

## **Languages Service Sectoral Assembly (LSSA) Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Bureau\***

Held via videoconference on Thursday, 16 December 2021, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Attendees:** Joanna Bartlett (ETS), Asma Belfalah (ATS), Jianjun Chen (CTS), Pauline Escalante (EDPU), Alexandra Gigant (FTS), Pablo González Silva (STS), Laura Johnson (President), Lyndsay Nash (ES) and Kristina Redesha (RTS)

### **Main topics discussed**

- **“Vision for the future” planned for ETES in New York:** The Vision was presented to ETES in November 2021. At a meeting with ES at UNOG, Michelle Keating confirmed that the Geneva budget for 2023 would not contain a similar proposal. This does not necessarily mean the idea has gone away forever. Managers need to understand how UNOG editors/translators work and how this differs from what happens at UNHQ.  
**Action:** LSSA President to circulate Vision PDF file to all LS staff and ask them to send any concerns to their Section/Unit reps. President to raise staff concerns with Michelle Keating in the new year and seek clarification of whether the “review of TPUs” mentioned in the file refers to the review already completed or a second review yet to be conducted. President to inform staff representatives in Vienna and Nairobi about the Vision.
- **Global townhall for LS staff:** Approximately 1/3 of global LS staff attended on 7 December. Following the meeting, staff representatives from all four Duty Stations signed a letter which was sent on 16 December to Movses Abelian and Cherith Norman Chalet and copied to Cecilia Elizalde, Kira Kruglikova, Michelle Keating, Ahed Sboul and Shivona Tavares-Walsh. Staff representatives will share the letter with all LS staff.
- **Task force on reprise:** Movses Abelian has neither approved nor rejected the proposal to form a management task force on reprise.  
**Action:** LSSA President to reiterate call for volunteers to form a staff-led task force on reprise.
- **DPU global macro:** DPU staff would like to know if there are plans to use the New York macros definitively at UNOG and replace the current macros in place..  
**Action:** LSSA President to raise the issue with Michelle Keating.

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