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**Assistant Director-General**
**Social and Human Sciences Sector**

To Permanent Delegations to
UNESCO
Cc: National Commissions

26 June 2017

Ref.: SHS/BIO/17/139

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to invite your country to participate, as an observer, in the public meetings of the **10th (Ordinary) Session of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)** and of the **24th (Ordinary) Session of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC)**, which will take place in **Room XI** at **UNESCO Headquarters** in **Paris** (Fontenoy building, entrance: 7, place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris) **from 12 to 13 September 2017**.

You will find herewith the provisional agendas and programme for these sessions, together with a general information leaflet and a registration form. (Online registration is also available at: http://www.unesco.org/bioethics/registration-sep2017.)

The working languages for the sessions will be English and French, with simultaneous interpretation being provided in these two languages. All relevant documents for the sessions will be prepared in these two languages and will be made available on the UNESCO webpage (www.unesco.org/bioethics) prior to the meetings.

If your country is able to accept this invitation, I should be grateful if you would indicate the name(s) and title(s) of your designated representative(s), **preferably by 5 September 2017**, to the Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section, Social and Human Sciences Sector (7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France; tel.: +33 1 45 68 38 57; e-mail: ibc@unesco.org). As is customary for meetings of this category, the travel and accommodation expenses of participants will be borne by the country they represent.

All correspondence concerning this meeting and any request for further information should be addressed to the Bioethics and Ethics of Science Section at the address indicated above.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)

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# 10TH (ORDINARY) SESSION OF THE WORLD COMMISSION ON THE ETHICS OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY OF UNESCO (COMEST)

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 11-15 September 2017[1]

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## Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the 10th (Ordinary) Session of COMEST
2. Progress Report on the UNESCO Bioethics and Ethics of Science Programme
3. Draft Report of COMEST on Robotics Ethics
4. Preliminary Draft Report of COMEST on "Water Ethics: Ocean, Freshwater, Coastal Areas"
5. Global Reflection: Emerging Challenges for Science and Society
6. Brainstorming on the work programme of COMEST for 2018-2019
7. Election of the Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur[2]
8. Conclusions and closure of the 10th (Ordinary) Session of COMEST

[1] Public meetings of the 10th (Ordinary) Session of COMEST will be held in conjunction with the 24th (Ordinary) Session of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) on 12 and 13 September 2017

[2] Item 7 will be dealt with during meetings reserved for the members of COMEST

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# 24TH (ORDINARY) SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF UNESCO (IBC)

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, 11-15 September 2017[1]

## Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the 24th (Ordinary) Session of the IBC
2. Progress Report on the UNESCO Bioethics and Ethics of Science Programme
3. Draft Report of the IBC on the Bioethical Response to the Situation of Refugees
4. Draft Report of the IBC on Big Data and Health
5. Global Reflection: Emerging Challenges for Science and Society
6. Brainstorming on the work programme of the IBC for 2018-2019
7. Election of the Chairperson, four Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur[2]
8. Conclusions and closure of the 24th (Ordinary) Session of the IBC

[1] Public meetings of the 24th (Ordinary) Session of the IBC will be held in conjunction with the 10th (Ordinary) Session of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) on 12 and 13 September 2017

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# 10TH (ORDINARY) SESSION OF THE WORLD COMMISSION ON THE ETHICS OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY OF UNESCO (COMEST)
# and
# 24TH (ORDINARY) SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMITTEE OF UNESCO (IBC)

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# 10EME SESSION (ORDINAIRE) DE LA COMMISSION MODIALE D'ETHIQUE DES CONNAISANCES SCIENTIFIQUES ET DES TECHNOLOGIES DE L'UNESCO (COMEST)
# et
# 24EME SESSION (ORDINAIRE) DU COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE BIOÉTHIQUE DE L'UNESCO (CIB)

