

Dear Secretaries-General,

We are pleased to invite you and your programme specialists to the digital Zoom event **Seminar of and for National Commissions on monitoring the 2017 UNESCO Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers (RSSR)**
8 Sep 2025, 1.00-3.00 pm (Paris time // UTC+2).

The seminar is co-hosted by the National Commissions for UNESCO of Germany and the Philippines in cooperation with the UNESCO Secretariat (SHS).

The event will be held in English; however, we are currently in the process of arranging simultaneous translation of it into French.

In this seminar, we will address the ongoing monitoring process on the 2017 UNESCO Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers (RSSR). In particular, we will focus on **mutual learning about the diverse processes and approaches that were chosen by distinct Member States, their results and the potential effects of the country reports.** The seminar intends to **share good practices, and inspire future action** of Member States, which also includes UNESCO Recommendations administered across sectors.

Several National Commissions of all regions will present their experiences with and contributions to the national reports on the implementation of the 2017 Recommendation, be it by hosting consultations or by coordinating the collection of data and/or the formulation of the national re-ports. We will exchange ideas on **how to best integrate the civil society / scientific community's voice in the reports.** We will also discuss how to use the process and the results of the national reports for **further promoting the UNESCO RSSR on a national level.** Furthermore, we will discuss **what else National Commissions can do to effectively support the monitoring and implementation of the RSSR and other UNESCO Recommendations.**

The UNESCO Secretariat (SHS) will present some **results of the analysis of the country reports,** how these results support the consultation process and what specific international activities they potentially contribute to. The Secretariat will also report on how the monitoring of the recommendation and the **development of the Assessment Tool on the freedom and safety of scientists** can be mutually beneficial.

We look forward to welcoming you and ask you to register via this link by 4 September 2025: https://unesco-de.zoom.us/meeting/register/wP0g_Wq7R--kPX9-HhpHzg#/registration
More information can be found in the attached document. Please do not hesitate to address us in case of any questions.

Sincerely,

German Commission for UNESCO, on behalf of the co-organizers