

UNESCO's Proposal for the ECOSOC Innovation Fair



UNESCO's contribution to the fair will be through an exhibition presenting the result of 22 anti-poverty projects. These Projects have been implemented all over the world involving education, culture, natural sciences, social and human sciences, communication and information as a tool to combat poverty.

All the projects are innovative in terms of their content: they all address issues relevant to poverty eradication, advancing innovative solutions which are worthy of inclusion in the public policies.

We suggest that the following is presented:

- 1- A bilingual (EN/FR) photo exhibition on the 5 year implementation of the programme, that was displayed in Paris, Bragua (Portugal) , Venice (Italy) and will be translated into Portuguese by the Portuguese national Commission to UNESCO for African Portuguese speaking countries;
- 2- A 25mm film on the same theme (EN/FR);
- 3- Brochures and publications;
- 4- We can also present our contribution to one of the panels;
- 5- Display films continuously on specific projects (including the ICT and poverty eradication mentioned by the Communication).

What type of innovative approaches/projects/products should be show-cased?

The innovative approaches/tools/projects to be show-cased at the fair should focus on the following thematic areas:

- Increasing incomes and make markets work for the poor: through the projects entitled:
 1. " Enhancing the socio-economic skills of deprived youth in the Arab States"
 2. " Integrating science and technology into micro-finance schemes: from subsistence living to small-scale enterprises"
 3. "Development of cultural and eco-tourism in the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia"

- Ensuring access to infrastructure for the poor: through the projects entitled:
 1. "Forging innovative and interdisciplinary approaches in the Aral Sea Basin"
 2. "Indigenous building technologies in Central Asia and Afghanistan"

- Building skills, business linkages and employment opportunities for the poor: through the projects entitled
 1. " Enhancing the socio-economic skills of deprived youth in the Arab States"
 2. " Integrating science and technology into micro-finance schemes: from subsistence living to small-scale enterprises"

3. "Youth Poverty alleviation through tourism and heritage - YOUTHPATH -"
 4. "Handicraft as a socio-economic and cultural development factor"
 5. "Breaking the poverty cycle of women: empowering adolescents girls to become agents of social transformation in South Asia"
 6. "Urban poverty alleviation among young and female migrants in China and Mongolia"
 7. "The Sahara of cultures and peoples"
- Increasing the agricultural productivity of food-insecure farmers: through the project
 1. "Forging innovative and interdisciplinary approaches in the Aral Sea Basin"
 - Improving health conditions: through the project entitled
 1. "Universities in solidarity for the health of the disadvantaged –UNISOL–"
 - Restoring and conserving natural resources essential for food security: through the projects entitled
 1. "Local and indigenous knowledge systems –LINKS- in a global society"
 2. "Forging innovative and interdisciplinary approaches in the Aral Sea Basin"
 3. "Non-formal education and environmental management for indigenous communities in Indonesia"
 - Policy /research linkages: through the projects entitled
 1. "Contributing to the eradication of poverty by strengthening human security in Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Senegal"
 2. "Small Grants Programme on poverty eradication: building national capacities for research and policy analysis"
 3. "Fighting human trafficking in Africa"

Participation process

For each project the pages requested are enclosed in the press kit (see website <http://www.unesco.org/shs/poverty>, then click [Press kit on UNESCO's Programme on the Eradication of Poverty](#) to get the description of each project and innovative aspect of it , 2 pages each)

The following information is enclosed in the press kit:

1. Name of the approach/tool/project: intersectoral approach to poverty eradication through the rights-based approach and multidisciplinary approach;
2. Description of the approach/tool/project description (methodology, techniques and strategies used);
3. Implementation methodologies;
4. What is innovative about this approach/tool/project;
5. Evidence of results and impact;
6. Costs associated with the development of the approach/tool/project and/or its implementation; and
7. Contact information.