**12 – 13 September / septembre**
**UNESCO Headquarters / Siège de l'UNESCO**
**Paris, France**

***Room XI (Fontenoy Building) / Salle XI (bâtiment Fontenoy)***

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME / PROGRAMME PROVISOIRE

SHS/YES/COMEST-10/IBC-24/17/INF.1
31 May/mai 2017
Original: English/français

## Tuesday 12 September 2017 / Mardi 12 septembre 2017

**09h30 – 10h00**

**Welcome coffee / Café d'accueil**

**10h00 – 10h30**

**Opening Ceremony / Cérémonie d'ouverture**

**10h30 – 13h00**

- **Progress Report on the UNESCO Bioethics and Ethics of Science Programme / Rapport d'étape du programme de l'UNESCO sur la bioéthique et l'éthique de la science**

**10h30 – 10h50** Presentation / Présentation

**10h50 – 11h20** Discussion and conclusion / Débat et conclusion

- **Draft Report of COMEST on Robotics Ethics / Projet de rapport de la COMEST sur la robotique éthique**

**11h20 – 11h45** Presentation / Présentation

**11h45 – 12h25** Discussion and conclusion / Débat et conclusion

- **Draft Report of the IBC on Big Data and Health / Projet de rapport du CIB sur les mégadonnées et la santé**

**12h25 – 12h50** Presentation / Présentation

**12h50 – 13h00** Discussion / Débat

***13h00 – 14h30***

***Lunch break / Pause déjeuner***

**14h30 – 17h30**

- **Draft Report of the IBC on Big Data and Health / Projet de rapport du CIB sur les mégadonnées et la santé**

**14h30 – 15h00** Discussion and conclusion / Débat et conclusion

- **Draft Report of the IBC on the Bioethical Response to the Situation of Refugees / Projet de rapport du CIB sur la réponse bioéthique à la situation des réfugiés**

**15h00 – 15h25** Presentation / Présentation

**15h25 – 16h05** Discussion / Débat

***16h05 – 16h25***

***Coffee break / Pause café***

- **Preliminary Draft Report of COMEST on "Water Ethics: Ocean, Freshwater, Coastal Areas" / Projet préliminaire de rapport de la COMEST sur « L'éthique de l'eau : océans, eau douce, zones côtières »**

**16h25 – 16h50** Presentation / Présentation

**16h50 – 17h30** Discussion and conclusion / Débat et conclusion

## Wednesday 13 September 2017 / Mercredi 13 septembre 2017

**09h30 – 10h00**

**Morning coffee / Café du matin**

**10h00 – 12h00**

- **Global Reflection: Emerging Challenges for Science and Society / Réflexion globale: défis émergents pour la science et la société**

**10h00 – 10h15** Presentation / Présentation

**10h15 – 10h50** Discussion / Débat

- **Brainstorming on the work programme of COMEST for 2018-2019 / Brainstorming sur le programme de travail de la COMEST pour 2018-2019**

**10h50 – 11h05** Presentation / Présentation

**11h05 – 11h20** Discussion / Débat

- **Brainstorming on the work programme of the IBC for 2018-2019 / Brainstorming sur le programme de travail du CIB pour 2018-2019**

**11h20 – 11h15** Presentation / Présentation

**11h15 – 11h50** Discussion / Débat

**11h50 – 12h00**

**Closing Ceremony / Cérémonie de clôture**

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12-13 September 2017

# General Information

## DATES AND VENUE

- The public meetings of the **10th (Ordinary) Session of COMEST and the 24th (Ordinary) Session of the IBC** will be held on **12 and 13 September 2017.**
- **Venue:** UNESCO Headquarters (Room XI – Fontenoy building)
  Entrance: 7, Place de Fontenoy - Paris 7
  Metro station: Ségur or Cambronne
  *(See street plan attached)*

## REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND RECEPTION SERVICE

- In order to participate in the meetings, please return the enclosed registration form, duly completed, to the UNESCO Secretariat **preferably before 5 September 2017**. Alternatively, participants can also opt to complete an online registration form at: http://www.unesco.org/bioethics/registration-sep2017.
- Participants are requested to sign in at the entrance on Tuesday, 12 September from 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in order to obtain a badge for the meetings. Because of security measures in force at UNESCO, all participants will be required to pass through the security check at the entrance before proceeding to Room XI. All participants must also wear their badges throughout the meetings to facilitate identification.
- Participants are also requested to register at the Conference Desk in front of Room XI prior to the meetings. Upon registration, participants will receive a complete set of documents and any other relevant documentation. A welcome coffee will also be provided during the morning of 12 September.

