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- \$653M the total budget for the 2010-2011 biennium, in \$US, representing a 3.5% increase over the previous biennium;
- \$118M the budget for Education, representing an 8.8 per cent nominal increase – or 4 per cent real growth - as Education continues to be UNESCO's top priority;
- \$59M the budget for the Natural Sciences;
- \$53M the budget for Culture;
- \$33M the budget for Communication and Information;
- \$30M the budget for the Social and Human Sciences;
- 3000 the total number of participants;
- 260 the number of ministers and deputy ministers from all countries who attended;
- 200 the number of Member States (193) and Associate Member States (7) as the Faroe Islands became the 7th Associate Member State thereby giving UNESCO more members than any other United Nations Organization;
- 187 the number of participants at the Youth Forum consisting of 127 youth delegates from 88 Member States, including two Canadian youth and a youth from St. Kitts and Nevis sponsored by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, and 60 observers from international organizations and NGOs;
- 166 the number of votes received out of 173 ballots cast electing Irene Bokova as Director-General of UNESCO for a four-year term;
- 70 the number of Ministers of Education who participated in the Ministerial Round Table structured around three themes: "Knowledge, values, competencies and skills for today's and tomorrow's societies"; "Building education systems that are inclusive, equitable, of high quality and supportive of sustainable development; "Promoting changes in policies and practices: the way forward";

- 32 the number of Ministers who attended the first Ministerial Round Table on Oceans focusing on ocean governance in the context of the 50th anniversary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission in 2010;
- 31 the number of newly-elected Member States to the 58 member Executive Board;
- 22 the number of Category 2 UNESCO Institutes and Centres to be established: 2 in Education, 9 in the Natural Sciences, 1 in the Social and Human Sciences, and 10 in Culture;
- 8 the number of Heads of State and Government who addressed the Plenary: the Presidents of Montenegro, Turkey, Seychelles, Zanzibar (United Republic of Tanzania), Djibouti, and Senegal, and the Prime Ministers of Malaysia and Bahrain;
- 3 the number of ministerial roundtables - one on education and one on oceans, and a ministerial forum that addressed “Investing out of the crisis and maintaining progress towards internationally agreed development goals (IADGs), including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – through action in education, the sciences, culture and communication and information” and “Shaping UNESCO for the next decade as an effective multilateral actor, including in pursuit of international goals and United Nations reform”;
- 2 the number of Canadian Ministers of Education who attended: The Honourable Diane McGifford, Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy, Manitoba, and President of the Council of Ministers of Education (Canada), and Michelle Courchesne, Minister of Education, Leisure and Sport, Québec;
- 2 the number of “firsts” as Irina Bokova (Bulgaria) is elected the first woman Director-General of UNESCO and the first representative of Eastern Europe to be named to the post;
- 2 the number of standard-setting instruments to be developed during the next two years: 1) Declaration on Ethics Principles in Relation to Climate Change - subject to a positive recommendation of the feasibility study and approval by the Executive Board in October 2010; and, 2) Recommendation on the Conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape;
- 1 representative of the Head of State as Governor-General Michaëlle Jean spoke to a special session of the Executive Board and inaugurated the inter-sectoral exhibition “Cultures and Development” organized at UNESCO for the duration of the General Conference.