

## **ICT in Education and Sustainable Development Goals: Innovation for Quality, Openness and Inclusion**

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### **Concept Note**

#### **Background**

UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE) was established in 1998 to support Member States in promotion of ICT in education, particularly with regard to policy advocacy, capacity development, evidence-based policy research, provision of technical assistance and knowledge sharing with Member States. UNESCO IITE priorities and strategic programme objectives are regulated by the UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy for 2014–2021.

Building on the Incheon Declaration, the Quindao Declaration, the Education 2030 Framework for Action and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UNESCO IITE Series of Open Lectures will further the discussion of the role of ICT in the context of post-2015 education agenda and will focus on the impact of innovative approaches in the use of ICT for the sake of provision of inclusive and quality education, widening access to and openness of formal and non-formal education.

#### **Objectives**

The Series of Open Lectures will address current challenges in the use of ICT on the way towards equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all. The main goals of the Series of Open Lectures are:

- to raise awareness and build capacity through consideration of major trends and challenges in ICT use in education, including traditional, open, distance, online, smart, ubiquitous and mobile learning;
- to review emerging technologies and pedagogical models and related changes in the educational content (including OER and MOOCs) in the context of the transformation of the pedagogical paradigm;
- to contribute to the development of an understanding of how technology-enhanced learning can help forward the realization of the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- to exchange expertise and experience in using ICT to ensure quality education; and
- to foster international cooperation and networking in ICT in education.

## Topics of UNESCO IITE Series of Open Lectures

- The role of ICT in education and achievement of the SDGs
- ICT in education: changing the educational paradigm
- Innovative educational technologies, methodologies, practices and content (OER and MOOC)
- Holistic use of ICT for ensuring access and enhancing the quality of education
- Changing labour market, professional education and ICT

## Organizers

The Series of Open Lectures will be jointly organized by the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (UNESCO IITE) and St. Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation (SUAI).

## Target Audience

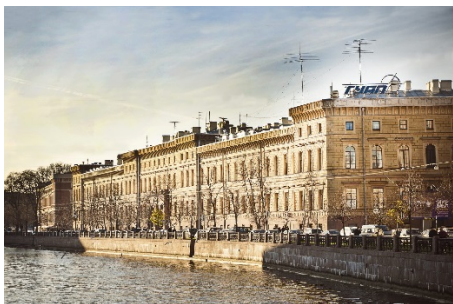
The Series of Open Lectures will be attended by researchers, academics, educators and students of St. Petersburg universities.

For a wide audience, video records of the Open Lectures will be available at UNESCO IITE website and YouTube channel.

## Languages

Russian and English with translation into both languages.

## Venue



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