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# Save the Date - International Ministerial Meeting: Education Sector Responses to Homophobic Violence

UNESCO Headquarters - Paris, France  
17 - 18 May 2016



## Goal

Organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the meeting will bring together high-level representation from a significant number of countries including Ministers of Education and other Ministers to:

- affirm their **political commitment to ensure the right to education in a safe and healthy learning environment for all learners, including LGBT children and young people**, and in general those perceived as non-conforming to existing gender norms
- discuss how to **strengthen and scale up evidence-based national education sector responses to discrimination and violence**, including homophobic and transphobic discrimination and violence including bullying

*Many students around the world are routinely denied the basic universal human right to education because of the **discrimination and violence** including bullying they experience in educational institutions, **on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity.***

## Objectives

- To **launch the first UN global report on the status of education sector responses to homophobic and transphobic violence**. The report will provide an up-to-date review of the scope and consequences of that phenomenon across regions.



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It will also present the “ecosystem” of a comprehensive education sector response to homophobic and transphobic violence including examples from all over the world for each component of the response. Finally it will include recommendations for improvements in existing education sector responses based on the analysis of best practice and gaps

- To **produce a policy statement that will affirm political commitment to strengthening and scaling up education sector responses to homophobic and transphobic violence**, based on the evidence and the recommendations included in the global report.

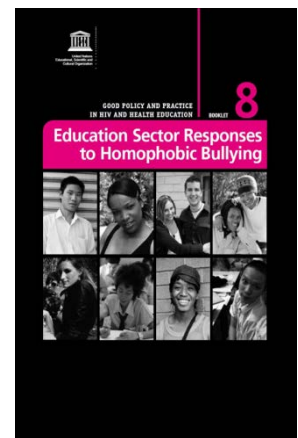
## Participants

Approximately 200 participants:

- **Ministers of education, other Ministers** and senior government officials from ministries of education and other ministries concerned with the rights and protection of children and young people
- Representatives from **national, regional and international civil society organizations** working to prevent and address discrimination and violence in and through education
- Representatives from **UN Agencies and bodies** (ILO, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF; UN Committee on the Rights of the Child; Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children, etc.)
- Representatives from **other multilateral organizations**

## Methodology

The meeting will include a series of presentations (including infographics, videos and other formats); presentation of evidence and testimonials from learners who experienced homophobic and transphobic violence in educational institutions, education practitioners, government and civil society organization representatives; plenary debates; roundtable discussions; and informal exchanges and networking.



## Contact for more information

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### **About the UNESCO Programme *Education and Respect for All: Preventing and Addressing Homophobic and Transphobic Bullying in Educational Institutions***

With the support of the Government of the Netherlands, UNESCO is implementing activities at the global, regional and country-level in Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Southern Africa: to improve the evidence base; document and share best practice for action; raise awareness and build coalitions; and implement school-based interventions to prevent and address homophobic and transphobic violence including bullying in educational institutions.