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**To Non-Governmental Organizations,
Official partners of UNESCO**

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Dear Partners,

I write to you in the hope many of you will be able to participate, on 6 March, in the day event "Education, sport and cultural diversity: new attitudes to promote human rights worldwide", organized by the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee in partnership with Secretariat of UNESCO. As you know, ten projects leaders, from five continents, are invited to UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, to present their own success stories with respect to human rights before one thousand young people from all backgrounds between the ages of 18 to 35: youth associations, students, academics, young professionals... I invite you to register online on the website of the Liaison Committee: www.ong-unesco.org and disseminate information among your members. For March, meanwhile, let me inform you of some events organized by UNESCO.

8 March 2014 – International Women's Day, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

On the occasion of this Day among the most important of our annual Calendar, events will be held at UNESCO Headquarters between 5 and 21 March. Among them, a conference with the President of the Association of Native Women of Quebec (on 5 March), a conference on "Equality for Women is Progress for All – Views from the Small Island Developing States (SIDS)" (on 7 March), and an exhibition of paintings, sculptures and photographs of nine cosmopolitan artists, to be inaugurated by the Director-General on 7 March.

On 8 March, UNESCO and other international and regional partners join forces to launch the initiative "Women Make the News (WMN)". This annual global initiative aims at attracting the attention of the international community on issues relating to gender equality in and through the media, at leading discussions on these issues and at encouraging action-oriented solutions until global objectives are met. I encourage NGOs in the field of media to join the events to be organized in the framework of this initiative.

For more information on the events organized to celebrate this Day, I invite you to consult our Calendar of Events: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/all-events/> and if you wish to participate to register from now on (at gender.equality@unesco.org).

Contacts: Ms Saniye Gülser Corat, (gender.equality@unesco.org) and, for « Women Make the News », Mr Alton Grizzle (a.grizzle@unesco.org).

19 March 2014 - L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards for Women in Science,, Paris, France

Five outstanding women scientists, from all over the world, will receive the 2014 L'Oréal-UNESCO Awards in Life Sciences during a ceremony at the Sorbonne University (Paris) chaired by Professor Günter Blobel, Nobel Prize in Medicine.

This awards ceremony will also celebrate fifteen talented young women scientists, pursuing research at the doctoral or post-doctoral level, and who will receive UNESCO-L'Oréal International Fellowships. These fifteen young women scientists will present their research works at a session event to be held on 18 March 2014 at UNESCO Headquarters.

Founded in 1998, the L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science partnership was created to recognize and promote women in science.

You will find more information [under this link](#).
Contact: Ms Sonia Bahri (s.bahri@unesco.org)

21 March 2014 - International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

This year, the celebration of this Day will aim at fostering discussion on the fight against discrimination whilst respecting the individual identity of each and everyone.

How to combat these multiple types of discrimination? How to find, in these different and individual characteristics, signs of equality and recognition of the right to dignity of everyone? These issues will be discussed at a special event to be held at UNESCO in Room XI.

I am sure that many NGOs working in the field of human rights will celebrate this Day and I invite them to share with us the events they organize in order to post them in our site at unesco.int.

To learn more about UNESCO and the fight against racism, discrimination and xenophobia, I invite you to visit our site: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/fight-against-discrimination/>.
Contact: Mr Marcello Scarone Azzi (m.scarone@unesco.org)

21 March 2014 – Launch of the World Water Development Report (WWDR), Tokyo, Japan

The World Water Development Report 2014 (WWDR) - Water and Energy will be launched at the United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan.

Every year, the WWDR provides a comprehensive overview of the state, use and management of the world's freshwater resources. With this latest edition, the flagship report of UN-Water is the first of a new series of shorter thematic reports, concentrating on different strategic water issue each year in conjunction with the United Nations appointed theme of World Water Day (22 March). The Report provides a detailed analysis of the complex interlinkages between water and energy in the context of sustainable development. It describes the potential water-related constraints, challenges, impacts and opportunities related to different type of energy production.

The United Nations World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) is hosted and led by UNESCO, and coordinates the work of 28 UN-Water members and partners in order to issue the World Water Development Report (WWDR).

I am sure that this report will capture the interest of those of you aware of the problems related to water. You will find, [on this site](#), useful information on this Programme.

Contact: Ms Simona Gallese (s.gallese@unesco.org)

26-28 March 2014 - Netexplo Forum 2014, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

Organized with the support of UNESCO, Netexplo Forum 2014 is an opportunity to discover new and emerging trends in the use of digital technology, as well as to meet the creators of these innovations.

The Forum will highlight some of the most promising global innovators in digital technologies today, who are inventing new forms of education, communication, information, solidarity and management around the globe. Their innovations impact on the way the public and private sectors reflect on development, dialogue and diversity, and they influence the elaboration of new strategies and programmes.

As for the 2013 edition of this Forum, I am sure many of you will be present at UNESCO Headquarters to attend this event.

For more information, I invite you to consult the Netexplo site: <http://www.netexplo.org/>

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UNESCO Publications

- The publication *2013/14 Education for All Global Monitoring Report - Teaching and Learning: Achieving quality for all* is available. It describes how policy-makers can support and sustain a quality education system for all children. More information at: http://publishing.unesco.org/details.aspx?&Code_Livre=5018&change=F
- The publication *Holocaust Education in a Global Context* is available at the following address: http://publishing.unesco.org/details.aspx?&Code_Livre=5017&change=E. This volume explores the opportunities that arise from educating about the Holocaust in various cultural contexts and educational settings.
- The publication *Climate change in Africa: A guidebook for journalists* is available at the following address: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002254/225451e.pdf>. Research on public understanding of climate change and surveys of journalists reveal that across Africa the media can and should do more to tell the story of climate change.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the admission of two new organizations partners of UNESCO, namely

- **Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE)**, an NGO based in France, admitted to official partnership with UNESCO (consultative status);
- **AppleSeeds Academy**, an NGO based in Israel, admitted to official partnership with UNESCO (consultative status).

By clicking on their names, you will be redirected to their websites for more information. I welcome them and am happy to extend even further our network of partners.

Yours sincerely,



Eric Falt