## WORKING HOURS

- Opening of the public meetings of the **10th (Ordinary) Session of COMEST** and the **24th (Ordinary) Session of the IBC**: **10 a.m. on 12 September 2017**.
- Working hours will normally be: **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and **2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.** on **Tuesday (12 September)**; and **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** on **Wednesday (13 September)**. Participants will be notified of any change in this schedule.

## WORKING LANGUAGES AND INTERPRETATION

- The working languages will be English and French and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in these two languages.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS

- As far as possible, the working documents will be available in English and French before the meetings on the Internet at the following address: *www.unesco.org/bioethics.* All other documents will be distributed at the time of registration.
- The Secretariat alone is authorized to distribute documents during the meetings.
- Participants are reminded that the Secretariat will not be able to type, translate or reproduce documents other than those that have a direct bearing on the meetings. If participants wish to have their intervention made available in printed form, they are kindly requested to bring sufficient typed copies with them. A special desk for this purpose will be available in front of the meeting room.

## ON-SITE FACILITIES

- A bank, cash machine, medical centre and newspaper stand can be found at the meeting venue.
- A restaurant and two cafeterias are located within UNESCO Headquarters. There are a number of restaurants and cafés within walking distance of UNESCO.

## ENTRY FORMALITIES FOR FRANCE

- For citizens of the European Union, a valid passport or identity card is required to enter French territory. For citizens of other countries, please contact your nearest French embassy or consulate for detailed information.

## ARRIVAL

- Participants travelling by air can reach the city by:

  **Taxi**: from Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (50–55€) and from Orly Airport (30–35€)
  **Shuttle bus**: from Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport (17€) and from Orly Airport (12€)
  **Train (RER)**: (around 10€)
- Participants are advised to consult their travel agency or airline for all information concerning customs regulations on entering France.

## CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

- The national currency is the Euro (€). In June 2017 one US dollar was equal to approximately 0.893 €. *(This rate is subject to fluctuation and may be modified without prior warning.)*

## CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

- The average minimum/maximum temperatures in Paris in September range from 8° to 15°C (46°/59°F). The weather can vary from sunny to cool, even chilly, nights. Formal attire is suggested for all official events.

## ACCOMMODATION

- Below is a selection of hotels close to UNESCO. Participants are invited to contact the hotel of their choice **directly**. Prices are quoted in Euros and fluctuations are possible. In order to benefit from a preferential rate, if applicable, the reference UNESCO should be given. **Under no condition can the Secretariat be responsible for hotel reservations**.

## TRANSPORT

- All hotels listed below are in the vicinity of UNESCO. Information concerning transport may be obtained from hotel reception desks.

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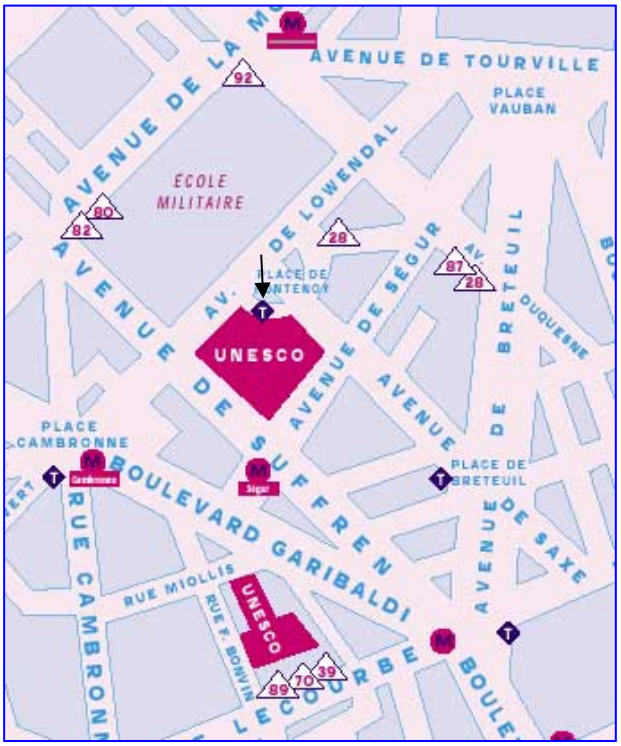


