

Are there activities, issues or themes which you consider should be terminated or abandoned in view of their limited impact or their marginal relevance for the Organization's mandate?

Would you favour the introduction of a sunset clause for programme activities? If so, how should it be applied?

Interdisciplinarity

39. With a view to strengthening **interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary action**, \$10.4 million have been allocated in the 32 C/5 for projects related to the two cross-cutting themes identified in the Medium-Term Strategy (31 C/4). The selection of these cross-cutting theme projects, prepared by a mandatory involvement of three or more sectors/offices, was – as was the case for the 31 C/5 Approved – the result of a competitive process at the Secretariat level, drawing on Headquarters and the field alike. The 41 **cross-cutting projects** contained in the 32 C/5 Approved (19 pertaining to poverty eradication and 22 related to the contribution of ICTs to the construction of knowledge societies) offer a sample of action that the Organization can deploy in pursuit of the two objectives. These projects are clearly not the only intersectoral action by the Organization, but are complemented by other intersectoral initiatives, some of which have been addressed in earlier portions of this questionnaire, such as the new joint main lines of action introduced for the first time in the 32 C/5.

Are the strategies for the two cross-cutting themes of the 31 C/4 sufficiently well reflected in the range of projects selected and included in document 32 C/5 Approved?

If not, what other approaches should be pursued to attain their objectives better? What measures should be adopted, in your opinion, to ensure the effective integration of these themes/strategies into the Organization's programmes?

Overall, do you feel that 32 C/5 Approved contains a sufficient degree of intersectoral activities and efforts? If not, where would you call for strengthening and more pronounced initiatives?

Do you support in 33 C/5 a renewed allocation of resources for projects pertaining to the two cross-cutting themes? Do you favour a continuation and intensification of joint main lines of action and in which areas?

Mainstreaming

40. Beginning with document 31 C/4, a new approach had been introduced, abandoning the concept of priority themes and groups and replacing it with the **mainstreaming approach**. Accordingly, the needs of Africa, the least developed countries (LDCs), women and youth are now to be mainstreamed throughout all programmes in the C/5 documents, throughout the period 2002-2007. This implies that the demands emanating from these groups must be addressed by all sectors in all their programmes. In addition, as envisaged in the 31 C/4, throughout all UNESCO's efforts, there will be a special focus on the **needs of disadvantaged and excluded groups** and the most vulnerable segments of society. Likewise, the Organization is committed to promote a culture of peace, especially in the context of its role as lead agency for the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for Children of the World (2001-2010) and in the follow-up to 31 C/Resolution 39 of the General Conference.