

UNESCO to launch precious coins and medallions collection highlighting its activities



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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (<u>UNESCO</u>) today announced it will launch a new collection of precious coins and medallions highlighting the agency's activities and achievements.

The collection will be launched in conjunction with one of the world's leading precious metals refiners, PAMP S.A. (*Produits Artistiques Métaux Précieux*), which was chosen as a partner following an international selection process.

According to a <u>news release</u> issued by UNESCO, the new collection will build on the success of the World Heritage coins and medallions minted in individual countries and featuring monuments and sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List, such as Venice, Saint Petersburg, Machu Picchu, Borobudur, Abu Simbel and the Victoria Falls National Park/Mosi-oa-Tunya.

UNESCO is encouraging its 195 Member States to join the new programme and produce coins and medallions, as part of the collection, for their country. The first ones are scheduled for release at the end of this year.

The collection will celebrate UNESCO's activities and achievements in education, science, culture and communication, official events, anniversaries, international days, years and decades. The items will be minted in gold, silver, bronze and base metals, and will be presented in a web catalogue and made available through a distribution network in participating countries.

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