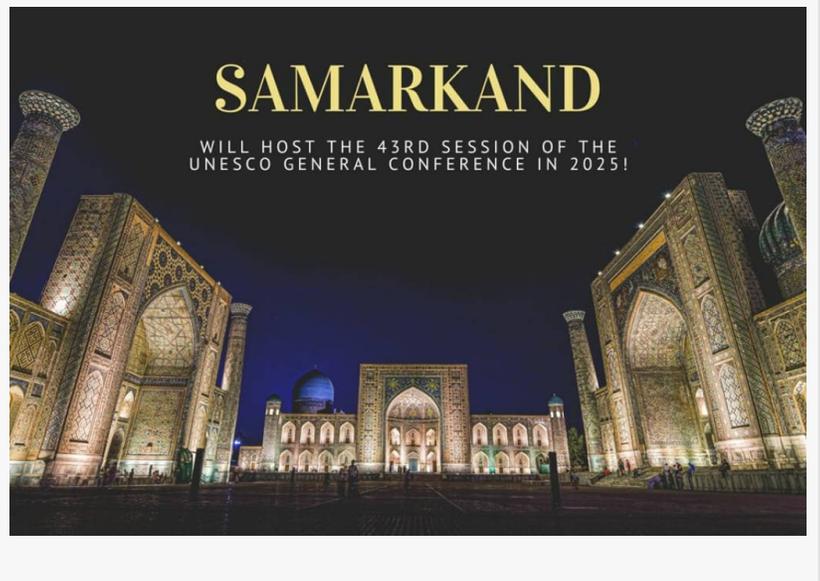


Samarkand – At the Crossroads of World Heritage: UNESCO’s 43rd General Conference as a Historic Turning Point

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TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN, October 29, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For the first time in its history, UNESCO has chosen to hold its General Conference outside its headquarters in Paris. The 43rd session of this historic gathering is taking place in the ancient city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan — a symbolic decision that highlights the city’s enduring role as a crossroads of civilizations along the Great Silk Road.



This unprecedented event marks a milestone not only for Uzbekistan but for the entire Central Asian region. It reflects the international community’s recognition of the country’s contributions to world culture, science, and education, and celebrates the East’s rich intellectual and artistic heritage.

A City of Knowledge and Enlightenment

Samarkand’s selection is far from accidental. The city has long stood at the heart of global intellectual history. It is the homeland of some of humanity’s greatest minds — Imam al-Bukhari, Abu Rayhan al-Biruni, Ibn Sina (Avicenna), Muhammad al-Khwarizmi, Amir Temur (Tamerlane) and Mirzo Ulugbek. Their achievements in medicine, mathematics, astronomy, and philosophy shaped the foundations of modern science.

One of Samarkand’s most remarkable historical landmarks, the Ulugbek Observatory, once housed some of the most advanced astronomical instruments of the 15th century. Ulugbek’s Zij-i Gurgani catalogue remained an essential reference for both Eastern and Western astronomers for centuries, bridging cultures through scientific inquiry.

Uzbekistan's Ongoing Partnership with UNESCO

For centuries, Uzbekistan's cities — Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, and Shahrisabz — were renowned centers of learning, tolerance, and culture. It was here that the intellectual foundations of the Islamic Golden Age were laid, influencing the arts, architecture, and sciences across continents.

Today, Uzbekistan continues this legacy through active cooperation with UNESCO. Numerous projects have been implemented to preserve and restore cultural heritage sites, enhance education, and promote scientific development. These efforts are aimed at ensuring that the nation's invaluable legacy is passed on to future generations while fostering innovation and openness to the world.

A Platform for Global Dialogue

The 43rd session of UNESCO's General Conference in Samarkand brings together representatives of member states and international organizations to discuss pressing global challenges — from improving education systems and preserving cultural diversity to promoting science and the ethical use of technology for humanity's benefit.

By hosting this event, Uzbekistan reaffirms its growing role as a bridge between East and West and as a partner in shaping global cultural and educational policy. The conference is expected to strengthen international cooperation and further enhance Samarkand's prestige as a global center of dialogue and understanding.

A Historic Moment for the Region

As delegates gather in Samarkand, they are not only meeting in a UNESCO World Heritage city but also in a living testament to humanity's shared heritage. The event underscores how the ancient spirit of the Silk Road continues to inspire collaboration, knowledge exchange, and mutual respect among nations.

Through this remarkable moment, the world once again witnesses Uzbekistan's rich history, vibrant culture, and dynamic modern development — a nation that remains deeply rooted in its past while confidently embracing the future.

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