

## Conclusion

Building creative capacity and cultural awareness for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is both a difficult and a critical task, but one that cannot be eluded. All forces of society must be engaged in the attempt to ensure that the new generations of this century gain the knowledge and skills and, perhaps even more importantly, the values and attitudes, the ethical principles and the moral directions to become responsible citizens of the world and guarantors of a sustainable future.

Universal education, of good quality, is essential. This education, however, can only be good quality if, through Arts Education, it promotes the insights and perspectives, the creativity and initiative, and the critical reflection and occupational capacities which are so necessary for life in the new century.

It is hoped that this Road Map will be used as a template, a set of overall guidelines for the introduction or promotion of Arts Education; to be adapted – changed and expanded as necessary – to meet the specific contexts of nations and societies around the world.