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# LIST OF HOTELS NEAR UNESCO

| HOTEL | CATEGORY | DAILY RATE | |
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| **Hôtel Eiffel Segur**<br>34, boulevard Garibaldi<br>Tel.: +33 1 43 06 60 50<br>Web: paris-hotel-eiffel-segur.com<br>Email: reservation@paris-hotel-eiffel-segur.com | ★★★ | 135 €<br>(taxes included)<br>(breakfast 12€ per person, per day) | 145 €<br>(taxes included)<br>(breakfast 12€ per person,<br>per day) |
| **Hôtel Le Bailli de Suffren**<br>149, avenue de Suffren<br>Tel.: +33 1 56 58 64 64<br>Web: www.lebailliparis.com<br>Email: contact@lebailliparis.com | ★★★ | 139 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person, per day)<br>(breakfast included) | 145 €<br>(taxes 3,30€ for two persons,<br>per day)<br>(breakfast included) |
| **Duquesne Eiffel Hotel**<br>23, avenue Duquesne<br>Tel : +33 1 44 42 09 09<br>Web: www.hotel-duquesne-eiffel-paris.com<br>Email: hotel@hde.fr | ★★★ | Standard 149 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person, per day )<br>(breakfast included) | Standard 169 €<br>(taxes 3,30€ for two persons,<br>per day )<br>(breakfast included) |
| **Hôtel Grenelle, Paris Tour Eiffel**<br>140-142, boulevard de Grenelle<br>Tel.: +33 1 45 75 26 54<br>Web: www.hotelgrenelle.com<br>Email: contact@hotelgrenelle.com | ★★★ | 110 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person, per day)<br>(breakfast 9.50€ per person, per day) | 130 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person, per day)<br>(breakfast 9.50€ per person, per day) |
| **Hôtel le Walt**<br>37, avenue de la Motte Picquet<br>Tel.: +33 1 45 51 55 83<br>Web: www.lewaltparis.com<br>Email: lewalt@inwood-hotels.com | ★★★★ | 189 €<br>(taxes 2,48€ per person, per day)<br>(breakfast included) | 249 €<br>(taxes 2,48€ per person,<br>per day)<br>(breakfast inculed) |
| **Hôtel Eiffel Seine**<br>3, boulevard de Grenelle<br>Tel.: +33 1 45 78 14 81<br>Web: www.eiffelseine.com<br>Email: contact@eiffelseine.com | ★★★ | Classic 150 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person,<br>per day)<br>(breakfast included) | Classic 165 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person,<br>per day)<br>(breakfast included) |
| **Hôtel Baldi**<br>42, boulevard Garibaldi<br>Tel.: +33 1 47 83 20 10<br>Web: www.baldi-paris-hotel.com<br>Email: hotel.baldi@wanadoo.fr | ★★★ | 105 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person, per day)<br>(breakfast 12€) | Standard 115 €<br>Deluxe 130 €<br>Twin (2 beds) 135 €<br>(taxes 1,65€ per person, per day)<br>(breakfast 12€) |
| **Hôtel VIC Eiffel**<br>92, boulevard Garibaldi<br>Tel.: +33 1 53 86 83 83<br>Web: www.hotelviceiffel.com<br>Email: contact@viceiffel.com | ★★★ | 144 €<br>(taxes and breakfast included) | 154 €<br>(taxes and breakfast included) |

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# *Registration Form*

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