclusion, and how they can benefit learners most in need.

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4.30 – 6.00 p.m.  **PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS 2**  
**Quality and Relevant Lifelong and Life-wide Learning in, through and with Cultural Diversity**

Culture and the arts are critical to anchoring learning and teaching relevance through contextual knowledge, approaches and settings based on a respect for and appreciation of cultural diversity. This session will discuss the paradigm shift needed to steer collective action in this area.

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Starting at 6.00 p.m.  **Dinner**  
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9.00 – 10.00 a.m.  PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

**The Benefits of Music Education**
UNESCO Chair for Musical Mastery and Contemporary Performing Arts (Russian Gnesins Academy of Music), International Music Council, The National System of Youth and Children’s Orchestras and Choirs of Venezuela, Institution for a Global Society Corporation (IGS), Yamaha Corporation

*CONFERENCE ROOM CS 5 (FIRST FLOOR)*

**Sustainable Development through Arts, Culture and Education based on Collaborations and Partnerships across Sectors**
Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), European Network of Observatories in the Field of Arts and Cultural Education (ENO), Art and Culture Education Network (ACEnet), European Union

*CONFERENCE ROOM B 2 (GROUND FLOOR)*

**Building Capacities of Learners, Culture Professionals and Researchers**
The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), Foundation for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Rabat (Morocco), Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)

*CONFERENCE ROOM B 1 (GROUND FLOOR)*

10.00 – 11.30 a.m.  PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS 3

**Skills to Shape Resilient, Just and Sustainable Futures**

*In a rapidly-changing world, culture and arts education equips learners with the necessary skills to create and apply knowledge, ideas and agency to thrive and shape their societies. This session will examine forward-thinking responses to the evolving needs of learners.*

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**Institutionalization and Valorization of Culture and Arts Education Ecosystems**

Comprehensive strategies are needed to tackle the marginalization of culture and arts education in education systems and societies more broadly. This session will share solutions and approaches that are scaling up opportunities for culture and arts education and its actors.

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**THEMATIC SESSION 4**

Institutionalization and Valorization of Culture and Arts Education Ecosystems

HALL 4 (A)
- Interventions by Ministers
- Interventions by Observers

**LIVE RETRANSMISSION HALL 4 (C)**

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Starting at 1.00 p.m.

Lunch

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1.30 – 2.30 p.m.  **PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS**

**Cultivating Creativity: Empowering and Nurturing Innovators in Cultural and Creative Industries**

Cyprus National Commission for UNESCO and Junior Achievement Cyprus, Lasalle | University of the Arts (Singapore), Istituto Marangoni Dubai, UNESCO Transcultura Programme

**CONFERENCE ROOM B 1 (GROUND FLOOR)**

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**Re-shaping Education for and through Cultural Heritage: Setting Global Networks and Disseminating Good Practices for Urban Sustainable Development**

UNESCO Category 2 Centre, World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and Pacific region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAS Shanghai), College of Architecture and Urban Planning (CAUP), Tongji University, Shanghai (China), ICOMOS

International Scientific Committee on Education and Training, Ibero-American Network of UNESCO Chairs

**CONFERENCE ROOM B 3 (GROUND FLOOR)**

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2.30 – 4.00 p.m.  **PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS 5**

**Culture and Arts Education through Digital Technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

Digital transformation continues to profoundly shift how we learn, teach, create, communicate, and work in and across societies. This session will look at how culture and arts education is adapting to, engaging with and anticipating the impact of digital technologies and AI.
THEMATIC SESSION 5
Culture and Arts Education through Digital Technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
HALL 4 (A)
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THEMATIC SESSION 5
Culture and Arts Education through Digital Technologies and Artificial Intelligence (AI)
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4.00 – 5.30 p.m.
PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS 6
Partnerships and Financing in Support of Culture and Arts Education

Culture and arts education requires diverse stakeholders and interdisciplinary and intersectoral cooperation to ensure the adequate and sustainable resources to advance learning outcomes. This session will share innovative practices that are driving forward accessible and equitable benefits for culture and arts education.

THEMATIC SESSION 6
Partnerships and Financing in Support of Culture and Arts Education
HALL 4 (A)
- Interventions by Ministers
- Interventions by Observers
LIVE RETRANSMISSION HALL 4 (C)

5.30 – 6.30 p.m.
PARALLEL SIDE EVENTS

Digital Arts and Cultural Inclusion: Navigating the Intersection of Technology, Identity, and Dialogue
United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (Japan)
Chulalongkorn School of Integrated Innovation (Thailand), Alef Education, UNESCO Global Taskforce for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages, MarcoPolo700 Foundation
CONFERENCE ROOM CS 1 (FIRST FLOOR)

Culture Pass: An Innovative Policy to Support Learning for Cultural Diversity among Youth
Ministries of Culture of France, United Arab Emirates, Germany, Spain and Singapore
CONFERENCE ROOM B 1 (GROUND FLOOR)

Culture and Arts Education in Africa
CONFERENCE ROOM B 3 (GROUND FLOOR)

Starting at 6.00 p.m.
Dinner
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9.00 – 10.30 a.m. PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS 7
Monitoring, Research and Data

Comprehensive and systematic research and robust data in culture and arts education strengthens evidence-based policy action for meaningful long-term outcomes. This session will discuss the knowledge gaps, as well as the good practices that are catalysing change.

THEMATIC SESSION 7 Monitoring, Research and Data
HALL 4 (A)
- Interventions by Ministers
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10.30 – 11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. CLOSING PLENNARY SESSION
MAIN PLENNARY ROOM
- Report by the Rapporteur
- Report on the Side Events
- Adoption of the UNESCO Framework for Culture and Arts Education
- Closing Remarks

Starting at 12.30 p.m. Lunch
HALL 5