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# Commemoration event of the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher- Education Teaching Personnel

## Programme

**University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Tuesday 31 October 2017**

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1997 UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel. Although the Recommendation has been in existence for two decades, it remains largely unknown and barely implemented. Recently, fundamental principles of the 1997 Recommendation such as tenure, academic freedom, self-governance and collegiality, have been challenged in unprecedented ways across the world. In order to draw governments and key stakeholders' attention, including higher education institutions, to this important standard setting instrument and to discuss practical measures for its implementation, Education International is organizing a special Commemoration event in Paris on the margins of the General Conference of UNESCO. The Commemoration event will take place at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France, on Tuesday 31 October 2017, from 16:15 to 18:15, followed by a reception.

## PROGRAMME

- 16:00      ***Registration and welcome coffee/tea***
- 16:15      ***Welcome and introductory remarks***  
 Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary, Education International  
 George Haddad, President, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- 16: 30      ***Presentation of findings of EI study on implementation of 1997  
 Recommendation***  
 Nelly Stromquist, Professor, International Education Policy, University of  
 Maryland  
 Discussant: David Dzatsunga, President, COLAZ/Zimbabwe
- 16:50      High Level Panel Moderated by David Robinson, CAUT Executive Director  
***Working together to protect and promote the status of Higher Education  
 personnel***
  - Qian Tang, Assistant Director General for Education, UNESCO
  - Monique Fouilhoux, EI Consultant and Chair, Global Campaign for  
 Education
  - Cyril Cosme, Director, International Labour Organisation, Paris  
 Office
  - Beatrice Avalos, CEART member and Centre for Advanced  
 Research in Education (CIAE), University of Chile
  - Gustav Fridolin, Minister of Education, Sweden (TBC)
- 17:45      ***Discussion***
- 18:10      ***Closing remarks***
- 18:15      ***Reception***

