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## **Congratulatory press release to Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO**

Suay Aksoy, President of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), sends her warmest congratulations to Audrey Azoulay for her election as UNESCO Director General and her best wishes for success in fulfilling her mission. She praises the work done by Irina Bokova during her two terms.

She supports Audrey Azoulay's desire to make education a catalyst for development and equality, and to reinstate its cultural ambition as an element of emancipation and the fight against obscurantism.

The International Council of Museums (ICOM), created in 1946 alongside UNESCO as the worldwide non-governmental organisation of museums and museum professionals, shares the same universal and humanistic values of culture and education.

The role of museums as mediators among individuals, societies, nations and communities makes them powerful agents of cultural diplomacy and intercultural dialogue.

ICOM will continue to work for the fulfillment of their common objectives of communicating, promoting and protecting the natural and cultural heritage, present and future, tangible and intangible.