

## **Tunisia takes part in 35th session of UNESCO**

### **General Conference**

Tunisia is taking part in the 35th session of the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO) General Conference, held on the 6th-23rd instant in Paris.

Delivering Tunisia's address, on Tuesday at the opening session, Education and Training Minister Hatem Ben Salem pointed out that the improvement of the economic, social, food and environmental situation across the world requires commitment for the millennium humanitarian objectives and action to consecrate the principles of respect of Man's dignity and equality of chances.

Mr. Ben Salem explained that Tunisia backs up UNESCO's programmes aimed to ensure the dissemination of sciences and technologies and their utilisation for sustained development, to narrow the scientific divide between countries, fight poverty, prevent natural disasters and protect environment.

He recommended, in this regard, to reinforce the Organisation's moral role in favour of scientific progress, consolidate the contribution of social sciences to identify the impact of scientific and technological progress and globalisation.

Besides, he reasserted Tunisia's commitment for UNESCO's principles and noble mission, and its support to all initiatives aimed to reinforce the Organisation's role in experimentation of policies, conceiving of programmes and consolidation of potentials.

On the other hand, Mr. Hatem Ben Salem expressed the concern of Tunisia, leadership and people, over the situation of the brotherly Palestinian people and their being deprived of their rights to education, culture and peaceful life.

He called on the international community to join forces for the sake of El Quds city, the symbol of cultural diversity and plurality of civilisations and races, to protect it from destruction and the distortion of its Arab and Islamic identity.

Tunisia's address was highly appreciated by the representatives of member states.