UNESCO and UN Reform

UNESCO’s proactive involvement in United Nations Reform extends to the global, regional and country levels.

How UNESCO is contributing?

The achievement of the MDGs requires the entire UN system to work coherently together towards a common end. As stated by UNESCO’s Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura, “UNESCO’s comparative advantage within the United Nations system is its ability to respond to complex problems in a comprehensive and substantively appropriate manner through an intersectoral and interdisciplinary approach.”

One of UNESCO’s high priority and main contribution to the MDGs is through its Education for All (EFA) programme.

Common Country Assessment (CCA)

CCAs primarily analyse and address national priorities, needs and implement UN Declarations, Conventions and the MDGs. UNESCO has elaborated a programming tool known as Country Programming Documents (UCPD) that showcases UNESCO’s activities in a particular country.

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

At the UN Millennium Summit, which took place from 6-8 September 2000, in New York, world leaders issued the Millennium Declaration and identified 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Global partnership for development

To measure the progress of MDGs and enforce the date of achievement (2015), 18 targets and 48 indicators, were adopted by consensus by UN agencies and international organizations.
UNESCO’s Participation in Joint UN Country Programming

UNESCO Responds to National Development Objectives, Priorities and Needs

It Advocates Multidisciplinary Expertise and Provides Capacity Building to the UN Joint Programmes

It Underlines Links Between UNESCO Programme Activities with MDGs

BRESCE IN MDG-F AND UN JOINT PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES IN SEE

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One UN – Albania / MDG-F in Albania

UN joint programme on Culture and Development: “Heritage for Social and Economic Development” under “Delivering as One UN” in Albania

On 24 July 2008, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania, Sali Berisha and the Ambassador of Spain to Albania, Manuel Montobbio, signed in Tirana (Albania) the UN joint programme on Culture and Development. It is a $3.3 million programme under the “Delivering as One UN” pilot in Albania funded through the Spain MDG Achievement Fund. The UN joint programme on Culture and Development is implemented by UNESCO, as lead agency, and UNDP, to increase awareness of the importance of Albania’s cultural heritage and its role in Albania’s economic development. The Programme involves safeguarding the country’s archaeological heritage and providing support to Albania’s participation in the UN Alliance of Civilizations. A key feature of the Programme is the reintegration of the National History Museum in Tirana, by transforming it into a modern cultural institution.

Ms. Gulden Turkoz-Cosslett is the UN Resident Coordinator (RC) in Albania. She is responsible for the executive management of the programme and is leader of the UN Country Team (UNCT). The UNRC represents the interest of non resident agencies (NRAs) in the country and supports their programmatic inclusion in the One UN Programme in a transparent and equal manner.
UNDAF Rollout Countries in SEE

UNESCO and UNDAF

The UN World Summit 2005, unanimously confirmed the need to effectively obtain national country level results through the cooperation of UN Country Teams (UNCT).

Non Resident Agencies (NRAs) are part of UNCT. By delivering as one, with one leader, one strategy, one programme and one budget a direct impact on country programming would be attainable.

Strong efforts are being made by the United Nations country teams (UNCT), including UNESCO, to engage in joint programming, i.e. the preparation of plans and programmes by drawing on the competencies of the various United Nations organizations concerned in an interdisciplinary manner.


BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
ANTENNA OFFICE IN SARAJEVO

Recently, the Director General of UNESCO appointed Mr Siniša Sesum as the National Programme Officer in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Antenna Office in Sarajevo. All UNESCO activities in BiH (as well as in other countries of SEE) will be managed through this office.

On 7-9 October 2008, UNESCO participated in the UNDAF Strategic Planning Retreat where UNESCO will be included into the 3 UNDAF pillars: i) Social inclusion; ii) Environment; iii) Governance. UNESCO is also involved in the implementation of MDG-Funds activities. Namely, 2 joint culture projects approved in the Culture and Development Window, “Improving Cultural Understanding in Bosnia and Herzegovina” and the joint project under the Conflict, Prevention and Peace building window “Community Reconciliation through Poverty Reduction” and the environmental joint project “Mainstreaming environmental governance: linking local and national action in Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

UKRAINE

UNESCO will be actively participating in the UNDAF Medium-Term Review of 2006-2010. For more information visit UNDAF in Ukraine

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The UNDAF strategy 2010-2015 for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is to meet the major development challenges it has identified. BRESCE participated in the Plan of Engagement focusing on 3 priorities: (i) social inclusion, (ii) good governance for regional and local development (iii) environment protection. A UNDAF prioritization workshop will take place on 17-19 November 2008.

SERBIA

BRESCE was represented during the UNDAF Design Workshop held in Serbia from 3-8 June 2008.

According to the UNDP Resident Coordinator in Serbia, Mr. L. Clark, “UNDAF is an important exercise in identifying the role of the UN “family” during this transition period… the UN presence in Serbia is transiting towards a more consolidated policy advice role,” which corresponds to UNESCO’s mandate.
SCIENCE & EDUCATION POLICIES

From 18-21 September 2008, the International Conference for the Central and Eastern Europe, Balkans, Caucasus and Baltic States on Science and Education Policies gathered in Chisinau (Moldova) policy makers to develop and enhance collaborations with their counterparts from across the SEE Region.

This conference was a forum for exchanging ideas, experience and achievements with the goal of developing better science and higher education policies.

The Conference focused on:
• Strengthening international impact of national research and education programs;
• Strengthening research in higher education;
• Developing a knowledge-based economy;
• Stemming and reversing brain drain.

5TH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURAL HERITAGE IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

The 5th edition of the Ministerial Conference was organized in collaboration with the Romanian Ministry for Culture and Religious Affairs on 20 September 2008 in Bucharest, Romania.

The principal aim of these annual conferences is to reinforce cooperation for the protection of cultural heritage in South-Eastern Europe and increase public awareness. Cultural heritage is a shared value: a bridge between cultures and communities, from past, to present and to the future. A bridge which highlights constructive cooperation to be undertaken so to foster intercultural dialogue, support human and economic development and to further regional stabilization.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT UNESCO-BRESCE (NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2008)


Club UNESCO Venezia Encounter (in Italian)
Thursday 18 November 2008 “Lo stato di diritto ambientale, internazionale ed europeo”, Prof. A. Abrami Speaker

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEE

BULGARIA: International Training for MAB stakeholders in SEE
The 2008 edition will take place in Bulgaria, from 10-15 November 2008, hosted by the Central Balkan National Park and organised with the support of the Ministry of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria and UNESCO-BRESCE. The aim of this training is to improve and make more effective the potential of biosphere reserves (BRs) and promote local management.