# 40th Session - UNESCO General Conference
## Delegates Information Bureau

## Education Commission

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<td>Mr. Shafqat MAHMOOD (Minister of Education, Professional Training and Heritage)</td>
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## Summary of Debate(s)

**Items examined**
- Election of Chair, 2 Vice-Chairs and the Rapporteur
- Organization of the work of the Commission and adoption of the timetable of work
  - Item 3.1: Preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4)
  - Item 3.2: Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 (41 C/5)
  - Item 4.2: Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 Part. II.A: Major Programme I - Education

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**Related documents**
- 40 C/NOM/1 and Add.
- 40 C/COM.ED/1 Prov.
- 40 C/11
- 40 C/INF.18
- 40 C/7
- 40 C/5
- 40 C/6 and Addendum

**DRs examined**

**Countries that took floor**
- Uganda, Kenya, Canada, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Norway, France, Germany, Russian Federation, Denmark, Latvia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Belgium, People's Republic of China, Iceland, Netherlands, Bhutan, Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Ghana, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, India, Austria, Turkey and Poland

**Summary of debate**

1. The Commission approved the proposals submitted by the Nominations Committee for the offices of:
   - Chairperson (Mr Shafqat Mahmood, Pakistan),
   - Vice-Chairpersons (Mr Gbovadeh G. Gbilia, Liberia & Ms Fawziya Al Khater, Qatar)
   - Rapporteur (Ms Kasan Troupe, Jamaica).

2. Following the Chairperson’s opening remarks, the Commission adopted the timetable of work without amendments.

3. The Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning, Mr Jean-Yves Le Saux, presented the Preparation of the Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4) and Draft Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 (41 C/5). The Assistant Director-General for Education, Ms Stefania Giannini, also presented on these two items as well as on UNESCO’s Programme and Budget for 2020 – 2021 (40 C/5) – Major Programme I.

4. This was followed by a debate in which 26 Member States took the floor. The session was adjourned at 1:05pm
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**Items to be examined**

**Debate 1 continued**
- Item 3.1: Preparation of the Draft Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 (41 C/4)
- Item 3.2: Preparation of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 (41 C/5)
- Item 4.2: Consideration and adoption of the Draft Programme and Budget for 2020-2021 Part. II.A: Major Programme I - Education

**Debate 2**
- Item 8.1: Final Progress report and draft text of the Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education

**Debate 3**
- Item 5.18: UNESCO’s global/regional coordination of and support for the implementation of SDG 4 – Education 2030
- Item 5.11: UNESCO Strategy for Youth and Adult Literacy (2020 - 2025)
- Item 5.9: Framework for the implementation of ESD beyond 2019
- Item 5.36: Contribution of the Earth Charter to UNESCO activities concerning ESD

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**Related documents**

- **Debate 1**
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  - 40 C/6 and Addendum

- **Debate 2**
  - 40 C/31

- **Debate 3**
  - 40 C/61
  - 40 C/23
  - 40 C/80

**DRs to be examined**

- 40 C/DR.1