

Dr Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré's report on objectives and strategy as BPW United Nations Standing Committee Member & Lead of the Working Group on Education & Advocacy (2021-2024) - Raïssa Nadia Detien Vodounnou (BENIN); Tiziana Paris (CROATIA); Lisa Fong (HONG KONG SAR); Sylviane Zongo (Burkina Faso) –12 June 2022.



General Objectives:

- Communication and sensitisation of the BPW UN SC members to the values, historic mandate and evolving role of UNESCO as first UN specialised agency to be created for education, science and culture in close alignment with the UN system on education as key enabler to all SDGs and our common agenda.
- Explanation of my role as IFBPW main representative to UNESCO in my capacity of elected member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee for the second time on behalf of IFBPW, with my experience as member of the CCNGO-Education2030 Coordination Group since 2017 and as Past Chair of the ICNGO and NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee presented by IFBPW in my personal capacity.
- Capacity building on the working procedures and mission of UNESCO focusing on education, on the role and actions of IFBPW as NGO in official partnership with UNESCO and our advocacy on SDG 4, 5, 6, 13, 17 in particular but also 8 and 16, at the national, regional and international levels to achieve the 2030 Agenda SDGs and our common agenda .

Capacity building on how to act and advocate through practical ways and means to achieve the following now and in the future:

- Successful applications of projects for UNESCO prizes on our priorities (education, literacy, lifelong learning, girls' and women's empowerment through education to sustainable development and in STEM, ICT, TVET, AI for gender equality) for their inclusion and their leadership in all professional areas including in STI, entrepreneurship and water domain.
- Successful applications to participation programmes with national commissions <https://www.unesco.org/en/member-states-portal/participation-programme>
- Invitations to webinars and calls for contributions to consultations on drafts ahead of meetings and events on education where NGOs are represented at the highest political level of the SDG4's Steering Committee and the Sherpa group through the CCNGO-Education 2030 Coordination group; on education to sustainable development; on the Global Cooperation Mechanism on Education ; on the revision of the 1974 Recommendation <https://www.unesco.org/en/education/1974recommendation>; on the Transforming Education pre-Summit in Paris at UNESCO, and its five Actions-Tracks <https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit/action-tracks>; on the Futures of Education <https://en.unesco.org/futuresofeducation/>

Visibility and recognition of IFBPW and members' projects, and of our local, national and regional advocacy on SDG4 & 5 as crucial to all SDGs and within the UN system, by taking advantage of any opportunity to share and contribute to as IFBPW SC UN so as to act together in cooperation and across sectors, in an intergenerational dialogue, at the local, national and regional levels, as an international NGO official partner of UNESCO and within the UN system.

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Achievements: Sensitisation to and capacity building of the BPW UN SC members on UNESCO's mission and mandate regarding the new Global Cooperation Mechanism on Education and the role Civil Society Organisations, including NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO like IFBPW, can play by their /our advocacy for SDG4 & SDG5 and beyond, across sectors and in view of our common agenda.

Effective empowerment, mobilisation and consultations on the drafts elaborated for the Transformation Education pre-Summit and UN TES (concept note, Action Tracks, Youth Declaration, UN SG's Vision Statement) with contributions from the members of the IFBPW SC UN group on Education and Advocacy at the regional and country levels.

Sharing of invitations and information on UNESCO's and NGO-UNESCO Liason Committee's webinars and events including the webinar on science, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship in support of SDGs led by IFBPW, with the participation of BPW Benin (Women in STEM) and the UN Transformation Education Summit for the Youth & Mobilisation Days which took place on 16th and 17th September, resulting in an intergenerational dialogue between present BPW Youth and seasoned representatives among whom the CCNGO-Education2030 Coordination Group representative to the TES Advisory Committee.

Creation of synergies and mobilisation of IFBPW members at large in cooperation with IFBPW IP, UN VP and IFBPW Young Representative to apply for nominations for the calls of UNESCO Girls' and Women's Education Prize <https://en.unesco.org/themes/women-s-and-girls-education/prize#:~:text=The%20UNESCO%20Prize%20for%20Girls,advance%20girls'%20and%20women's%20education.&text=The%20Director-General%20of%20UNESCO,the%20first%20time%20in%20202016> and for the literacy prize for inclusion <http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes> with the pre-selection of BPW Benin in association with a local NGO.

Next step is to further mobilize and build capacity of IFBPW members to apply for the Education prizes and cooperation with other NGOs and National Commissions, in time to respect the deadlines and the format of the various prizes in line with our main advocacy for gender equality across sectors.



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