

ronment endorsed by Heads of State at Rio de Janeiro in 1992 – a programme of action which has been a success in the sense that debate on the issues continues in many countries at national and local levels. It is still unclear if the idea of a World Summit will be realised. However, the follow-up work on the World Report has started. The Swedish Government has offered to host an international conference on cultural policies in Stockholm in 1998 with the participation of ministers of culture and representatives of the cultural and research worlds. The aim is to discuss and develop, with the emphasis on policy action plans, questions of importance for national cultural policy, international co-operation, and Unesco's future tasks and co-operation with the Council of Europe and the European Union on the basis of the World Report and the reactions received to it. The European report and any follow-up work initiated by the Council of Europe will be considered in the preparations for the Stockholm conference.