

# Board of the Centre

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## SIXTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

### Administrative questions

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#### I. Introduction

1. The Centre continued to strengthen its governance, operational efficiency and institutional sustainability throughout 2026. Significant progress was made in risk management, business continuity planning, procurement governance and the implementation of audit recommendations. A revised Business Continuity Plan was approved, strengthening institutional preparedness and resilience in an increasingly complex operating environment.
2. In line with the Centre's broader digital transformation priorities, work in 2026 focused on simplifying processes before automating them, improving the participant and learner journey, strengthening data quality and governance, and ensuring that digital services, cybersecurity and responsible AI use support the Centre's mandate in a secure and proportionate manner.

#### II. Infrastructural projects

3. Renovation works for Americas 2 and Italy Pavilions are ongoing together with City of Turin and UNSSC, with construction having started this year. The Centre is on track with project completion timeline in late 2027 and early 2028 respectively. Discussions have commenced with UNICRI and Government of Italy on the renovation of UNICRI Pavilion, including preparation of the MOU with an expected start date of 2027.

#### III. Health and Safety

4. Staff and participants' health, safety and well-being remained a priority throughout 2026. Ongoing investments in the safety of buildings and infrastructure have been financed through the Campus Improvement Fund. These investments include upgrades to fire detection and suppression systems, safe access to the pavilion roofs, and modern changing rooms for the catering staff. As well, the emergency lighting system in Americas 1 Pavilion has been completely upgraded.

#### IV. Security and cybersecurity

5. The migration of the Campus access control system is complete, resulting in a system which is not only faster, but also more capable, powerful, reliable and efficient. The entire system is now updated with cutting-edge technological aspects. Completion of

this upgrade resulted in no disruption to campus activities and operations nor inconvenience to personnel or participants.

6. Cybersecurity and digital resilience remained major areas of attention. Bureau Veritas confirmed the Centre's ISO 27001 certification at the end of June 2026, confirming the continued operation of the Centre's information security management system. To further strengthen cybersecurity capacity, the Centre has decided to rely on specialized services from the United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC). This support will reinforce cybersecurity governance, risk management, monitoring, incident preparedness and alignment with UN system good practices.
7. Cybersecurity matters are also regularly discussed with the UN Security Management Team as well as with the United Nations Digital and Technology Network (UN-DTN). The Centre actively participates in the yearly UN cybersecurity baseline reviews, which help address maturity levels ensuring that relevant standards are adequately considered in the Centre's policies and measures.

## V. Environmental sustainability

8. The Centre continued its annual action plan concerning eco-sustainability issues. Environmental Inventory and Reports were produced and submitted to the UNEP / Greening the Blue Initiative. Unavoidable emissions were neutralized by procuring carbon offsets. The annual process for maintaining the Centre's Green Flag status awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education was successfully completed. Several smaller scale yet significant projects have been implemented to expand the electric vehicle charging infrastructure and promote sustainable mobility practices.
9. All building projects currently being developed under the Campus Renovation Programme incorporate LEED building certification requirements and the highest standards of environmental sustainability, with a view to creating future-oriented, sustainable working environments.