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- The ceremony for the 2020 Carlos J. Finlay UNESCO Prize for Microbiology will take place from 13:00 to 14:30 at Room X and is followed by a reception from 14:30 - 15:30 at Bar des Conferences. This a biennial scientific prize was established by the Government of Cuba together with UNESCO to acknowledge the importance of microbiology for human health and to honour one of the most important microbiologists in history. Finlay was a Cuban epidemiologist who made an outstanding contribution in the field of microbiology, specifically on yellow fever. The prize is awarded in odd years during the UNESCO General Conference and since the first prize in 1980, it rewards the efforts of individuals, or institutions, non-governmental organizations, or other entities, which through research and development, have made an outstanding contribution to the field of microbiology and its applications. Through awarding this prize, the Government of Cuba and UNESCO aim to encourage research and development of Microbiology.
- The Fit for Life Official Launch Event will take place from 13:15 to 15:00 at the Restaurant on the 7th floor. "Fit for Life" is designed to accelerate COVID-19 recovery and enhance the well-being of youth through smart investments in sport as a driver of health, education and equality outcomes from policy to practice. This side event presents a unique opportunity to learn about the planned activities within "Fit for Life", as well as emergent findings from UNESCO's survey on quality physical education. Representatives of Member States, athletes, young leaders and high-level personalities will be invited to provide testimonials on the power of sport and to engage in a series of panel discussions. Member States and interested partners will learn how they can join this new initiative.
- The Award Ceremony of the 2021 edition of the UNESCO-Russia Mendeleev International Prize in the Basic Sciences will take place from 19:30 to 21:00 in Room I and [webcast will be available](#). This award was established as a follow-up of the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements in 2019 to foster scientific progress, science popularization and international cooperation in the basic sciences. It honours the remarkable scientific heritage of Dimitri Mendeleev, father of the Periodic Table, whose work was fundamental to the development of

chemistry, physics, biology, aeronautics, hydrodynamics, meteorology and astronomy as well as what is now termed sustainable development.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 16 November 2021

- The event Climate vulnerability and water resilience in Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) will take place from 13:00 to 15:00, online. Organized by the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) in collaboration with the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Unit of UNESCO and the University of Southampton, this event will provide the opportunity for synergies between academics, professionals, and decision makers in the water sector to discuss about the vulnerabilities to hydroclimatic hazards in SIDS and explore pathways to resilience. Additionally, it will contribute to develop an implementation plan for climate adaptation in SIDS within the framework of the IHP IX (2022-2029) "Science for a Water Secure World in a Changing Environment". It will also enhance UNESCO's contribution to the SAMOA Pathway and support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDGs 6 (water) and 13 (climate action) as well as the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction.
- The event South-South Cooperation Initiative on Freedom of Expression, Access to Information and Safety of Journalists for Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa, will take place from 13:00 to 13:30 in Room X. It will highlight the activities that will be implemented in 2022 under the framework of the South-South cooperation strategy developed with the Brazilian Nationa

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